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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Baseball: Lions Sweep Eagles, Continue Playoff Run

The Castleberry Lions (11-8-2/5-3 in district) faced the Diamond Hill Eagles (10-7/6-2 district) in the first round of the UIL 4A baseball playoffs. The best of three series began on Thursday, May 5. The Lions were to host the opening game but last week's rains rendered Castleberry's field too wet to play, so the game was moved to Everman. The series then moved to Diamond-Hill on Friday, May 6 for game two and three (no game 3 was needed).

Game One

The Lions faced Diamond-Hill's ace pitcher in game one. That made little difference to the Lion batters as they got to him early in the game – scoring once in the bottom of the first and racking up 4 more runs in the second inning.

Meanwhile, Lions ace pitcher Graviel Romero (#1) was shutting down the Eagles. The Lions added two more runs in the sixth inning to take a 7-0 lead into the final inning. The Eagles were finally able to score a run in their final at bat. The Lions won 7-1 with Romero recording the victory.

Game Two

Lion fans showed up in force at Diamond-Hill's home field and far outnumbered Eagle fans. This game began much closer as both pitchers worked out of some trouble to hold the other team scoreless through the first two innings.

CHS's AJ Silva (#10) was hit by a pitch to open up the top of the third inning. He then stole sec- (continued on page 7)



From Castleberry ISD

Register for the 2022-2023 School Year Today

Online registration for the 2022-2023 school year at Castleberry ISD is now open.

To register a current student, log into [Skyward Family Access](#) and complete the 2022-2023 online registration process.

Be prepared to provide updated proof of residency, such as current water, gas or electric bill, or rental agreement, dated within the last three months, and a driver's license, state ID or consular ID.

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- District Administration - 5228 Ohio Garden Road; 817-252-2000

Obituary



John E. Brunette

Johnnie E. Brunette passed away Thursday, May 5, 2022, in Fort Worth.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, in Greenwood Chapel. A private entombment was also held for family only at Greenwood Mausoleum.

John was born Aug. 1, 1943, in San Angelo to Elton and Jean Brunette. John graduated from Texas A&M University - Commerce in 1989. He retired from Lockheed Martin in 1998 to manage his real estate investments.

John was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Jimmie Brunette.

Survivors are: wife, Sue Brunette; daughters, Kim Ware and husband, Mark and Johnna Bridges and husband, Blair; grandchildren, Kristen Lindner and husband, Chris, Adam Campbell and wife, Angie and Kyle Ware; three great-granddaughters, Kayla Lindner, Baylor Lindner and Lily Campbell; sister, Beverly Geurin and husband, John; sister-in-law, Linda Brunette Redfield; nieces, Marnie Geurin and Misty Brunette; and mother of his children, Joan Brunette.

From the White Settlement Historical Society

White Settlement Historical Society Meets May 21

The White Settlement Historical Society will gather on Saturday, May 21 at 1:30 p.m. in the White Settlement Senior Services Center for the 47th Annual meeting.

The meeting will include a guest program with video and photos by Society Historian Tracy J. Houpt on a recent visit to pioneer Isbell Cemetery in west Tarrant County.

Members, guests, friends and the general public are invited to attend. Annual Society Memberships are available at \$10 Single and \$15 Family/Group and help support the Society's Annual BHS Scholarship as well as maintain local historic cemeteries.

For more information, call 817-246-9719 or visit the website online at www.wsmuseum.com/WSHS.

From the Fort Worth Decorative Painters

FWDP to Meet Monday

The Fort Worth Decorative Painters will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, May 16 at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center located at 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd in Fort Worth.

Linda McDonald will instruct a Frog and Pumpkin project.

For more information contact Suzane at 817-269-2821 or visit our website at www.fwdecorativepainters.com.




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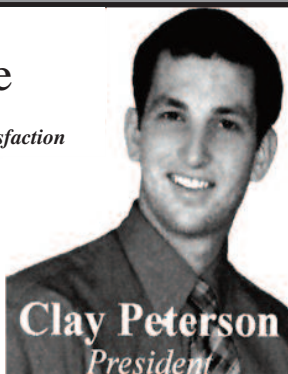
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Texas History Minute

Early Dallas Settler, Sarah Cockrell by Dr. Ken Bridges

Success sometimes comes from the most unlikely places. Those intrepid souls willing to take a chance are the ones who change the course of their own lives and sometimes their own communities. **Sarah Cockrell**, an early Dallas settler, was one of those figures, who went from living in a tent on the Trinity River to becoming one of the most powerful business owners in Dallas.

