

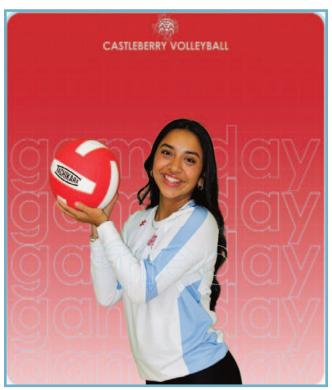
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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Castleberry HS Volleyball Falls to Rival Lake Worth



The Castleberry girls volleyball team began the second round of district play last week. The first round began with a loss to rival Lake Worth back on Sept. 13 (3-1). Lake Worth won their next district game as well but had gone winless since. The Lady Lions were coming off a tough loss to Bridgeport on Friday, Oct. 4. CHS loss a 5-set match, dropping the final set 15-10.

Obviously, the Lady Lions were hoping to avenge that loss to the Lady Bullfrogs, but also, in the process, get their first district win. This match was played at CHS on Tuesday, Oct. 8. And by all indications, early in the match, it looked like that was exactly what might happen. But, unfortunately, after taking the first set, the Lady Lions lost their mojo. They dropped the next three sets and lost the match 3-1 to the Lady Bullfrogs.

Set 1

The Lady Lions quickly fell behind in the first set 0-2. They then scored 5 straight

sophomore Kaila Dobbins (#2) and senior grew to 23-1. As close as the first two sets had Madalynn Michaels (#9) and a serving ace by been this was hard to believe. The Lady senior Lucero Saenz (#3). Shortly after this Lions went on to drop the third set 25-6. Lake Worth responded by outscoring CHS 7-1 and forcing the Lady Lions to call a timeout. Set 4 It was a good time out as the girls came back tually the game was tied up 11-11.

an ace the Lady Lions took a 16-13 lead. The pened. girls continued to play well. A block by Michaels (#9) led to a score and then she fol- fought hard. Thanks to some great plays by lowed that with a kill shot for another score. Ibarra (#13, serving ace), and junior Xiomara This was then followed by a serving ace by Garcia (#1, serving ace), and Dobbins (#2, another Lady Lion and helped the girls to a kill spike) the Lady Lions took an early 6-4 22-15 lead. The Lady Lions went on to win lead. the first set 25-17. A great start!

contest by both squads. The Lady Bullfrogs Worth to call a timeout. jumped out to a 5-1 lead. But our girls a 6-5 lead.

Lady Bullfrogs rolled off 11 unanswered outscored 13-6 from this point and lost the set the Lady Lions could not recover from. After Worth 3-1. a CHS timeout they did outscore Lake Worth

Set 3

The third set was a complete nightmare for the Lady Lions. CHS fell behind 16-0 to

points, the last two from a combined block by begin the set. Eventually the lopsided score

The Lady Lions now entered the fourth set to the floor and scored on a spike by Dobbins in a must-win situation in order to force a tie (#2) to stop the Lady Bullfrogs streak. Even- breaking fifth set. After getting beat so badly in set three, it would have been very easy to From this point CHS took a 14-11 lead. give up, (in the last 1.5 sets they had been out-When senior Adilene Ibarra (#13) served up scored 40-13) but that was not what hap-

The girls responded to this challenge and

They continued their stellar play with some additional outstanding play by junior Jackie Aguirre Torres (#14). This helped in-The second set was another hard-fought crease the CHS lead to 11-6 and forced Lake

The Lady Bullfrogs came out of that timestormed back with 5 straight points and took out and outscored the Lady Lions 6-1 to tie the set at 12-12. CHS now called timeout to Later in the set CHS took leads of 10-8 try and slow down Lake Worth. However, for and 12-10. At this point things went totally whatever reason, the girls could not regain downhill for the Lady Lions. Incredibly, the any momentum after this point. They were points to take a commanding 21-12 lead that 25-18. This gave the match victory to Lake

The Lady Lions (10-16/0-7) will continue 6-3, but this was too little too late as the say- District 7-4A competition. They have upcoming goes. The hole was too big to battle back ing games at Eagle Mountain tomorrow, from and the girls lost 25-19 in the second set. Springtown at home on Oct. 22, followed by Burkburnett at home on Oct. 25 and will finish their season at Bridgeport on Oct. 29.

Go Lady Lions!

From Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Texans can Spring Into Action by Planting Native Wildflower Seeds in the Fall

One of the many things Texas is known for is the abundance of plying management practices that benefit these species. beautiful wildflowers that line hills and highways every spring. What many wildflower admirers may not know is that fall is the ideal time to plant wildflower seeds in preparation for those spring blooms.

