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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Castleberry Girls and Boys UIL Soccer Playoffs

Girls Season Ends in Second Round Playoff Loss

The Lady Lions entered the first round of the playoffs against Decatur (8-7-4) on March 26. CHS defeated the Lady Eagles 3-0. They were led by senior Caitlin Buendia with two goals, and junior Leticia Guereca with one goal. Guereca also had one assist as did fellow junior Michelle Gutierrez.

The win advanced them into round two with a chance for a little revenge against Benbrook, whom they had lost 2-1 back on Jan. 22.

Benbrook (19-3) had already posted 17 shutouts during the season; obviously, a team with a strong defense. Benbrook executed another fine defensive effort as they shut out our Lady Lions in a close 1-0 victory.

The girls finished 11-9-1 for the year. Congratulations to our Lady Lions for a good playoff run. A special congratulations to our seniors who have had a great soccer career while at Castleberry going 67-24-2 over the last four years.

Boys Advance to Fourth Round of UIL Playoffs

The boys also began their first-round playoff game on March 26 against Decatur. The Eagles (5-10-5) were a team they had beaten 4-1 back on Feb. 5. But of course, that means nothing when it you enter the playoffs. However, the Lions notched another

er victory, this time winning 2-0.

The Lions now moved on to round two of the playoffs against Life Oak Cliff/Dallas (14-4-2). This was another team which the Lions had defeated earlier in the season 4-0 on Jan. 7. This rematch was a little tougher for our Lions. At halftime the score was tied 1-1. Both teams managed another score in the second half to tie 2-2 at the end of regulation. The game went to overtime. Neither team scored in the first overtime. However, the Lions would score in the second overtime to win 3-2.

The Lions (22-3-1) moved on to round three and faced Gainesville (20-3) on Friday, April 2. This was another hard-fought game between two very good soccer teams. Both teams scored in the first half and went into halftime tied 1-1. Stellar defensive play by both squads resulted in a scoreless second half. Regulation ended in a 1-1 tie. This game then went to a shoot out which the Lions out shot the Leopards 4-2 to gain the victory.

The Lions now moved into the fourth round of the UIL Playoffs (the Elite 8 if you like using March Madness terms).

The Lions face Mineral Wells (14-3-1) – a team that finished second in their district (behind Stephenville who is also still in the playoffs) but playing extremely well and advancing deep into the playoffs. The game was Tuesday, April 6 at Brewer High School. Look for a write up in next weeks *River Oaks News*. GO LIONS!

From Castleberry ISD

CISD Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration

Parents may begin to pre-register both Pre-K and Kindergarten students who are new to CISD for the 2021-2022 school year. This pre-registration is very important for new students and is the beginning of the registration process. Registrations will be finalized in July 2021, before the school year begins.

Pre-Kindergarten Students

The CISD Pre-K program is free and there is a place for every student. New this year, CISD Pre-K has open enrollment and is accepting all students who are 4 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2021, whether they live in CISD or reside (continued on page 3)

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Early voting for the May 1 General Election to elect Council members for River Oaks City Council Place 2 and Place 4 will begin on Monday, April 19 and run through Tuesday, April 27.

Early voting by personal appearance will be held Monday through Friday, April 19 through April 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, April 24 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, April 26 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, April 27 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at River Oaks Annex (old Library), located at

4900 River Oaks Blvd. in River Oaks, or at Tarrant County Elections Center, 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, 76111.

Election day is Saturday, May 1 and the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Candidates that returned an application for Council Member, Place 2 include: Dan Dagle, Steve Holland and Zachary Wheat.

Candidates that returned an application for Council Member, Place 4 include: Edmundo E. Guitierrez, Garrett Grissom, Yolie Rodriguez and Sherrie Uptmore Dast.



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Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration

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outside the district. Even if your child does not meet the federal qualifying guidelines for a Pre-K program, he or she can still attend Pre-K in Castleberry ISD.

To qualify for Pre-K under federal guidelines, a child must be educationally disadvantaged (eligible for free or reduced lunch), unable to speak and comprehend the English language, homeless, the child of an active-duty member of the armed forces of the United States or a member of the armed forces who was injured or killed while serving on active duty, is or ever has been in foster care, or the child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award program.

For more information on Pre-K registration and to begin the registration process, [click here](#).

Kindergarten Students

Children enrolling in Kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2021. The pre-registration process for students who will be in Kindergarten and are new to Castleberry ISD begins April 1, 2021, and the registration process will be finalized in July 2021. Students who qualify to attend CISD Kindergarten but live outside the district may apply for an Out-of-District Transfer to be considered for this program.

For more information on Kindergarten registration and to begin the registration

EMPLOYMENT

River Oaks Public Works is accepting applications for 5 open public works positions in the street and water departments. View the job descriptions for the open positions by clicking on e-services on top of the city web page at www.riveroakstx.com.