She was born Sarah Horton into a large Virginia farming family in 1819. Few details are known about her early life, but she moved with her family to Texas in 1844. She married Alexander Cockrell in 1847.

Alexander Cockrell was a Kentucky native who arrived in Missouri with his family when he was still young. At the age of 14 he left home, lived with the Cherokees for a time, and picked up a few trades along the way.

After the two married, the Cockrells moved to the Dallas area. But what would become Dallas was only a small town of only about 800 people nestled along the Trinity River. Most of the county was largely farmland or unsettled. They staked a claim just west of what is now Dallas and operated a ferry service across the Trinity River, living for months in a tent near the riverbank. They bought an additional patch of land that included portions of Dallas in 1853 and moved into town.

The Cockrells established a brickmaking business and began branching out quickly, moving into construction and other enterprises. Before long, they had also acquired a sawmill and a flour mill. Cockrell never learned to read or write. However, he trusted his wife's judgment, and the two worked closely together to build a successful series of businesses.

Sarah Cockrell was literate and was an effective bookkeeper, handling all their finances on their move upward. Dallas was emerging as an important center for agricultural distribution and processing, and the Cockrells were determined to put themselves in the middle of it.

By 1854, they had acquired a charter to complete a wooden toll bridge across the Trinity River, crossing on their own land. They also built rental houses and business space for the many people coming to Dallas. In 1858, they completed a new hotel, which added to their holdings.

Tragedy struck in 1858 when Alexander Cockrell was shot and killed by the city marshal. With her husband murdered and with four young children to care for, Sarah Cockrell was not about to let the business they had built

together fall apart. The situation grew even worse when a massive fire wrecked much of Dallas in 1860. The ravages of the Civil War made it even more difficult to operate her businesses. Nevertheless, she became determined to turn their holdings into an empire. For the next three decades, she relentlessly bought, sold, and traded properties to increase her family's fortunes.

Women at that time were never expected to become involved in business at all. Cockrell was not going to let the social conventions of the time dictate how she would provide for herself and her children.

She built another hotel and bought several more flour mills. She continued to buy property across the area. She ran the Dallas Bridge Company, which in 1870 pulled together enough investors to construct one of her most significant projects – a new iron toll bridge across the Trinity River, replacing the now lost wooden bridge. Construction was completed in 1872.

The new bridge connected Dallas first to the growing community of Oak Cliff on the south side of the river and to all the roads heading south to Houston and Austin and to Fort Worth to the west. The new bridge helped Dallas expand its economic reach for distribution of agricultural and industrial products as well as banking and other financial ventures. This put it in a major position to capitalize on the coming oil boom at the beginning of the twentieth century and helped it later absorb Oak Cliff entirely.

She was known to be kind and generous. She co-founded the First Methodist Church in Dallas and donated a considerable amount of money for its construction. She also gave to many local charities.

By 1885, she completed a five-story office building, one of the tallest in the city at that point. By 1890, Cockrell was one of the most powerful and most respected business figures in Dallas, a city now past 38,000 residents.

She ultimately owned a quarter of the properties in downtown Dallas as well as land in Cleburne, Mineral Wells, and Houston. By the end of her life, she had become the first millionaire in Dallas and one of the first in Texas. With a fortune well past \$30 million in modern dollars, Cockrell had surpassed the most astute and able business minds in the state. In a city known for its millionaires and titans of industry, Sarah Cockrell had beaten them all. She died in 1892.

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From Castleberry ISD

Castleberry ISD Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony

Commencement for Castleberry High School and REACH High School will be held at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary on Friday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the MacGorman Chapel & Performing Arts Center.

This is a momentous occasion for your son or daughter and we would like to congratulate you on this important accomplishment. Here is some important information that will be helpful for you and your graduate as we approach this exciting day:

Tickets for Graduation

No tickets are required for this year's graduation ceremony and all Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted. There is no limit to the number of guests per graduate.

Graduation Location and Arrival Times

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, MacGorman Chapel & Performing Arts Center is located at 2001 W Seminary Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76115.

Graduates must arrive by 4 p.m.

Rehearsal for graduates and faculty begins at 4:30 p.m.

Guests may start arriving at 6:30 p.m.

Graduation ceremony begins at 7:30 p.m.

Expectations After the Ceremony

Graduates will recess to the back holding areas at the venue and then on to the parking lot at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Graduates are expected to leave the premises at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Family and guests are expected to leave the premises at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Ensure all trash is taken with you.

