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*From the Sports Desk with John Loven*

## CHS Lions Soccer Team Claims Another Win

The Castleberry boys soccer team was at W.O. Barnes Stadium on Friday, March 22 to play what is commonly referred to as a “warm up” game. The Lions had finished the regular season back on March 8, with an untimely loss to Bridgeport (3-1). Spring break followed (with no games scheduled) and the playoffs were not scheduled until the last week of March. With this in mind the Lions needed to stay sharp and focused after such a long lay-off, thus the “warm up” game. They faced a very tough opponent, Palestine High School, eerily similar to our Lions - skilled, fast, and tough! In fact, so similar they entered the game with identical 22-3 records. Both teams had lost two games in district play, and their one non-district loss was to the same team, OCFFA (CHS loss 1-0 on Jan. 2 and PHS loss 2-0 on Jan. 11). An almost mirror of each other.

As the game began it appeared the Lions needed a “warm up” game, as they looked a little rusty. They quickly fell behind 1-0 when the Wildcats scored less than 6 minutes into the game (35:41). Then less than 3 minutes later the Wildcats scored again (31:29) to take a commanding 2-0 lead in the opening 10 minutes of the game.

Palestine was dominant early in the game. In the first 15 minutes the Wildcats managed six shots on goal, while the Lions had zero. The Lions finally woke up and began playing their brand of soccer. Their first shot on goal struck home. Sophomore Richard Montes (#24), who was just recently was brought up from JV, scored at the 18:30 mark of the first half. Over the next 13 ½ minutes the Lions produced seven shots on goal to the Wildcats zero. The first half ended with CHS trailing 2-1.

The second half began with each team holding the other scoreless despite shots on goal. That changed at the 26:32 mark when sophomore Fernando Hernandez's (#14) penalty kick scored to tie the game 2-2. As time was winding down the possibility of the game going to penalty kicks to decide the winner was getting more

likely. However, Montes (#24) did it again. He got his second goal of the night (and of his varsity career) with just 3:16 left in the game. His kick ended up being the game winner as the Lions shut out the Wildcats over the final minutes for the 3-2 victory. In fact, going back to Palestine's second goal at the 31:29 mark of the first half, the Lions shut them out the rest of the game – which amounted to over 71 minutes!

The Lions, 23-3, played Benbrook in the first round of the playoffs.

Go Lions!

*From the City of River Oaks*

## SH 183 Public Meeting April 2

Texas Dept of Transportation invites you to a virtual public meeting with in-person open house on Tuesday, April 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Irma Marsh Middle School cafeteria, located at 415 Hagg Drive in River Oaks.

The purpose of the meeting is to present the proposed budget, engage with the community and gather feedback regarding the approximately five-mile long project reconstructing SH 183 from I-30 To HWY 199.

The proposed project would reconstruct the existing four lanes with shoulders from the West Fork Trinity River to Jacksboro Highway in River Oaks with addition of parallel access roads and bike/pedestrian accommodations.

The virtual meeting footage will be available at starting Tuesday April 2 at 5 p.m. until Wednesday, April 17 at 11:59 p.m. Visit [www.TxDot.gov](http://www.TxDot.gov), keyword “SH 183 North Tarrant Public Meeting”.

Comments must be received or postmarked by April 17, 2024. [See this page on the City's website for more details.](#)

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# First Monday Quilt Club: Project Linus Volunteers Needed

The First Monday Quilt Club meets on the first Monday of each month at Bethany Christian Church, located at 1500 Meadow Park Drive in White Settlement from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ladies may bring brunch or snack items to share with the group. Their next meeting is on Monday, April 1.

Project Linus is a non-profit service organization, and the members of this group are Tarrant County Chapter Project Linus volunteers who create handmade quilts and blankets that provide love, warmth, and comfort for local children who have suffered trauma, tragedy, or illness.

Volunteers also make coverlets for veterans, nursing home residents, and the homeless. Unfortunately, the need for these blankets increases each month. They desperately need volunteers with portable sewing machines to help assemble the quilts.

No experience is needed - there is a place for you. Anyone can help if you can follow instructions, sew, tie a knot, crochet a blanket, or tell a good joke. Volunteers have lots of fun and develop fantastic friendships.

High school students can receive community service credits for participating. Materials (fabric, batting, thread, and yarn) are provided. Donations of fabric, yarn, thread, sewing machines, sergers, or money to purchase materials are greatly appreciated.

For more information about the mission of Project Linus, visit [www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org).

