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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Lady Lions End Season in First Round Playoff Loss; Boys Begin Quest for State

The Castleberry High School Lady Lions soccer team qualified for the playoffs as the fourth place team in district with a 3-6-1 record. This position matched them up with another district's first place champion – the Benbrook Lady Bobcats. The game was played at Farrington Field on Friday, March 24.

Benbrook entered the playoff match with an impressive overall record of 14-5-2, but even better 10-0 record in their district. It was quickly evident why their record was so stellar. This was a very good team from the west side of Fort Worth.

The Lady Lions held their own for the first 10 minutes, keeping the game scoreless. But at the 29:26 mark the Lady Bobcats broke the tie with their first goal of the game. A kick that found the top left corner of the net, just beyond the outstretched arms of CHS junior goalie (#00) Iyalorde Gutierrez.

Barely 30 seconds later (28:53) Benbrook had a breakout which resulted in a one-on-one with Gutierrez and ended in another goal and a 2-0 lead. Another wide-open shot by a Lady Cat gave them a 3-0 lead. This lead was pushed to 4-0 about 2 minutes later (14:09). The tough night for the Lady Lions continued as the Lady Cats pushed across 3 more goals before halftime (13:01, 9:59, and 4:38).

The Lady Lions spent about 95 percent

of the first half playing defense against the relentless Benbrook attack. The few times CHS got the ball past midfield, Benbrook quickly got the ball back. The Lady Lions never had the ball long enough offensively to set up any kind of an attack. However, the Lady Lions did really continue to fight hard on the one-on-one battles. But the Lady Cats were faster and quite a bit more skilled. The 7-0 lead held until halftime.

The Lady Lions had five decent chances to score in the second half. But this was a tough night for Castleberry. Shots at the 26:17 mark and the 17:42 mark were defended by the Benbrook goalie. In between those was a penalty kick which hit the left goalpost and ricocheted innocently back away from the net. Another shot at 16:27 was wide left. The last chance was on a clean break out with a one-on-one with the Benbrook goalie. However, the last dribble got a little too far out in front and allowed the Lady Cat goalie to come out and grab the ball. Benbrook added one more goal with under a minute to play (:56) to make the final score 8-0.

Congratulations to the Lady Lions on another playoff season. They finished the year 9-9-2. Special congratulations to this year's seniors, best of luck in your future!

The Castleberry boys soccer team capped off another outstandingly successful

regular season over a week ago. They finished with an undefeated district record of 10-0. The Lions took one of the best records (19-2-2) in the state this year into the UIL 4A playoffs. Their quest to become the first CHS soccer (continued on page 3)

From the City of River Oaks

Hazardous Waste Collection Event Saturday

The Fort Worth Crud Cruiser is scheduled to be at the City Hall Parking Lot located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd. on Saturday, April 1 from 9 to 11 a.m. to collect household hazardous waste.

Some collection tips include: keep products in original, marked containers. If unlabeled, please label contents clearly; place leaking containers in a second container of like material (glass for corrosives, metal for flammables); place items securely in boxes or bins (no trash bags) in the trunk of the car or bed of pickup.

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team to make it to the final four began with a bang as they easily defeated the Benbrook Bobcats 8-0.

The boy’s playoff game took place at Farrington Field on Friday, March 24, shortly after the Lady Lions fell to Benbrook in their round one playoff game. The boys got some measure of revenge for Castleberry as they completely dominated the Bobcats.

They took less than 2 minutes to score their first goal of the evening. Farrington Field is a very large stadium with the stands far from the field (separated by a track) and there was no announcer calling the play by play. Because of this it was not always possible to determine who was responsible for each goal scored by the Lions. Nevertheless CHS quickly began their onslaught of kicks on goal at the 38:45 mark. At the 38:08 mark junior Johan Castaneda’s (#17) kick missed but the rebound was knocked in by a teammate 2 seconds later for a 1-0 lead. Six minutes later sophomore Eddie Zapata’s (#23) header into the net off a CHS corner kick put the Lions up 2-0 (32:01).

At the 17:54 mark, the Bobcats got their first (and only) shot on goal – but the header off a corner kick sailed wide left. Meanwhile the Lions were truly having target practice at the Bobcat goal. Unfortunately, their scopes must have been off most of the night because so many of their kicks were not defended by the goalie – they simply missed the net. Despite this fact, it was the most lop-

sided game I have ever witnessed. However, during most of the first half the score did not reflect this great discrepancy of talent. But this changed in the last 2 minutes of the first half. At the 1:59 mark the Lions got their aim back and sailed a kick into the top right corner of the net. Lead 3-0. Twenty-two seconds later junior Giovanni Paredes (#11) found the back of the net for a 4-0 lead. Then with just 36 seconds left until half a Lions header found pay-dirt for a 5-0 lead at halftime. The dominance by the Lions was reflected by each team’s shots on goal – which overwhelmingly favored CHS 25-1.