Parents and guests should not exit the ceremony until the last graduate has exited the stage. This prevents overcrowding in the hallways of the venue.

Live Streaming Information for Out of Town Guests

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CastleberryISD>

The next River Oaks City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24 at 7PM


MAY 7, 2022 UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS ALL PRECINCTS REPORTING:

NAME	OFFICE	ABSENTEE VOTE	EARLY VOTE	GENERAL VOTE	TOTAL VOTE	PERCENT VOTE
	COUNCIL PLACE 1					
JOHN CLARIDGE		24	90	75	189	100%
TOTAL VOTES CAST		24	90	75	189	100%
	COUNCIL PLACE 3					
DAN DAGEL		10	16	9	35	15.02%
SHERRIE UPTMORE DAST		8	20	18	46	19.74%
LEIGH ANN TURNER		10	71	71	152	65.24%
TOTAL VOTES CAST		28	107	98	233	100%

Please be advised these are unofficial election returns, once the official results are released by Tarrant County Elections, then the official Votes will be canvassed.

*Unofficially it appears that with a clear majority of votes for a candidate in the election for both Place 1 and Place 3 City Council Members; once all votes are canvassed it appears that **Johnny Claridge** will be elected as Place 1 City Council Member and **Leigh Ann Turner** will be elected as the Place 3 City Council Member.*

Thank you,


Marvin C. Gregory III
City Manager
City of River Oaks

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Keep Roads Safe: Use These Tips to Stop Driving Distracted

Driving fatalities in the United States are at the highest point since 2008, yet new research reveals that many are unaware of the enhanced risk and are actively making choices that increase the danger on our roads.

According to a new survey from Travelers, 57% of people think roadway safety is unchanged since before the pandemic. At the same time, over a third of drivers have experienced a near-miss because they were distracted while driving.

Our devices are a large part of the problem. One-third of respondents believe it is acceptable to use technology while driving and even more admit to doing so -- 79% say they have made or received a phone call while driving, 74% have looked at map directions on a cell phone and 56% have read a text message or email. A growing number of drivers are also taking to social media, with 29% admitting to recording videos or taking photos using their smartphone, a number that's increased since 2019 along with the rise of TikTok and other social media platforms.

"When you're behind the wheel, every second matters, and anything that occupies your mind or vision is a distraction," says Chris Hayes, assistant vice president of Transportation and Risk Control at Travelers. "While it's tempting to use your phone, especially when it's alerting you to texts and calls, doing so is dangerous to you, your passengers and others on the road."

To help put a stop to distracted driving, Travelers is offering the following tips:

- **Turn off notifications:** Setting your phone to "do not disturb" before you begin driving is a good idea, as it can help prevent you from being tempted to check your phone for new notifications.
- **Prepare beforehand:** Check directions or set your GPS before you begin driving. Put your favorite playlist or radio station on before you hit the road.
- **Let it wait:** Do not make calls, text or otherwise manipulate your phone while driving. Even hands-free calls can pull your focus from the road. If you need to text, email, make a call, or use your phone for any other reason, pull over first.
- **Recruit a passenger:** Rely on your passengers to handle technology-related tasks, such as checking GPS, changing the music or radio station, and answering calls or texts.
- **Speak up:** Consider asking a distracted driver to put down their

device. Eighty-seven percent of consumers who use a phone while driving say they would be less likely to do so if a passenger spoke up.

• **Beware of other distractions:** It's important to make driving your number one priority when you're on the road, and keep in mind that not all distractions are tech-related. For example, don't wait until your commute to eat, brush your hair, or apply makeup. Take care of such tasks before you start the car.

"There are more distractions than ever on today's roadways. Ultimately, making a concerted effort to change behaviors will help prevent injuries and save lives," says Hayes.

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CHS Baseball (continued from page 1)

ond base. Adrian Perez (#2) followed with an infield single which put CHS runners at the corners (first and third). Graviel Romero (#1) then singled to score Silva for the first run of the game. The Lions, despite having runners on first and second with no outs, could not manage to push across any more runs.

Castleberry starting pitcher Daniel Ortiz (#7) pitched out of a jam in the bottom of the third inning. The Eagles loaded the bases with just one out. But the next Diamond-Hill batter hit into a double play (also known as a “pitcher’s best friend”) to end the inning without the Eagles scoring a single run.