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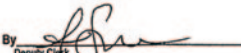
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From the City of River Oaks

## Holiday Closure

The City Hall and Community Center will be closed on Friday, March 29 for Good Friday.

There will be regular residential garbage collection as usual on that day.

From the City of White Settlement

## Parking Passes Required for Wings Over Cowtown

The Blue Angels are returning to the area as part of the Wings Over Cowtown air show at NAS JRB Fort Worth on April 13 and 14. This will be the first air show hosted at the base since 2016.

There will be military and civilian aircraft displays, novelty, food, beverage booths, a kids zone with games and activities and the Blue Angels will be the grand finale.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information and parking passes to access the base, visit [www.navymwrfortworth.com/event/airshow](http://www.navymwrfortworth.com/event/airshow).

From the City of River Oaks

## City Of River Oaks Capital Improvement Plan Survey

A graduate class pursuing the Master's degree in the public administration (MPA) at the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) is conducting a survey of the City of River Oaks.

The survey is seeking public comment regarding the preparation of a capital improvement plan.

The purpose of the plan is to itemize long term expenses associated with the maintenance of city infrastructure (water/wastewater, streets), enhancements to the park system, rehabilitation of city facilities, purchase of equipment, and update of the city's early warning system.

Please complete the survey by clicking this link.

The survey is available in both English and Spanish languages. You can also get a copy of the survey at the City Hall.

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# Insurance Pioneer and Airline Founder, Tom Braniff

It started with an insurance salesman and one small airplane. From there, it became an aviation empire and one of the most noted names in Texas aviation. From Braniff Airline's humble beginnings, Tom Braniff's story became one of many colorful tales of Texas pilots and businessmen and the quest to conquer the skies.

Thomas Elmer Braniff was born in Salina, Kansas, in December 1883 into a farming family. His father, John Braniff, soon moved into the insurance business and moved the family to Kansas City in the 1890s. The Braniffs were devoted Catholics. The younger Braniff worked a series of jobs while he completed school, including working in a meat-packing plant and working for the Kansas City Star. In 1900, the family moved to Oklahoma City where John Braniff began working for a new insurance agency. The younger Braniff soon wanted to branch out and soon started his own insurance agency west of Oklahoma City at the age of 17. However, his firm went bankrupt when a tornado wiped out a nearby community where Braniff had sold tornado insurance and was unable to pay the claims. He soon returned to Oklahoma City and started a new firm with a partner. The new firm struggled in its early years, but by 1917, he was able to buy out his partner. He expanded into Braniff Investments shortly afterward and soon had one of the most successful insurance agencies in the region.

By the 1920s, Braniff was looking to the future. In 1923, he built the T. E. Braniff Building in Oklahoma City, a 10-story building that was the first skyscraper in Oklahoma. He also became fascinated with aviation, and his younger brother Paul already had a license and his own airplane. In 1927, Braniff and a group of investors bought a used airplane and began the Oklahoma Aero Club, beginning a flight school, air taxi service, and selling aircraft parts. In 1928, bought out his partners and started an airline, with his brother Paul as president and the main pilot and himself as vice-president, calling it Paul R. Braniff, Inc. It served a single route between Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

The next year, the first Braniff Airlines was sold, but in 1930, the two started again, with Braniff Airways serving routes from Oklahoma City to either Tulsa or Wichita Falls. In 1935, he expanded deeper into Texas by buying Long and Harmon Airlines, a small airline based in Dallas that also had routes to Amarillo, Brownsville, and Galveston. More importantly, this smaller airline also had a lucrative air mail contract, guaranteeing paid service to these different cities. In 1936, Braniff bought Bowen Airlines, a small company operating out of Fort Worth.

In spite of his growing success, he met with tragedy. In 1938, his son died in an airplane crash. He continued to move forward nevertheless. By the late 1930s, the airline was now based in Dallas, offering up to eight flights per day out of Dallas Love Field, contributing to the airport's growing success. Most maintenance operations were also conducted in Dallas by this point.

When World War II started, the Braniff brothers stepped up. Paul Braniff, now in his 40s, would serve as a pilot during World War II, while his brother, too old for the military at this point, controlled the airline and his other business interests at home. Tom Braniff donated all of the airline's DC-2 aircraft to the military, which were older but still reliable aircraft, as the airline switched to the DC-3. Braniff also arranged to share their Love Field facilities with the military for maintenance and training of pilots and mechanics.

