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*From the Sports Desk with John Loven*

## Lady Lions Blank Rival Lady Bullfrogs

The Castleberry girls soccer team closed out their regular season on senior night Friday, March 12 at W.O. Barnes stadium. They faced their arch rival from up Jacksboro Highway, Lake Worth. This was the same team they had beat 6-0 back on Feb.

*From Castleberry ISD*

## Castleberry ISD Remote Learning Days

The 2020-2021 school year has brought many challenges, including teachers having to teach both in-person and online simultaneously. Considering these challenges, it is essential for teachers to have time to collaboratively plan for the best educational opportunities for their students.

Therefore, the Board of Education has approved planning days for teachers and staff as they continue to offer online learning for students. The approved dates are Friday, March 26 and Friday, April 23.

“This opportunity allows teachers to really dive into their data to plan engaging and individualized instruction for their students,” Secondary Math Coordinator, Scott Hutchings, stated after hearing of the Board’s decision.

On these teacher planning days, students will work remotely from home at their own pace through course content provided by teachers. Students will receive attendance credit by completing the required course work by 11:59 p.m. that evening.

“Castleberry ISD appreciates each and every employee, student, and family member who has gone above and beyond during this unprecedented school year,” said Associate Superintendent of Teaching, Learning, and Innovation, Renee Smith-Faulkner.

23 at Lake Worth. The Lady Lions continued their domination of the Lady Bullfrogs, with another shutout, this time defeating them 5-0.

This contest really was as one sided as the score indicates, maybe even more. Easily 90 percent of the entire game was spent with CHS on the attack offensively in Lake Worth’s end of the field. The Lady Bullfrogs only managed one shot on goal during the entire game.

The first half saw the Lady Lions lead- (continued on page 5)

*From Castleberry ISD*

## CISD Virtual Job Fair March 25

The 2021 Castleberry ISD Virtual Teacher Job Fair will be held Thursday, March 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. and will bring together CISD school representatives and prospective employees. Job seekers will interview and communicate via Google Hangout.

The CISD Job Fair is open to fully certified teachers (standard certificate), student teachers receiving their standard certificate by June 2021, and probationary certified applicants with a statement of eligibility from an accredited teacher certification program.

To attend the Castleberry Job Fair, complete the [CISD Virtual Job Fair Google Form](#) and upload your resume.

Then, wait for a Google Hangout invite from one of our CISD School representatives and apply online at [http://www.castleberryisd.net/departments/human\\_resources/apply\\_online](http://www.castleberryisd.net/departments/human_resources/apply_online).

Castleberry ISD representatives are looking forward to the time when they can meet applicants face to face, but for now, they are excited about this virtual opportunity to meet new educators.

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From the Tarrant Area Food Bank

# Tarrant Area Food Bank Distribution Tomorrow at Herman Clark Stadium

Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) has resumed their Mega Mobile Markets with a market on Friday, March 19 at Herman Clark Stadium from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TAFB will continue to hold Mega Mobile Markets every Friday at Herman Clark Stadium until further notice.

In addition, TAFB will once again have the help of the Army National Guard, which will be deployed to TAFB for at least the next 30 days. Now more than ever, TAFB is seeking volunteers to assist with registration, traffic control and food distribution. Sign up to volunteer [here](#).

These events are designed to serve any and all residents of the Tarrant area community who are in need of food assistance, and anyone whose access to nutritious food has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Friday, March 19 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Herman Clark Stadium, 5201 CA**

**Roberson Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76119.**

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The House Fort Worth church is hosting a food drive and an ID/drivers license is required:

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From the AARP Foundation

# AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Adjusts Services

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides in-person and virtual tax assistance to anyone free of charge with a special focus on taxpayers who are over 50 or have low to moderate income. Tax-Aide volunteers are located nationwide, and are trained and IRS-certified every year to make sure they know about and understand the latest changes and additions to the tax code.

Tax-Aide sites are currently open for the tax season. This year, tax assistance is available by appointment only, so be sure to book an appointment by clicking the “Get Started” button above.