The Lions squeezed out another run in the fourth inning. Ethan Vargas (#12) opened with a single. He advanced to second on a wild pitch. The Diamond-Hill pitcher was next called for a balk which moved Vargas to third base. Vargas then scored on Adrian Pena’s (#2) RBI infield ground out.

The Lions now led 2-0 as they entered the bottom of the fourth inning. But the Eagles managed a triple, a double and an infield single to tie the game 2-2. Castleberry regained the lead in the top of the fifth inning. Pitcher Daniel Ortiz (#7) helped his own cause with an RBI ground out that scored AJ Silva (#10) – who had opened the inning with an infield single.

The Lions took that 3-2 lead into the sixth inning. But in a game that had proved to be tough to score runs was about to change for both teams in the final two innings. Ethan Vargas (#12) led off the top of the sixth with an infield single. Caden Perez (#6) followed with a perfectly executed bunt which resulted in a Diamond-Hill throwing error. This allowed Perez and Vargas to move to second and third base respectively. Adrian Pena (#2) then drove in Vargas with an infield single. Perez then scored on Isaiah Garcia’s (#4) bunt single. AJ Silva (#10) followed with a single to load the bases. Diamond-Hill’s starting pitcher, after throwing 90 pitches, was now taken out of the game. However, his replacement promptly walked the Lions next batter, Adrian Perez (#3) to score another run. The Lions had scored 5 runs in the inning and stretched their lead to 8-2 as the Eagles came to bat in the bottom of the inning.

Castleberry pitcher Ortiz (#7) quickly ran into trouble as he faced the Eagles lineup in the sixth inning. After his 101st pitch of the game he was relieved by Elijah Garcia (#20). The Eagles ended up scoring 3 runs in the inning. This could have been much worse had it not been for a catch of an outfield fly ball by AJ Silva (#10) and then a great throw to home plate to throw out an Eagle who had tagged up from third to complete a double play.

The Lions now led 8-5 as the teams entered the final inning of play. CHS sent 11 players to bat in the top of the seventh to break the game wide open. Ethan Vargas (#12) led off with a double. The next two Lion hitters, Adrian Pena (#2) and Caden Perez (#6) drew walks. That brought up Alex Veliz (#13) to the plate with the bases loaded and no outs. Veliz smacked a double to score two runs. AJ Silva (#10) drew another walk to load up the bases

again for the Lions. Adrian Perez’s (#3) infield grounder was then mishandled by the Eagles which led to two more runs being scored. The Eagles managed to stop some of the bleeding with a double play. However, Daniel Ortiz (#7) drove in another run. Elijah Garcia (#20), who was now the pitcher, smacked a deep outfield single to set CHS runners up at the corners. This brought up Ethan Vargas (#12) for his second at bat of the inning as the Lions had now batted around. Vargas’ single scored yet another run for the Lions. The long at bat finally came to a close when the next Lion batter struck out. But by then CHS had racked up 6 more runs to take a commanding 14-5 lead into the final at bat for Diamond-Hill.

The Lions made things a little more interesting than their fans (not to mention coaches) cared to see. Aided by two very costly errors by the Lions on infield grounders hit by two of the first four Diamond-Hill batters of the inning – the Eagles had their own big inning. But it was not big enough. They did manage to score 5 runs. However, that rally fell well short as CHS won 14-10 (Daniel Ortiz #7 getting the victory) and advanced to round two of the playoffs. The Lions will be playing Iowa Park at Graham High School on Thursday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m. for Game 1, at Bowie High School on Friday, May 13 at 5 p.m. for Game 2, with Game 3 (if needed) starting 30 minutes after completion of Game 2. Go Lions!

From the City of River Oaks

Yale Street and Meandering Road Intersection

Due to a recent traffic study recommendation involving vehicles entering Meandering Road from Yale Street, especially involving the crosswalks where children cross before and after school, the City Council adopted Ordinance 1337-2022. The ordinance makes the intersection a 4-way stop for safe crossing of pedestrians and slows the traffic up and down Meandering Road.



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Three Day Weekend Forecast



Friday, May 13:

AM - Mostly sunny; high near 94. South wind 10-15mph; gusts as high as 20mph.

PM - Partly cloudy; low around 70. S/SE wind 10-15mph.



Saturday, May 14:

AM - Mostly sunny; high near 94. S/SW wind 10-15mph; gusts as high as 20mph.

PM - Partly cloudy; low around 66.



Sunday, May 15 :

AM - Sunny; high near 92.

PM - Mostly clear; low around 67.

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