The second half was even more dominant for the Lions. Even though they still had accuracy problems. Their first three kicks on goal all sailed high over the net. But senior Edgar Cruz Morales’ (#5) kick rocketed past the goalie into the left side of the goal to give the Lions a 6-0 lead at the 33:15 mark.

The next shot on goal by sophomore Alan Arellano (#6) found the right side of net just a few seconds later (32:58) for a 7-0 lead. The last CHS goal came when a Bobcat accidentally allowed a corner kick by the Lions to ricochet off one of them into the net (28:18). Soon after this head coach Paul Smith began making some mass substitutions.

Later, at the 13-minute mark, Coach Smith pretty much emptied his bench. In the second half the Lions got 20 more shots on goal while holding the Bobcats to none. That made the game total an astonishing 45 shots on goal to one. This was truly a warm up for CHS, now 20-2-2, as they enter round two of the UIL 4A state playoffs.

Go Lions!

From the Tarrant Regional Water District

TRWD’s Spring Trash Bash

Litter Cleanup April 22

The Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) will host two litter cleanups on April 22 aimed at removing trash and debris from the Trinity River in Fort Worth, as well as Marine Creek Lake in north-west Tarrant County.

The Trinity River Spring Trash Bash, held between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., will feature nine cleanup locations along the Clear and West Forks of the river throughout Fort Worth. Prior to the event, volunteers will be provided trash bags and gloves in order to safely collect the trash. Participants can pick up trash throughout the morning, and then attend the Trash Bash Volunteer After-Party located at Coyote Drive-In located at 223 NE Fourth Street, Fort Worth 76164.

The Marine Creek Trash Bash will also be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 22, and will have two suggested pickup locations: Marine Creek Trailhead and Ten Mile Bridge Trailhead. Participants at Marine Creek Lake will also be provided gloves and trash bags, and be treated to an after-party at Marine Creek Trailhead from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To find out more information about registration and cleanup locations for both events, as well as information on the respective after-parties, visit www.trwd.com/trashbash.

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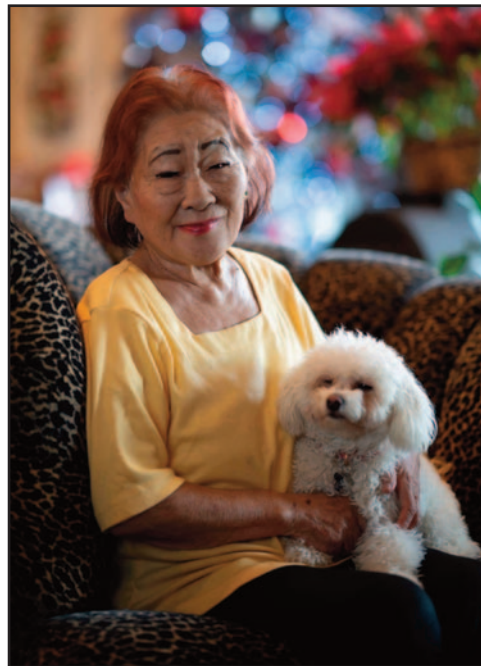
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Obituary



Emiko Sato Coffey

Emiko Sato Coffey, born Oct. 15, 1934, passed away on March 3, 2023 at home in Fort Worth, Texas. She was surrounded by family and friends who were celebrating her amazing life with stories of her unending kindness, relentless support of family members' and friends' pursuits, and her witty sense of humor.

Funeral services were held March 16, 2023 at Greenwood Funeral Home.

Born to Kikutaro and Toyo Sato in Rumoi, Japan, a fishing village in the country's northern island of Hokkaido, Emiko was one of 10 brothers and sisters: Hiroichi, Sogo, Kikuji, Gungi, Kazutoyo, Kiyoko, Miyako, Fukiko and Toshiya. At a young age, she dreamed of coming to the United States. At 18, she hitchhiked to the American Army Base in Chitose, Japan. She relished her time working everything from the bowling alley to the cafeteria servicing American GIs.

Emiko came to America in 1968 and settled in White Settlement, where she had two children, Elizabeth "Mimi" Minako Coffey and Joseph Lawrence Coffey. She was proud to earn her naturalized U.S. citizenship shortly thereafter. Both children were active in school and local activities, championed by Emiko, who had a constant presence at school and community events. The family was also actively involved in the fellowship of Ridglea West Baptist Church, where Emiko, who was also known as "Amy," made many friends for life. Mimi graduated Salutatorian of Brewer High School in 1987, just before the family moved to The Hague, Holland.

