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From the Sports Desk with John Loven Castleberry Lions Soccer Playoff Update



The soccer programs at Castleberry have always been very good from the very first year they began, albeit not that long ago. The girls made it to the second round of the UIL Playoffs, where they fell to an excellent team from Godley, 3-0.

Many congratulations to the Lady Lions for a great season and special congratulations to this year's seniors: Wendy Bernal, Mariah Escobar, Joselyn Salazar, Mia Zavala, Jaelyne Monreal, Adi Ibarra and Alyssa Rosales.

The boys team advanced after a round-two victory, defeating an excellent team from Life Waxahachie by the score of 4-0. This sent them to the third round to face another wonderful team, this one from Decatur. This game featured two teams that had 39 victories between them and just one defeat! This had the earmark for one heck of a playoff game.

The match took place on Friday, March 28 at Eagle Mountain Knight Stadium in Saginaw. The Eagles had not tasted defeat this year, sporting a 20-0-2 record and ranked fourth in state. The Lions had only tasted defeat once, and had a similar record of 19-1-2 and were ranked second in state. But only one team would leave the stadium with a victory

On this day it would not be our Lions going home. The Lions gave the Eagles their first loss of the year and sent them home

packing, ending their season with a 3-0 loss to CHS.

These were two very talented, skilled and fast teams. In the opening minutes both teams managed to get close to the others goal, but neither got off a shot on goal. However, that changed at the 32:25 mark. Assisted by junior Fernando Hernandez, senior Ethan Padilla's header got past the Eagle goalie to spot the Lions with a 1-0 lead.

Shortly after, the Eagles got several shots on goal (30:00/FK, 28:38, 26:00/FK, and 19:40). The last one, at the 19:40 mark was caught on a great play by junior goalie Caleb Castaneda. With just under 3 minutes left until halftime, the next big play occurred. Senior Jose Chairez's kick ricocheted off an Eagle and into the net. This gave the Lions a big 2-0 lead with 2:53 left until half.

The second half began with the Lions in a good position leading 2-0, and they continued to dominate the action. The Lions had an additional six shots on goal over the next 25 minutes (compared to just three for Decatur). Senior Chris Montoya, senior Eddie Zapata, junior Richard Montes, and sophomore Gio Saldana all had kicks that came close, but did not score.

The nail in the coffin came at the 11:09 mark. In a play that began as a corner kick from Padilla ended up in a goal. His kick angled in toward the goal and then was knocked back by the Eagles. However, a few seconds later it was ruled a goal, evidentially it just crossed the goal line before it was knocked out. The result was the Lions now took a commanding 3-0 lead with just over 10 minutes left in the game. The game ended with the Lions 3-0 victory, and onto round four!

The Lions will play an opponent they know well in their next match. Lake Dallas (18-4-2) finished as the runner up in District 8-4A to Castleberry (20-1-3). Their first match on Feb. 11 ended in a 0-0 tie. The second match ended in a 1-0 victory for CHS on March 4. The game was played on Tuesday, April 1 (no joke) at 7:00 p.m. at Eagle Mountain Stadium. Details to come next week! GO LIONS!

CHECK OUT PAGE 2 for information on the City of River Oaks CRUD MOBILE EVENT on Saturday, April 5!



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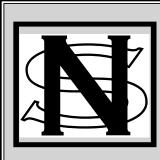
Residents are required to bring a copy of a River Oaks water bill to participate.

This is a great opportunity to get rid of those household hazardous waste products at no charge. For what will and will not be accepted, see the flyer on the City of River Oaks website.

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Suburban Newspapers, Inc. From the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Mary Isham Keith Chapter, NSDAR Presents Awards and **Scholarships**

tion, hosted their Annual Awards Luncheon recently at Ridglea ing the movement to form tea parties to protest British taxes on tea Country Club in Fort Worth.