Many native wildflowers, including the famed bluebonnets and Indian paintbrushes, require colder soil temperatures combined with mixed with sand. One part seed to four parts sand. appropriate watering or rainfall for seeds to germinate in the fall and be ready to bloom in the spring. Texas Parks and Wildlife Depart- inch deep; seeds need will need the sun to germinate. ment (TPWD) biologists encourage people to do their research beselective to not introduce non-native plants to their property.

Native wildflowers provide critical habitat for pollinators, many sects, birds and mammals are key to sustaining native plant species, local biologists can offer management recommendations. human food crops and even crops for livestock.

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As more than 94 percent of Texas lands are privately owned, efconserving and maintaining populations of native pollinators by ap- Butterfly and Other Insect Pollinators page.

Planting your own backyard wildflower pollinator garden:

- Pick a spot in the yard or garden that doesn't have preexisting turf (St. Augustine and Bermuda) or remove turf if needed.
- · Scatter seed by hand. Smaller seeds are easier to handle if
- Rake or tamp in seeds, but make sure they are only about 1/8
- Keep moist for several days unless rainfall is expected. Water fore buying commercially available native seeds packets and be every 2-3 weeks during prolonged periods of no rain during the winter.

For landowners with larger tracts of land who are interested in of which have seen declines in their population. These important in-native pollinator conservation, the TPWD private lands program and

Once flowers bloom in the spring, enjoy their beauty until all "Native plants are adapted to our soils and growing conditions have bloomed, withered, dried and had an opportunity to drop their just as our native pollinators are adapted to those same plants," said seeds before mowing fields or trimming plants back. You might also Craig Hensley, Texas nature tracker biologist. "Native plants form consider leaving the dead stems, as they provide nesting homes for the foundation of healthy food webs and sustain pollinators who in many of our solitary bee pollinators. Typically, this occurs in late turn provide food for other wildlife from birds to amphibians, rep- June and early July. Allowing the plants to drop their seeds creates a seed bank that will provide more plants for years.

For additional native wildflower resources, go to the Lady Bird fective native pollinator conservation requires landowner engage- Johnson Wildflower Center or Native Plant Society of Texas pages. ment and involvement. Texans can play a significant role in To learn more about insect pollinators, go to the TPWD Monarch



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Notice is hereby given that Barry LaJuan Wheeler, born on September 6,1962, in Los Angeles, California, has filed a petition with the Santa Monica Courthouse, Los Angeles, California, requesting that his name be changed to Barry LaJuan English, his birth certificate last name "Wheeler" is wrong due to a clerical error. This name change is being sought to ensure consistency in his identity and align all legal records with the name used. A hearing on this matter is scheduled for Nov. 1, 2024 at the Santa Monica Courthouse at 1725 Main Street Santa Monica, California. 90401. Any person who objects to this name change may appear at the hearing to show cause why this petition should not be granted.



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The Beautify Texas Awards recognize Texans working to make their community and the state more clean, sustainable, and beautiful.

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From Don't Forget to Feed Me

Pet Food Resources

Sometimes people fall on hard times and feeding their pets becomes harder and harder. There is help available for getting food to feed your animals!

The mission of Don't Forget to Feed Me (DF2FM) is to supply pet food to local agencies in support of pet owners while educating the public about pet food insecurity. This organization works within Fort Worth. If you need help, feeding your pet, reach out to them.



DF2FM provides pet food exclusively to distribution partners, aiming to support pets in homes. It is not intended for strays, feral colonies, fosters, etc. Due to limited resources, we adhere strictly to our mission. For assistance, please reach out to relevant agencies. 14 additional senior center/residence can be found online.

DF2FM proporciona exclusivamente alimentos para mascotas a socios distribuidores, con el objetivo de apoyar a las mascotas en los hogares. No está destinado para animales callejeros, colonias de gatos salvajes, hogares temporale etc. Debido a recursos limitados, nos adherimos estrictamente a nuestra misión. Para obtener ayuda, por favor, comuníquese con las agencias pertinentes. Se pueden encontrar en línea 14 centros/residencias adicionales para personas mayores.