Emiko embraced the excitement of living abroad. She enjoyed learning Dutch culture and visiting market shops daily in her family's Scheveningen neighborhood. Walks along the beach and the Scheveningen Strand Pier produced many memories she would speak fondly of the rest of her life. Joseph graduated from the American School of the Hague in 1989.

Emiko played a pivotal role in Mimi's life after Mimi graduated from Baylor. Emiko lived with Mimi shortly after she started law school at Texas Tech and helped her raise her four children. "Mima," as Emiko became known, was a constant presence in her grandchildren's lives, providing unwavering support at school activities and a

watchful eye as they developed into upstanding citizens.

All four of Mimi's children would graduate as Valedictorian or Salutatorian of Brewer High School. Mima's role as family matriarch involved the constant care and feeding of her grandchildren's friends, extended support for their activities, and a steady stream of relationship pointers, career advice, and general wisdom. Mima's emphasis on academic success, high levels of achievement, and being kind to others are the hallmark of her tireless positive influence that will be felt for generations.

When asked about her greatest accomplishments, she would quickly rattle off the achievements of her children and grandchildren:

Her daughter, Mimi, earned degrees from Baylor and Texas Tech School of Law. Mimi's oldest son, Charles "Kiki" Kikutaro Crawford, earned degrees from the University of Texas and the University of California, Davis, where he will soon earn his doctorate. Mimi's son Spartacus "Sparky" Gungi Crawford earned degrees from Baylor and Vanderbilt. Mimi's son Spencer Toshi Crawford earned degrees from the University of Texas and Cornell School of Law. Mimi's daughter Mimi Ann Coffey will soon earn a degree from the University of Texas. Willy Goelz became a de facto grandson of Mima during his time as a foreign exchange student at Brewer, living with the family under Mima's tutelage and watchful eye – he remains extremely close to the family to this day. He earned degrees from the University of Amsterdam and Cambridge.

Emiko's son, Joseph, earned degrees from Baylor and the University of Iowa. Joseph's oldest daughter, Emiko, earned a degree from Columbia College in Chicago. His youngest daughter, Miyako, is a sophomore at Hope College in Holland, MI.

Mima's twilight years involved cherished visits from friends and family, and looking forward to the next graduation ceremony. She became very close with Mimi's husband, Tony Mancil, and enjoyed planning future family outings with him. Mima enjoyed annual trips to South Padre Island, cooking Japanese food and '80s pop and country music. She was a devoted Mavericks and Cowboys fan. Friends in the White Settlement community will miss her three-hour trips to Wal-Mart for social visits and exercise.

Thank you so much for being kind to Emiko and bringing happiness into this dynamic hero's life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Emiko Coffey Endowed Scholarship at Texas Tech School of Law. Online donations may be made at donate.law.ttu.edu or checks made out to Texas Tech Law School Foundation may be mailed to the Texas Tech Law School Foundation, Attn. Foundation Office, 3311 18th Street, Lubbock, TX 79409.

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Texas Born Film and Television Actor - Fess Parker by Dr. Ken Bridges

The 1950s and 1960s introduced Americans to television and riveted audiences with tales of the frontier. One of the most noted actors of the era was Texan **Fess Parker**. He became one of the most popular actors of the time, giving life to legendary American figures such as Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone in his portrayals.

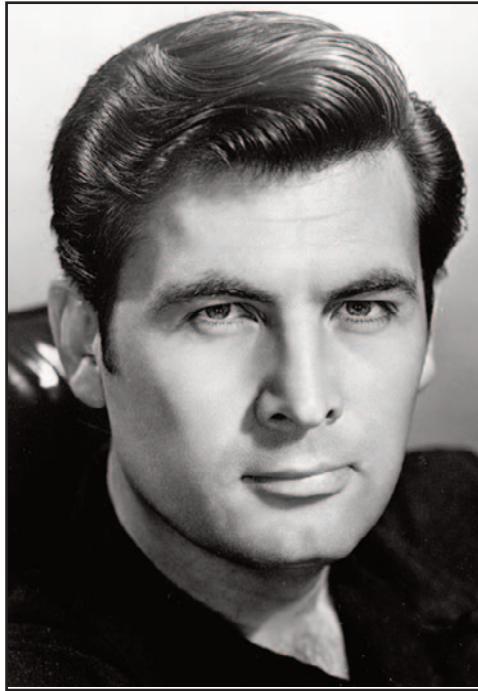
Fess Elisha Parker, Jr., was born in Fort Worth in 1924. At a young age, his family moved to a farm outside San Angelo where he grew up. His childhood was largely uneventful, but this soon changed. When World War II erupted, he enlisted in the navy. He was too tall to become a pilot as he had hoped, and he eventually served as a radio operator in the Marines.

