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From Castleberry ISD

Remote to In-Person Learning Request Deadline Friday, Oct. 30

Castleberry ISD is accepting parent requests to change their child's Method of Instruction for the third six-weeks. Only complete the form if you request a change in your child's status.

You must complete [this form](#) for each student that you request a

change in their Method of Instruction.

All changes must be submitted by Friday, Oct. 30 to ensure CISD will be able to allocate teachers and resources for a smooth transition to the next grading period.

From the Sports Desk with John Loven

CHS Cross Country Teams Keep Running Along

Anyone who has followed Castleberry High School athletics for the last decade is well aware of the successes of their cross-country teams. Both the boys and girls squads have been among the top teams in the DFW area, and the state of Texas. They have won their district championships for many years over that period of time.

The CHS team this year has battled the elements as well as the pandemic as they continue to train. Several cross-country meets were cancelled due to COVID-19 issues. And in some cases, CHS did not have all runners competing. But when they are at full strength, they are a formidable team.

The boys are led by senior Alejandro Ramirez. Head Coach Bart Beasley believes he has a "great shot at being the district champion" and "is one of the top runners in the state in Class 4A," having "finished first or second in every meet this season."

The girls top runners are seniors Haylee Bentley and Caitlin Buendia. You may recall Caitlin finished second in state her freshman year. Both girls are the Lady Lions' best bet to advance to the state meet this year.

This year there was a drastic change in the teams assigned to the district with Castleberry. For the first time, two other traditional powerhouse cross country programs were paired in the district with the Lions, Decatur and Argyle. This arguably created the most competitive (i.e. toughest) 4A cross country district in the state of Texas.

All three schools have been state ranked for most of the season, according to Coach Beasley. The 7-4A district was held Monday, Oct. 26, in Decatur's Joe Wheeler Park.

District Meet Results

Team (Girls)

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|-------------------|-----|
| 1.) Argyle - | 32 |
| 2.) Decatur - | 48 |
| 3.) Castleberry - | 71 |
| 4.) Bridgeport - | 111 |
| 5.) Springtown - | 113 |
| 6.) Krum - | 169 |

Individual (Girls)

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| 3.) Caitlin Buendia (Sr.) - | 12:29.0 |
| 7.) Haylee Bentley (Sr.) - | 12:51.9 |
| 19.) Arely Espinoza (Sr.) - | 13:39.7 |
| 20.) Mia Little (Sr.) - | 13:42.1 |
| 22.) Alysia Espinoza (Sr.) - | 13:47.5 |
| 26.) Elimar Mojica (Soph.) - | 14:13.0 |
| 40.) Fernanda Rios (Jr.) - | 16:37.1 |

Team (Boys)

- | | |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1.) Argyle - | 36 |
| 2.) Decatur - | 36 |
| 3.) Castleberry - | 54 |
| 4.) Springtown - | 107 |
| 5.) Krum - | 131 |

Individual (Boys)

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| 1.) Alejandro Ramirez (Sr.) - | 16:24.4 |
| 7.) Chasten Burks (Sr.) - | 17:12.0 |
| 13.) Blaize Lasher (Jr.) - | 17:47.8 |
| 15.) Luis Ibarra (Sr.) - | 17:52.1 |
| 18.) Fabian Chavez (Sr.) - | 18:18.9 |
| 24.) Lalo De La Rosa (Sr.) - | 19:46.8 |
| 35.) Isaac Chavez (Fresh.) - | 21:25.3 |

Traditionally the top three teams from each district advance to Regionals, but due to COVID-19 restrictions this year, it was cut down to the top 2 teams. Unfortunately, this eliminated both CHS squads from advancing. However, the top 10 individuals still advance, so the girls advance Caitlin Buendia and Haylee Bentley and the boys advance Alejandro Ramirez (district champion) and Chasten Burks.

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The White Settlement Public Library located at 8215 White Settlement Road and the Sheriff's

Office North Patrol Division located at 6651 Lake Worth Blvd. are early voting polling places. Below is the schedule for early voting:

- Oct. 29 and Oct. 30 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, visit <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections.html>.

From the Daughters of the American Colonists

Patriotic Societies to Honor Veterans

Honorable Philip Livingston Chapter Daughters of the American Colonists and General Edward H. Tarrant Chapter United States Daughters of 1812 will meet jointly on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 11:30 a.m. at Ridglea Country Club, located at 3700 Bernie Anderson Ave., in Fort Worth. The program “Texas and the Great War” will be presented by Kathy Hanlon.

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Those who qualify and want to ride on ACCESS, TCTS, NETS or Handitran should call the provider at least 48 hours ahead of the trip to schedule their free ride to any of the voting locations.

Riders may show their voter registration card or current Texas ID and ride for free during early voting through Oct. 30, and on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Eligible residents may schedule a complimentary ride by calling Catholic Charities of Fort Worth at 817-336-8714.

Transportation options include Trinity Metro (buses, ACCESS paratransit, ZIPZONE services in Mercantile, Near Southside and Crowley), Tarrant County Transportation Services, Northeast Transportation Services, and Arlington's Via and Handitran.

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At Air Force Plant 4, 4 restoration sites were evaluated in the process. The Overall Site Category scores were 3 "High" and 1 "Low".