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Legal Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 1440-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 13.04 "SEWER SYSTEM", SECTION 13.04.013 "SEWER SERVICE RATES", OF THE RIVER OAKS CODE OF ORDINANCES (2006) AS AMENDED; ADOPTING AND RATIFYING SEWER RATES INCORPORATING A RATE INCREASE FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND APARTMENT CUSTOMERS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS; REPEALING ORDINANCE # 1390-2023 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS:

With the adoption of this Ordinance, Section 13.04.013 of Article 13.04 of the River Oaks Code of Ordinances (2006) will be amended to now read as follows:

"Section 13.04.013 Sewer Service Rates

(a) Commercial Consumers. The monthly charges to commercial and industrial class customers will be based on the total water use as measured by appropriate meters, with the provision that if a customer can show to the city's satisfaction and within the scope of the contractual agreement between the City of Fort Worth and the City of River Oaks that a significant portion of the metered water usage does not enter the sanitary sewers, the customer will be charged only for that volume entering the sewers, as determined by a method approved by the City. The commercial sewer customers will be charged the base rate amount of \$63.50 plus \$0.08900 per cubic feet of water consumption.

(b) Residential class customers. The monthly volume charges for residential class customers will be based upon the individual customer average monthly water use during the preceding winter quarter months of December, January, and February, but in no event shall the volume used to compute this monthly charge exceed 1,500 cubic feet. The volumes used to compute these charges are based on the amount of water used by the residential class customer as measured by the water meter. Where no preceding winter quarter average is available from records, the utility manager shall estimate a volume to be used for this monthly volume charge, such estimated volume not to exceed 1,500 cubic feet. The Residential sewer customers will be charged the base rate amount of \$45.00 plus \$3.15 per 100 cubic feet of water usage.

(C) Apartment Class Customers. The monthly charges to Apartment Class Customers will be based on the total water use on a per cubic foot basis as measured by appropriate meters similar to that of a commercial consumer. The Apartment customers will be charged the base rate amount of \$59.50 plus \$0.08400 per cubic feet of water consumption."

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on November 1, 2024 after its passage by a majority vote of the City Council of the City of River Oaks and the legal publication of this ordinance if any is required and it is so ordained.

APPROVED THIS THE 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.

Darren Houk, Mayor. ATTEST: Paula Luck, City Secretary

From Mary Isham Keith Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Mary Isham Keith Chapter, NSDAR, Celebrates the 125th **Anniversary of the DAR Hospital Corps**

Mary Isham Keith Chapter, National Soci- Month. ety Daughters of the American Revolution, re-

cently enjoyed a fun and informative October of Commemorative Events, Regent Charlsey Corps. Colonel Nauschuetz's presentation about chapter meeting. Chapter members dressed in Holler welcomed Colonel Karen Nauschuetz Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, Founder of the



Mary Isham Keith Chapter and Prospective members.



Colonel Karen Nauschetz (Army, Ret.) as Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, Founder of the DAR Hospital Corps.



Prospective members Marcia Galiga and Brenda Crump.





Nurses who were honored at the luncheon include: (1-r) Becky Gray, Nancy Rash, Katie Crow, Virginia Sue Zwick, Kris Davies, Col. Beverly Belew (Army, Ret.), Regent Charlsey Holler and Col. Karen Nauschetz (Army, Ret.)

and prospective members to the celebration of As part of the flat George Washington Tour the 125th Anniversary of the DAR Hospital pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness (Army Ret.), guest speaker, as well as members DAR Hospital Corps, was the highlight of the gathering. As part of her program, Mary Isham Keith Chapter nurses were honored with pins and certificates.

> The DAR Hospital Corps was founded in April 1898 during the Spanish American War to provide nurses for the war effort. At the onset of the Spanish-American War, the Surgeon General requested and promptly received congressional authority to appoint women nurses under contract.

> Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee was placed in charge of selecting graduate nurses for the Army and suggested that the DAR act as an application review board for military nursing services. Thus, the DAR Hospital Corps was founded, with Dr. McGee as its director. The DAR Hospital Corps certified 1,081 nurses for service during the Spanish-American War. The DAR later funded private pensions for many of the nurses who did not qualify for government pensions. Dr. McGee wrote the section of the Army Reorganization Act legislation pertaining to nursing and is now known as the founder of the Army Nurse Corps. (source: NSDAR National Website)

> The NSDAR is a non-profit, non-political volunteer service organization and lineage society. More than one million women have found purpose and passion in DAR membership.

> For more information about how to find your American Revolutionary patriot or DAR programs, email mikregent2023@gmail.com.