After his discharge from the service, he enrolled at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene in 1946 through the G.I. Bill. His interest in acting developed, and he appeared in a number of student plays. The next year, he transferred to the University of Texas where he majored in history. He earned a history degree from UT in 1950 and transferred to the University of Southern California in Los Angeles to study theater history. He quickly found work as an actor, albeit a small role. In what became his first film role, he had an uncredited appearance in the classic 1950 comedy *Harvey* as a limousine driver.

Parker appeared in various student plays at USC while working on his outside acting career. He would ultimately appear in 40 films and television shows. He appeared in several westerns and television shows in the early 1950s. One movie included a role in the science-fiction film *"Them!"* (1954) about a race of mutated, Texas-sized ants.

In 1954, the Walt Disney Company offered him a film contract and signed him to play the legendary Texas hero Davy Crockett in a series of one-hour televised features. He appeared in all seven episodes between 1954 and 1956, forever making Parker and Crockett synonymous with the coonskin cap. Just as television was capturing the imagination of American viewers, Fess Parker became a hero to countless children and families across the nation.

In 1957, he appeared in another Disney classic, *"Old Yeller"*, portraying the father of a young boy who found and befriended a yellow dog. Frustrated that the roles that Disney offered were all variations on a theme, Parker left in 1958 to find other roles. He found work in several movies, including westerns such as *"The Hangman"* (1959) and war movies such as *"Hell is for Heroes"* (1962).



In 1962, he also starred in a short-lived series *"Mr. Smith Goes to Washington"*, a television version of the classic 1939 film.

Shortly afterward, he won the role of another legendary frontier figure, this time playing famed Kentucky frontiersman Daniel Boone. The show lasted for six years on NBC. After *Daniel Boone* left the air in 1970, Parker had only two more screen appearances.

In spite of the many fans he had after his iconic roles playing Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone, Parker grew frustrated with the few parts he was otherwise offered.

After 1974, he largely retired from acting. He began a successful winery operation in California. His wines are known for having a coonskin cap on the labels, and his family still operates the company today.

Parker died quietly at his home in California in 2010, leaving behind his wife of 50 years, two children, and a generation of fans.

From the Project Linus Blanketeers

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. Instead of a pot-luck lunch, ladies are asked to bring brunch or snack items. Their next meeting is on Monday, April 3.

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 the website at www.projectlinus.org.

For more information about the First Monday Quilt Club, call Virginia Biela at 817-244-1263.

From the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Community Service Award Presented at State Conference



Fort Worth Chapter members of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution at the State Conference in Dallas.



Western Hills High School alumni present at the conference.

Western Hills High School alumna and co-founder of the Cougar Pride Alliance **Patty Pressley** was recently recognized with a Community Service Award by the Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution at the society's State Conference in Dallas.

The mission of the Cougar Pride Alliance, formerly the WHHS Cougar Pride Foundation, is to "deploy human and financial resources to provide support to students at WHHS to make their participation in school sustainable and their outlook on future opportunities brighter." More information, including opportunities to help, is available online by joining the Cougar Pride Alliance group on Facebook. The organization works to support students in the WHHS pyramid.

Pressley was nominated for recognition by the Fort Worth Chapter, NSDAR. Chapter Regent Sarah Fezio said, "Being a WHHS graduate myself and a member of the Cougar Pride Alliance Facebook group, I have watched Patty's hard work and effort over the past several years. I was very happy to nominate her and am thrilled that Patty's nomination was chosen for recognition at the state level!"

DAR Community Service Awards provide a non-competitive recognition to worthy individuals and organizations for outstanding voluntary service. The awards are non-competitive and each DAR

chapter can recognize two individuals or group per year.

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From the City of River Oaks

Election Day is May 6

The drawing for the City Council candidate ballot order for the May 6 general election was held on Thursday, Feb. 23 in City Hall. Darren Houk and Dan Dagel have filed applications for the position of Mayor, and Brent C. Forester and Dan Chisholm have filed for Place 5.

On Feb. 17, the City Council ordered a special election to consider the proposition reallocating the half cent sales tax from the Economic Development Corporation to the General Fund.

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Friday, March 31:

AM - A 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny; high near 79. Breezy, with a S wind 20-25mph becoming west in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 40mph.
PM - Mostly clear; low around 49. W/SW wind 10-20mph, with gusts as high as 25mph.



Saturday, April 1:

AM - Sunny; high near 73. NW wind around 10mph becoming E in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20mph.
PM - Partly cloudy; low around 53. E/SE wind around 10mph.



Sunday, April 2:

AM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny; high near 77. S wind 10-15mph, with gusts as high as 25mph.
PM - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy; low around 63.

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