This year's DAR Good Citizen and Scholarship Award winner was Madison Ledbetter, a senior from Paschal High School. Mad- wrote the winning essay for the Patriots of the American Revolution ison's mother, Jennifer Ledbetter, accompanied her, as well as Essay Contest. Students in grades 9-12 were to select a figure from school principal Troy Langston. Her essay was on the topic "Ser- the era of the American Revolution (1773-1783) and discuss who vice is an essential attribute of a good citizen. How service can this person was and how they contributed to the founding of a new foster a strong sense of community and strengthen our American nation. Pierson was awarded a bronze medal, certificate, and moneidentity." Madison was presented with the DAR Good Citizen pin, tary award. He was accompanied by his parents, Kate and Michael certificate, and monetary award. She wants to pursue a degree in Cochran. psychology upon her graduation.

by Walker West, who is home schooled. Walker was accompanied DAR members, Trish Watson and Debbie Murray, and non-DAR by his parents, Ron and Stacy West, and his grandparents, Jeff and members, Kathy Krell and Deborah Hoff. Charlsey Holler. Ms. Holler is regent of Mary Isham Keith Chapter.

enth grade American History Essay Contest. She was accompanied year's award recipient was Emily White. Likewise, a yearly scholby her parents, Robbie and Auva Ball. Both Walker and Paige wrote arship is presented to an outstanding

Mary Isham Keith Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolu- essays on the topic, "Enjoying a New Kind of Tea Party," concernin the American colonies.

Pierson Kadane, an eleventh-grader from Paschal High School,

Participation certificates were presented to each student who en-The sixth-grade winning American History essay was written tered the contests. American History Essay Contest judges were

Mary Isham Keith Chapter also presents a yearly scholarship to Paige Ball, from Benbrook Middle-High School, won the sev- an outstanding nursing student at Texas Christian University. This *(continued on page 5)*



American History Co-Chair Dawn Needles, Pierson Kadane, American History Co-Chair Katrina Lorenzen, Regent Charlsey Holler.



American History Co-Chair Dawn Needles, Paige Ball, American History Co-Chair Katrina Lorenzen, Regent Charlsey Holler.



American Heritage Chair Elizabeth Harvey, Mary Kay Krell and Regent Charlsey Holler.



Regent Charlsey Holler, Madison Ledbetter, DAR Good Citizens Chair Julia Mallin.



Emily White, Scholarship Chair Karen Allison, Regent Charlsey Holler.



American History Co-Chair Dawn Needles, Walker West, American History Co-Chair Katrina Lorenzen, Regent Charlsey Holler.

NSDAR Scholarships and Awards (continued from page 4)

student of American History at Texas Wesleyan University. This year's recipient was Ravion Shephard. Dr. Brenda Matthews, professor of history at TWU, accompanied Ms. Shephard. Both recipients were presented with scholarships and cer-



tificates.

Scholarship Chair Karen Allison, Ravion Shepard, Regent Charlsey Holler.

Chapter member Mary Kay Krell received the American Heritage Award for Women in the Arts. As a distinguished oil and watercolor graphic artist with nearly four decades of experience, Ms. Krell has not only demonstrated exceptional artistic talent but also a profound commitment to fostering creativity in others.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a non-political women's service organization whose members can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. Today's DAR is dynamic and diverse, with over 185,000 members in 3,000 chapters in the United States and abroad. DAR members annually provide millions of hours of volunteer service to their local communities across the country and world. DAR chapters participate in projects to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

If you are interested in learning more about DAR membership, please email mikregent2023 @gmail.com.



American History Co-Chair Dawn Needles, Kathy Krell, American History Co-Chair Katrina Lorenzen, Debbie Murray, Regent Charlsey Holler.

From the Project Linus Blanketeers First Monday Quilt Club: **Project Linus Volunteers Needed**

Come join the fun and enjoy great fellowship at the monthly meeting with the Quilt Club volunteers while you make a difference in our community and bless others by making quilts for Project Linus.

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 potluck lunch, ladies are asked to bring snack items. Their next meeting is on Monday, April 7.

Project Linus is a non-profit service organization. The members of this group are Tarrant County Chapter Project Linus volunteers who create handmade guilts and blankets that provide warmth and comfort for local children who have suffered 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. 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 high school students can receive community service credits for participating. Materials (fabric, batting, thread, and yarn) are provided. Donations of fabric, yarn, thread, or money to purchase materials are greatly appreciated.

For more information about the mission of Project Linus, visit www.projectlinus.org. For more information on this group and meetings, call Virginia Biela at 817-244-1263.

CITY OF RIVER OAKS SPRING CLEAN UP APRIL 1ST - APRIL 30TH

Now Is Your Chance To Clean Up Your Property, House And Garage And Get Rid Of Unwanted Refuse By Placing It At The Curb For Collection On Your Regular Trash Day And Bulk Pick Up Day.