COVID-19 conditions in local communities may affect site availability on short notice. If you have already made an appointment for an on-site meeting, check our [site locator](#) before you head to your appointment to confirm that the site is open; see “What are my options?” under Frequently Asked Questions below for the other ways Tax-Aide can assist you.

The website is updated continually and is your best source for the latest information on Tax-Aide sites and other forms of service.

### Is AARP Foundation Tax-Aide available this year?

Yes, generally Tax-Aide service will run from February 12 to April 15. Note, however, that tax service and date of opening depend on local COVID spread and volunteer availability.

### Can Tax-Aide help file my taxes?

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers can help with most, but not all, tax returns. If you have an extremely complicated return, such as one that involves a small business with employees, rental income or alternative minimum taxes, Tax-Aide may not be able to help. [See what type of taxes we can prepare.](#)

### What are my options?

- **In-Person:** As a result of COVID-19 restrictions, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide in-person services are by appointment only. Availability may change on short notice, so be sure to check our [site locator](#) before heading to an appointment. You can also go to [irs.gov/vita](#) for free in-person tax-filing assistance.

- **Low-Contact:** Taxpayers interact with IRS-certified volunteers in one or two short, in-person meetings to exchange documents. Meetings are arranged by appointment only (see “Have someone prepare my taxes” above).

- **Contact-Free:** Taxpayers interact with Tax-Aide counselors online or by phone and exchange documents electronically. Meetings are by appointment only (see “Have someone prepare my taxes” above).

- **Self-Preparation:** Tax-Aide provides taxpayers with free access to tax-filing software so they can prepare their own taxes. Taxpayers can also request help from a Tax-Aide counselor to coach them through the process via computer screen-sharing. (See “Prepare my own taxes online” above.)

### What is Tax-Aide doing to stay safe?

AARP Foundation and our community partners assess COVID-19 developments daily to ensure that all CDC guidelines for health and safety are being followed to protect volunteers, staff and the people we serve.

Local Tax-Aide sites will comply with local requirements and CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19. Outbreaks will be reported to the local health department.

*\*Volunteers and taxpayers should not enter a Tax-Aide site with a fever greater than 100.4° F. or a subjective feeling of fever.*

### Is there an extension for filing taxes?

As of Feb. 10, 2021, the tax season will end April 15, 2021. If the IRS extends the deadline, we will evaluate Tax-Aide program dates.

### How do I find out if I qualify for an Economic Impact Payment (“stimulus check”) or the status of my payment?

Visit [irs.gov/eip](#) for eligibility and other information, and visit [irs.gov/getmypayment](#) to find out your payment status.

Find out what [documentation](#) you need to file your taxes.

If you have specific tax law questions, visit the [Online Tax Assistance \(OTA\) webpage.](#)

If there are questions about the status of your filing, contact the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at [irs.gov/refunds.](#)

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A Public Hearing is scheduled before the **River Oaks Planning & Zoning Commission** on **Monday, March 15, 2021 at 7:30 P.M.** and a final public hearing before the **River Oaks City Council** on **Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.** in the City Council Chambers located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas in order to receive citizen comments on the proposed replat application for 0.3843 acres of land in the Castleberry Gardens Addition and once subdivided to become two 90 x 90 foot lots in a R-4 Single-Family Zoning District (Zoning Case # PZ2021-0002R) as follows:

**Address:** 1711 Roberts Cut Off

**Record Owners:** James King

**Legal Description:** Block 14, Lot 10, Castleberry Gardens Addition

You can join the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting from your phone at 1-415-655-0001, the access code is 182 613 3777 or you can join the City Council Meeting from your phone at 1-415-655-0001, the access code is 182 047 9846. For more information contact the Zoning Administrator at 817-626-5421, extension 324.

From the City of Fort Worth

# Free Rides to COVID-19 Vaccination Sites

Trinity Metro and Tarrant County are teaming up to provide free rides to customers who are traveling to COVID-19 vaccination sites.