For more information, contact Public Works Director Gordon Smith at 817-626-5421 extension 322. River Oaks is an equal opportunity employer.

process, [click here](#).

Required Documents for Pre-Registration


The following items are needed to register students for both Pre-K and Kindergarten: Parent ID, certified copy of student's birth certificate, student's social security card, valid immunization record, current utility bill or copy of a current lease agreement dated within the last three months, and Proof of income, military status, foster care, or statement of homeless living status, if applicable.

Out of District Transfers Apply Now


Castleberry ISD is now accepting applications for Out of District students in grades Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Applications will be accepted April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

For more information and to apply for an Out of District Transfer, [click here](#).

The Castleberry Independent School District strives to provide the finest education for their students as they prepare them to be lifelong learners.



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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, April 9 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.

These events are designed to serve 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, April 9 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Herman Clark Stadium, 5201 CA Roberson Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76119.

The House Fort Worth church is hosting a food drive this month; a ID/drivers license is required to participate:

Saturday, April 24 - 1 to 3 p.m. in the former Toys-R-Us parking lot, 7606 West Fwy., White Settlement, TX 76108.

Feed My Sheep Open April 10

The Feed My Sheep ministry, which provides clothing and food items to those in need at no charge, will be held on Saturday, April 10 from 9 a.m. to noon at Bethany Christian Church, located at 1500 Meadow Park Dr. in White Settlement.

Bethany Christian Church accepts donations of clean, usable clothes and shoes, non-perishable foods and health and beauty items. For more information call 817-246-1170.

From the City of River Oaks

April Is Warrant Fee Amnesty Month

During the month of April, the court will waive the \$50 warrant fee for each unpaid traffic citation if the delinquent balance is paid in full. Start your summer with a clean slate, this offer is available from April 1 through April 30.

Municipal court hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the courts at 817-626-1597.

Warrant Officer Cantu may be reached at 817-626-1991, extension 319.

From the Friends of the Benbrook Library

Blood Drive Event April 23 at Benbrook Library

The need for blood is at a critical level due to the pandemic.

The Friends of the Benbrook Library is partnering with the Benbrook Water Authority to host a critically needed Blood Drive on Friday, April 23 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Benbrook Public Library, located at 1065 Mercedes St. in Benbrook.

Click here to sign up for an appointment online.



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Castleberry ISD Board of Education Candidate Forum



Dewey Taliaferro



Ariela Martinez



Arnie Martinez

A Candidate Forum will be held on Thursday, April 15 at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to meet incumbent Dewey Taliaferro, and candidates Ariela Martinez and candidate Arnulfo (Arnie) Martinez. This socially distanced event will take place in the Irma Marsh Middle School auditorium located at 415 Hagg Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76114.

CISD parents, students and local residents are invited to come and get to know the three candidates who are running for Place 3 Education. [Click here](#) for more information about the CISD Board of Education.

From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

River Oaks City Council Candidate Forum April 15

There will be a candidate forum on Thursday, April 15 at 7 p.m. at the River Oaks Event Center, located at 5300 Blackstone Dr. in River Oaks. Attendees may ask questions and learn about the candidates who have returned applications to run for Place 2 and Place 4 on the River Oaks City Council.

A moderator and timekeeper will be present to manage the proceedings.

There will be limited seating, and social distancing requirements will be in place. Masks will be required whenever it is not feasible to maintain social distancing from persons not of the same household and will be made available to whomever does not have one.

This forum is not affiliated with or hosted by the City of River Oaks.

You may contact the Event Center by calling 817-732-5885.

From the City of River Oaks

River Oaks City Council Meeting Tuesday, April 13

The City Council of River Oaks meets on the second and fourth Tuesday night of each month. Agendas for the meetings are available as soon as they are posted on the [City's website](#), 72 hours prior to each meeting. Minutes of each meeting will also be available once they are completed and posted.

From the City of River Oaks

Crud Mobile Coming To River Oaks

The Crud Mobile Event will be held on Saturday, May 1 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the City Hall Parking Lot located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd. This is your chance to dispose of your household hazardous materials. [Click here](#) for what to bring and not to bring.

Houston Congressman Mickey Leland *by Dr. Ken Bridges*

Hunger and malnutrition have haunted the world for ages. Some great spirits across the centuries spent their lives fighting this scourge and helping others. One such man, Mickey Leland, a Houston congressman, dedicated his career to alleviating hunger and poverty. In 1989, the congressman died fighting for this cause.

George Thomas Leland III, nicknamed "Mickey," was born in Lubbock in November 1944. His father abandoned the family when he was a child, and his mother took him and his brother to Houston where she eventually became a teacher.