After World War II, Braniff began routes throughout Central Amer-

ica and the Caribbean. They also expanded steadily across the Midwest. In 1952, he bought Mid-Continent Airlines. By this point, the airline dream that had started with one used plane now had a fleet of 75 aircraft, 400 pilots, and 4,000 employees. By the mid-1950s, it was the tenth largest airline in the country. However, Thomas Braniff died tragically in a private plane crash near Shreveport in 1954 at the age of 70. His brother Paul died a few months later from cancer.

The airline he founded continued for several more years and was a staple in Dallas aviation. By 1955, the company's payroll reached \$22 million (more than \$240 million in modern dollars), and the airline built a new terminal at Love Field in 1958. The number of passengers and the miles flown by passengers increased steadily into the mid-1960s. The company went through a series of buyouts in the 1960s but remained profitable well into the 1970s. In 1978, when the federal government deregulated airline routes, Braniff executives attempted to take advantage of it by buying a series of new aircraft and starting new routes. However, the new routes were not as profitable, and the company started losing money rapidly.

Braniff Airlines ultimately went bankrupt by 1982, a victim of increased competition, fuel prices, and a botched expansion attempt that left it deep in debt. New buyers attempted to resurrect the airline in 1984, mostly with staff from the old Braniff, but this effort failed by 1989. A second attempt to revive the airline started in 1991 but failed the next year. Braniff Airways Foundation, a charity started by the airline, still works to promote the history of aviation.

*From the City of Benbrook*

## Mark Your Calendars for Touch-a-Truck May 21

The City of Benbrook invites you to explore a variety of service trucks and other vehicles and meet the people who protect and serve the Benbrook community, Tuesday, May 21, from 6 to 8 p.m.

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Despite parents' thirst for knowledge on how to keep their children safe, the potential dangers of lithium coin batteries are not widely discussed. It's no surprise then that 55 percent of parents with children ages 6 and under don't realize that lithium coin batteries are more dangerous than button batteries – in fact 45% think there is no difference. That's according to a 2023 Duracell survey conducted by Wakefield Research. This is why the brand is reminding parents that when it comes to lithium coin batteries, #BitterIsBetter.

As part of the #BitterIsBetter campaign, Duracell is sharing these simple tips to help keep you and your family safe:

- One in four parents with kids aged 6 and under don't know how many devices in their homes require lithium coin batteries to operate. Do a survey of your devices, and move those that contain lithium coin batteries away from and out-of-reach of children. Examples of common devices include flameless LED tealight candles, key fobs and thermometers.
- Get down to your child's eye level to see what they see. Look for loose lithium coin batteries in couch cushions, on low tables and shelves or any other areas that a child can reach.
- Inspect devices and secure lithium

coin battery compartments by tightening the screws or securing them with tape for an extra layer of protection.

- Keep all new lithium coin batteries in a secure compartment, up high and out of children's reach. Remove expired batteries from devices, and place them away safely out of reach of children until you can recycle them properly.
- Power your devices with batteries that have child safety features. When it comes to lithium coin batteries, Duracell is the only brand on the market to offer a non-toxic bitter coating that helps discourage children from accidentally swallowing them. Look for the "Bitter Taste" icon on the packaging. The batteries also come in child-secure packaging, which is nearly impossible to open without scissors, making sure little hands, and mouths, cannot access them.
- Keep a watchful eye. Toddlers and young children are curious by nature so close supervision is key.
- If you suspect that your child has ingested a lithium coin battery, act fast. Take them immediately to an emergency room. If you aren't able to drive, call 911 for help.
- Team up with friends and family to spread this information.

For more resources and tips, visit [Duracell.com/BitterIsBetter](http://Duracell.com/BitterIsBetter) and follow @Duracell on social media.

A battery-related accident can happen in an instant. By being vigilant and by choosing products wisely, you can help keep your family safe.



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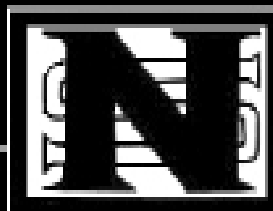
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## Weekend Forecast



### Friday, March 29:

**AM** - Partly sunny, with a high near 75. Windy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to 25 to 30 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.  
**PM** - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. Windy, with a south wind 25 to 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.



### Saturday, March 30:

**AM** - Partly sunny, with a high near 81. Breezy, with a south southwest wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.  
**PM** - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.



### Sunday, March 31:

**AM** - Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.  
**PM** - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

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