The Tarrant County Commissioners Court approved an agreement to pay up to \$50,000 to support the complimentary rides.

“This partnership with Trinity Metro will make it easier for folks to get the vaccine,” said Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley. “Our agreement includes trips on all Trinity Metro services, including those operated by Catholic Charities.”

“We are excited to partner with Tarrant County on this important initiative,” said Trinity Metro President and CEO Bob Baulsir. “We want to do everything we can to provide access for anyone who wants to receive a vaccine.”

The current vaccination sites are the Tarrant County Resource Connection, which is served by bus routes 3 and 25; the Hurst Conference Center, which is served by a modified route 23; and the Bob Bolen Public Safety Complex (505 W Felix St, Fort Worth, TX 76115), which is served by route 5a.

Customers may also use ACCESS para-transit to these sites or connect to these bus routes by riding another bus route, TEXRail, Trinity Railway Express (west zone only) or ZIPZONE.

To obtain a free ride, passengers will need to show the operator or train conductor the appointment text or email from Tarrant County Public Health.

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From the River Oaks Police Department

## River Oaks Police Department Offers Internet Purchase Exchange Site

We wanted to remind everyone that the Police Department located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd. is a safe meet-up spot for internet purchase exchanges.

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# Lady Lion Soccer (continued from page 1)

ing scorers Caitlin Buendia (senior) and Leslie Guereca (junior) getting nine shots on goal. They struck paydirt on three of those.

Buendia's kick at the 33:43 mark gave CHS a 1-0 lead. She followed that with a blistering kick which shot past the Lady Bullfrog goalie for a 2-0 lead with 20:45 left until the half.

At the 12:35 mark Guereca's kick found the left corner of the net for a 3-0 lead which the Lady Lions took into halftime.

The second half was for the most part a repeat of the first half. The Lady Lions continued to attack offensively. This time a few other Lady Lions joined Buendia and Guereca with shots on goal.

Freshman Viviana Mosqueda got three kicks on goal, senior Arlene Sanchez Hernandez got a couple, and senior Alysia Espinoza got another. But the ones that found net were again by Buendia and Guereca.

Buendia completed her "hat trick" when she punched her third goal through multiple defenders at the 30:27 mark and pushed the CHS lead to 4-0. Guereca finished the scoring for the night on her penalty kick, following an ejection of the Lake Worth goalie, with 11:22 left in the game.

The Lady Lions ended the regular season 10-8-1. They finished as the district runner up and placed second with a 6-2 record. They have qualified for and will now enter the UIL State 4-A playoffs.

Good luck Lady Lions!



Pictured left, top: **Caitlin Buendia** (#7) scores her first of three goals against Lake Worth.



Pictured left, bottom: **Alysia Espinoza** (#11) maneuvers around a Lady Bullfrog.

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## Three Day Weekend Forecast



### Friday, March 19:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 65. North wind 10-15mph, with gusts as high as 20mph.  
**PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 42. Northeast wind 5-10mph.



### Saturday, March 20:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 70.  
**PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 46.



### Sunday, March 21:

**AM** - Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.  
**PM** - A 20% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

[Extended Forecast Click Here](#)

# Lorenzo de Zavala - Writer, Editor, Diplomat and Statesman

by Dr. Ken Bridges



**Lorenzo de Zavala** was a man of great ideas. He was an outspoken writer and editor as well as a diplomat, businessman, physician, and statesman. With all these accomplishments in his short life, he became revered as one of the architects of Texas independence.

He was born in 1788 in the Yucatan in southern Mexico when it was still under Spanish rule. From a young age, it was clear he had a brilliant mind, voraciously reading any book he could find. His family arranged for the best education possible, and he eventually learned to speak four languages.

He started several newspapers as a young man, writing against the Spanish monarchy and its oppressive rule over the region. Because of these stands, he was arrested in 1814. Unswayed, he continued his writings and also began studying medicine. By the time he was released in 1817, he had become a practicing physician.