As an African-American, he was forced to attend segregated schools, but he showed tremendous talent. He graduated from Houston's Phillis Wheatley High School and began attending college. He attended Texas Southern University in Houston and graduated with a pharmacy degree in 1970.

Leland taught clinical pharmacy at Texas Southern for a year after graduation but remained deeply concerned with the fact that so many people lacked access to affordable medical care in the Houston area. He initiated a series of neighborhood campaigns to educate residents about their health care options and sponsored clinics.

He was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1972, becoming one of the first African-Americans to serve in the state legislature in nearly a century. In Austin, he continued his crusades, creating new programs to help lower costs of medicine to the poor and elderly. In 1978, U. S. Representative Barbara Jordan decided not to run for re-election. Leland jumped at the chance to run for her seat in Congress. That fall, he was elected to the first of six terms in the United States House of Representatives.

As a member of Congress, he continued to visit homeless shelters and food pantries, working to alleviate the continuing problems of poverty. He helped establish the National Commission on Infant Mortality as well as programs to help the homeless.

By 1983, Ethiopia and Sudan were in the unrelenting grip of a horrible famine that left upwards of one million dead by 1986. The world became determined to do something to alleviate the suffering.

Leland, troubled by the situation in Africa and coupled with his longstanding concerns for the poor in the United States, helped establish the House Select Committee on Hunger in 1984 to develop strategies for these crises. Leland was named chairman of this committee and immediately convened widely-publicized hearings on the problems of malnutrition and starvation. He led a congressional committee to Africa to win support for an \$800 million aid package for the starving region.

He returned to Ethiopia several more times to combat the famine and worked with world leaders to raise awareness and aid for the hungry around the globe.

In 1989, Leland embarked on another trip to Ethiopia in his fight against hunger. He arrived in Africa on Aug. 7, but as his plane crossed into Ethiopia, the craft encountered dangerous storms and disappeared. For days, the fates of Leland and his compatriots were unknown. Eighteen aircraft participated in the search, scanning the mountains of western Ethiopia in stormy weather.

On Aug. 13, the worst fears were confirmed, and the wreckage of the plane was found. All 16 people aboard died instantly.

The shock of Leland's death touched the nation. His distraught friend, Congressman Ron Dellums, stated, "Their deaths are a collective loss to all humanity."

Leland was praised for his courage and determination to combat hunger around the world. The federal government has since renamed one of its buildings in Houston after him.

In 2010, the Houston Independent School District named a new special preparatory school for disadvantaged young men after him.

From the Tarrant County Veterans Council

Veterans Day Parade

Battlefront at Home... Saluting our Veterans and First Responders is the theme of this year's Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade to step off on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. Participants will form up in the Fort Worth Panther Island Pavilion parking lot, march down North Forest Park Blvd. along the Clear Fork of the Trinity River and return.

Although months away, The Tarrant County Veterans Council is busy planning for the special event. A new parade website has launched (fw2021vetsdayparade.org) and the parade committee is soliciting support from individuals and organizations across North Texas for this year's celebration.

Fort Worth's annual Veterans Day parade began as an armistice procession through downtown in 1919 to honor those who had fought in World War I.

In 1945, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks from Birmingham, Ala., sought to expand Armistice Day to salute all veterans. Weeks led a delegation to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, who supported the idea of a national Veterans Day. Weeks led the first celebration in 1947 and annually until his death in 1985.

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Local Business Owner Named American Heroes Award Winner by Texas Society Daughters of Colonial Wars



Texas Society Daughters of Colonial Wars State President **Colleen Petosa** (left) with American Heroes Award winner, **Paula Perrone**.

The Texas Society Daughters of Colonial Wars held their 27th Annual Awards Luncheon on Thursday, March 25 at the Ridglea Country Club.

The American Heroes Award was presented to Paula Perrone, CEO of Perrone Pharmacy, for her service to the community.

This award, created by the National Society Daughters of Colonial Wars in 2019, recognizes outstanding men and women who embody the virtues of duty, courage, patriotism, and sacrifice in service to their home, community, and country. Paula has continued her father's lifelong legacy of always helping others since taking over management of the family pharmacy in 2010.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Paula wanted Perrone Pharmacy to make a difference in the community. In response to the shortage of hand sanitizer, the pharmacy began producing it onsite.

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This new equipment was an investment in the Fort Worth community, one which allowed the pharmacy to administer COVID-19 vaccinations on a large scale to residents in the area.

Three Day Weekend Forecast



Friday, April 9:

AM - Mostly sunny, high near 87. South wind 10-15mph, gusts up to 25mph.
PM - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Mostly clear, low around 57. East wind 10-15mph becoming north after midnight. Winds could gust up to 20mph.



Saturday, April 10:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 80.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 57.



Sunday, April 11:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 83.
PM - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

[Extended Forecast Click Here](#)