This Relative Risk Site Evaluation is issued in accordance with the DoD Defense Environmental Restoration Program and is available for public review for 30 days as of this notice. This RRSE can be found at AFCEC CERCLA Administrative Record (AR): ar.afcec-cloud.af.mil. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Continue to site", then select "Active", scroll down the Installation List and click on "AF Plant 4, TX", then enter "13134" in the "AR #" field. Then click "Search" at the bottom of the page. Click on the spy glass to view the document.

For more information or to submit written comments, please contact us at john.wolfe@us.af.mil.



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Texas History Minute

1873 Texas Court Case Determines Election Outcome

by Dr. Ken Bridges

Every so often, news reports emerge of court cases that hinge upon the meaning of a word, or a spelling error, or even the correct placement of punctuation. Legal documents and statutes often have such complicated conditions or phrases that such exact precision is demanded. One famous Texas case actually determined the entire outcome of an election, all hinging on the meaning of a simple semicolon.

The Semicolon Case, as it has become called, erupted because of a passage in the state's 1869 constitution. The passage regarding elections simply read that state elections would be held "at the county seats of the several counties until otherwise provided by law; and the polls shall be opened for four days." Little thought was given to the details. In March 1873, the state legislature passed a law allowing the elections to be held outside the county seat. However, elections were limited to only one day.

The 1873 election became a bitter showdown between the incumbent, Republican Gov. Edmund J. Davis and Democrat Richard Coke. Davis had moved to Texas as a young man in the 1840s and became an attorney and later served as a general in the Union Army during the Civil War. He became governor in 1870 and became increasingly unpopular. Coke, also an attorney, was a Virginia native who eventually settled in Waco. He volunteered for the Confederate army during the Civil War and became a judge after the war ended, eventually rising to the state Supreme Court. In the Dec. 2 contest, Coke won with more than 67 percent of the vote.

Both sides charged irregularities against the other; attorneys gathered. The first case appeared before the state Supreme Court just a few days later.

A man known only as Rodriguez had been charged in Harris County with attempting to vote twice. His lawyers, however, said his arrest was illegal because the election itself was illegal.

Rodriguez was allegedly imprisoned in Houston, but Democrats believed he had been hired by the defeated sheriff of Harris County, a Republican, to invalidate the entire election on a technicality. The Harris County district attorney, representing the State of Texas at the

Supreme Court in Austin, argued that the case should be dismissed as the whole affair was a political question and not a legal one.

The three-judge court, appointed by Davis, disagreed and ordered the case to continue. The Semicolon Case came down to, as so many legal arguments do, understanding the meaning of the fine print.

The semicolon is typically used in sentences to connect two independent clauses that are not connected with a conjunction or to replace commas when writing lists that contain additional commas. The precise rules regarding usage have shifted since the semicolon began appearing regularly in English-language writing in the sixteenth century.

Rodriguez's lawyers argued that the election was illegal because when the legislature changed the election law nine months earlier, it only had the power to change the locations of polling places and not the number of days of voting. The semicolon, lawyers argued, made the clause on the four-day voting period separate from the rest of the sentence and meant that the legislature did not have the power to change the numbers of voting days without changing the constitution itself.

The Texas Supreme Court thus ruled that the election was illegal. Rodriguez was free to go; Texas politics exploded in the meantime.

Days of protests met the court's decision. Thousands gathered at the State Capitol in Austin while Davis barricaded himself in his office in an effort to hold power. Coke ignored the decision and proclaimed himself governor. Days later, Davis resigned.

The Constitution of 1876 replaced the 1869 document. It has served the state ever since, regardless of semicolons. Forever afterward, the court serving under the 1869 constitution would be derisively referred to as "The Semicolon Court."

In the end, the mighty semicolon prevailed. Aside from the political carnage it caused, the case stands as a critical reminder of the importance of proper punctuation and precision with writing. Even when a teacher may no longer be around to grade any particular writer on matters of punctuation, someone is still watching.

Obituary



Marie Massey-Jackson

Marie Massey-Jackson, 53, passed away Friday, Oct. 2, 2020 with her family by her side.

Marie graduated from Arlington Heights High School in 1985.

In 2004, she earned her Certification as a paralegal from Arlington Career Institute/Paralegal Program.

Her favorite song was "Amazing Grace" which always gave her tears.

Marie liked knitting, playing her flute in the high school band; loved her horse, dogs, cats and chickens. Her friends on Facebook knew her as the Chicken Lady.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold D. Jackson.

She is survived by: her mother, Lillianne; sister, Kristy; brothers, Shawn and Michael; three step-daughters, Jacqueline, Yvonne and Nicole; step-son, Jeffrey.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020 at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church of White Settlement, located at 7801 White Settlement Road in White Settlement.

Three Day Weekend Forecast



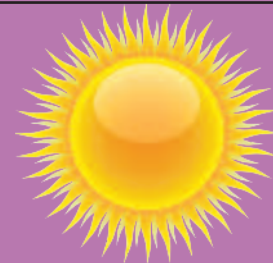
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AM - Sunny, with a high near 61. North wind around 10 mph.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 42.



Saturday, Oct. 31:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 65.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 46.



Sunday, Nov. 1:

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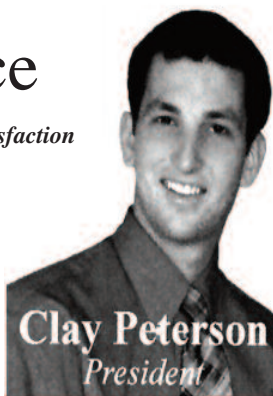
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