After Mexico's independence in 1821, he was elected to the national Congress in 1822 and to the Senate in

1824. He briefly served as governor of the State of Mexico, the largest state in Mexico and briefly served as the secretary of the treasury.

Zavala's star was rising in the politics of the young Mexican nation. However, the infighting and intrigues that plagued Mexico in those years soon derailed his career. In 1830, the president was ousted in a coup led by the vice-president, and Zavala was arrested once again.

Recognizing the danger to his life, Zavala fled to New York. When the government changed again, he returned to Mexico. By 1834, with Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna in charge, Zavala was sent as a diplomat to France. But when Santa Anna became a dictator to put down the unrest in Mexico, Zavala resigned and returned to America.

In 1835 while in New York, he reunited with Stephen F. Austin, whom he had met on many occasions while in Mexico. Austin convinced him to come to Texas. Zavala settled in what is now Channelview, a Houston suburb, at a home he called Zavala Point.

As the Texas Revolution erupted, Zavala served on the Permanent Council in October 1835 and helped coordinate supplies for the Texas army. To protect themselves from Santa Anna's despotism, he and others began arguing that Texas must be independent.

Zavala was elected to represent the Harrisburg (modern-day Houston) area in the Convention of 1836. There, with 58 other delegates, he signed the Texas Declaration of Independence on March 2. He led the effort to create a stable constitution, one close to the Constitution of the United States. Thus, the Republic of Texas was born.

Impressed by his accomplishments and his passion for the cause of Texas,

the convention chose him to be the interim vice-president, serving under interim President David G. Burnet. He served for seven months until the elected administration of President Sam Houston took charge in October.

Initially, Zavala was selected to accompany Santa Anna back to Mexico to argue for their government to accept the agreements he had made with Houston after his defeat at San Jacinto. Mexico, however, argued the treaties were made under threat and therefore invalid. The outright rejection ended the plan to escort him back.

He died after a sudden illness in November 1836, at the age of 48. Zavala helped steer Texas through its most desperate days. He would be honored greatly across the state in future years. Legislators named Zavala County in South Texas for him in 1858. Many schools are named for him as well as the State Archives building in Austin.

*From Local Patriotic Societies*

## ***Patriotic Societies to Hold Awards Luncheon***

The Honorable Philip Livingston Chapter Daughters of the American Colonists, General Edward H. Tarrant Chapter United States Daughters of 1812, Governor Thomas Hinckley Chapter Colonial Dames of the XVII Century, and the Texas Society Daughters of Colonial Wars will meet Thursday, March 25, at 11:30 a.m. at Ridglea Country Club located at 3700 Bernie Anderson Avenue in Fort Worth. Scholarships will be presented at this Annual Awards Luncheon.

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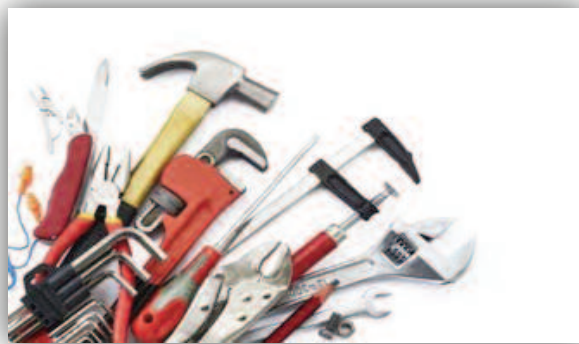
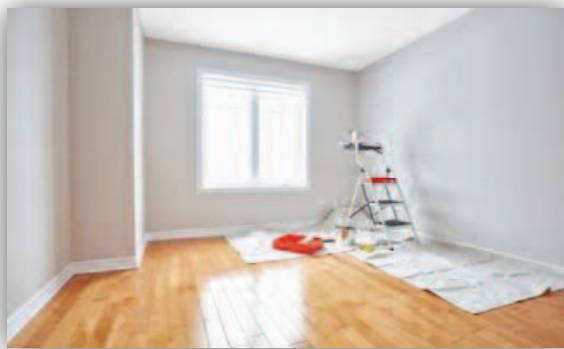
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