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From Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation

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should be checking the TDLR website (www.tdlr.texas.gov) to protects the health and safety of Texans by ensuring they are served make sure that they are licensed by TDLR. Once you've confirmed by qualified, licensed professionals. Inspections of individuals, that the contractor is licensed through TDLR, here are several businesses, and equipment are done on a regular basis to safeguard things they should be inspecting in your heating system:



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 - Check air handling unit for proper air flow.
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 - Check "emergency heat" operation, which is energized if
 - Check electric heat strips for proper operation when system
 - General
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 - Replace filters and educate customer on efficient operation
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> Visit TDLR's website for more information and resources. You can search the TDLR licensee database, and also find past violations in which a final order was issued against companies or individuals. TDLR's Customer Service line is available anytime between 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 1-800-803-9202. TDLR representatives are fluent in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

A History of Halloween

Halloween is a day filled with excitement, charged with the imagination and the spirit of adventure that makes childhood such a memorable time. Many children never outgrow their love for the day and pass on the joy of trick-or-treating to their children and grandchildren or enjoy Halloween parties as adults. Halloween has a history dating back centuries.

The roots of Halloween lay deep in old Christian traditions. Halloween is separate from the old harvest festivals common in Europe before the arrival of Christianity, but elements of these traditions would continue in celebrations in the British Isles.

Pope Gregory III established All Saints' Day on Nov. 1 as a day of remembrance in the 730s. From its earliest days, the night of Oct. 31 was marked as the beginning of the observance.

All Saints' Day was considered to be a day to remember the deceased, particularly the saints and martyrs of the church. The English began referring to All Saints' Day as Allhallowtide or Hallowmas by 1471.

The word came from older, more archaic words "hallow," which meant "holy" while "tide" meant "time." On the night before, All Hallow's Eve, many Roman Catholics at the time would visit cemeteries and pray for the dead. Over time, "All Hallow's Eve" or "All Hallow's Evening" was whittled down to "Halloween."

Elements of trick-or-treating began in Halloween parties. the Middle Ages as the poor would go to the wealthy and ask for special treats for the day, soul cakes, in exchange for praying for their deceased loved ones. By the 1800s in Scotland and Ireland, trick-ortreating had evolved into dressing into costumes and going door-to-door for treats and moved away from the religious observance.

In Poland, the tradition for Halloween night has long been that people would pray out loud as they walked through forests in order to comfort the souls of the deceased. In Spain, church bells ring through the night to remind the faithful to pray for the Dead. dead.

to the United States, the trick-or-treating tioners Association. tradition came with them. Many American across the nation by the 1920s. Today, vartrick-or-treating each year.

was carved from turnips and carried on All Hallow's Eve to scare off evil spirits, a tradition dating back centuries. By the time this tradition arrived in the United States by the nineteenth century, the native pumpkin began to be used instead. Bobbing for apples, a popular Halloween game, dates to the 1700s.

Unlike Christmas, Halloween, particularly as it is practiced in the United States, is not as widely celebrated around the world. Many of the traditions observed in America are practiced in Canada, Scotland, and Ireland. Halloween is slowly catching on in Japan and in areas of Germany and India, mostly in the forms of costumes and

Across Mexico and Latin America, All Saint's Day and Day of the Dead are celebrated back-to-back on successive days. Observances for the Day of the Dead are preferred, taking place each year on Nov. 2 as many will dress up as the dead on a day to remember friends and family who have passed on. A popular legend on the Day of the Dead in Latin America is that the spirits of the deceased will walk the Earth once more on that night. Schools in Ireland will often close on Halloween while in Mexico, schools will often close on the Day of the

In modern times, Americans buy up-

In Eastern Orthodox countries of East wards of 90 million pounds of candy each Europe, however, prayer vigils are still year. This amounts to about \$3.6 billion. sometimes held on the night of Oct. 31. As The most popular candy in 2023 was chocmore Scottish and Irish immigrants moved olate, according to the National Confec-

The most popular children's costume children began making their own costumes was Spiderman, with an estimated 2.6 milfor Halloween by the late 1800s. The term lion children dressing up as Spiderman in "trick-or-treating" began to appear in the some form. Americans spend more than \$8 early twentieth century, and the famed Hal- billion each year on costumes and decloween tradition had fully established itself orations for the evening's festivities, according to the National Retail Federation. ious estimates have stated that as many as Schools and churches regularly sponsor 40 million American children participate in trunk-or-treat events and Halloween parties. Halloween has been a special part of child-Many other features of Halloween are hood for generations. With its continued centuries old. In Ireland, the jack-o-lantern popularity and mountains of candy, it will continue to be a part of American culture for years to come.







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Weekend Forecast



Friday, Oct. 18:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny, with a high near 77. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. <u>PM</u> - Mostly clear, with a low around 55. Southeast wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



Saturday, Oct. 19:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny, with a high near 79. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. <u>PM</u> - Clear, with a low around 55. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.



Sunday, Oct. 20:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 80. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. **PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 58. East southeast wind around 5 mph.

Extended Forecast Click Here