During April Clean Up Month, The City Will Pick Up: Tree Limbs, Brush, Debris, Tires, And Trash From Your Curb.

TIRES WILL BE COLLECTED MARCH 1st THROUGH APRIL 30th. Place The Tires In A Separate Pile Next To Your Regular Trash.

For More Information Regarding River Oaks Clean Up Month, Please Contact Cassie In Public Works At 817-626-5421, Ext 332.

Suburban Newspapers, Inc. From National Day Calendar **April is Autism Awareness Month**

raises awareness for autism and Asperger's syndrome during April. Autism is a complex brain diagnosis that can inhibit a person's ability to communicate, respond to surroundings, and form relationships with others.

According to WHO, about one in 270 people in the world has Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). ASD is a group of developmental disabilities that causes challenges in many areas of one's life. Some of the affected areas include social, communication. and behavior. Children with ASD can be nonverbal or can have restricted or repetitive behaviors. ASD also affects people of increase awareness, advocate awareness, all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

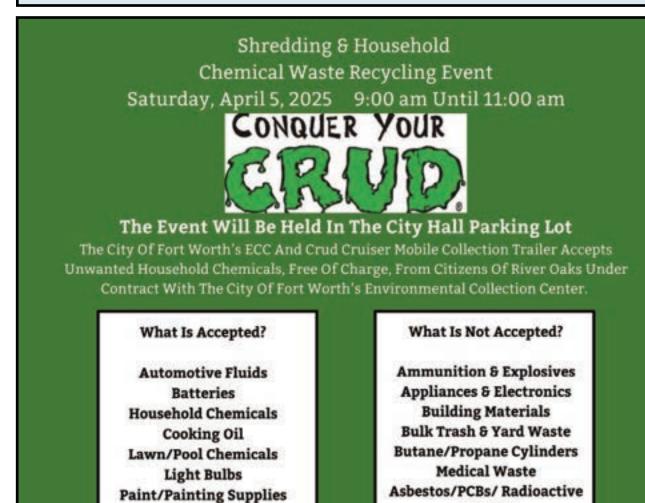
National Autism Awareness Month during World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD), celebrated each year on April 2. WAAD was adopted by the United Nations in 2007 to shine a bright light on autism as a growing global health crisis. WAAD activities increase world knowledge of autism and impart information about the importance of early diagnosis and early intervention. Additionally, WAAD celebrates the unique talents and skills of persons with autism around the world.

> National Autism Awareness Month began in 1972 as National Autistic Children's Week.

> The Autism Society founded the event to and spark change in schools, communities, medical facilities, and businesses.

The month-long observance takes place

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Suburban Newspapers, Inc. Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges The Great Southwest Railroad Strike of 1886

the late 1800s. Many workers made only 10 cents per hour for a 10hour work day. With difficult and dangerous work to perform for little pay, tensions rose between workers and their bosses. Labor unions emerged as workers sought to speak out. Arguments with management, however, erupted into full-scale wars. In 1886, railroad titan Jay Gould faced off a union called the Knights of Labor. The result was the Great Southwest Railroad Strike, the largest strike in Texas history.

In his 30 years in business, Jay Gould had risen from poverty to becoming one of the richest men in the country. By 1886, Gould owned 15 percent of all railroad tracks in the country - one mile out of every seven. The Knights of Labor had arisen promising to transform the landscape for workers, calling for equal pay for all races and for women, an end to child labor, an end to convict labor, and an 8hour work day. These ideas would not come to fruition for American workers for decades.

The union launched a strike against Gould the year before and was promised a pay raise and protection for union activities in a new contract. The company signed the agreement, but Gould had no intention of honoring it. He sat back and plotted his revenge. In the meantime, union membership surged. Nationally, numbers passed 700,000 for the Knights of Labor, including at least 30,000 in Texas.

Gould had spent years building a railroad empire and refused to answer to anyone while thousands of workers insisted they should have a voice in the company and a share in the success their work built. Gould was willing to risk everything and pay any price to defeat the union. Workers decided that they would be pushed no longer. The contest of wills soon began.

By early 1886, many of Gould's Texas workers began seeing pay cuts instead of the raises they were promised. In February, a union leader in Marshall was fired by the railroad for attending a union meeting. On March 1, the Knights of Labor voted to strike after regional

"Another day, another dollar" was a saying that became popular in leader Martin Irons, a Scottish immigrant, called for a response. Within days, more than 200,000 rail workers in five states went on strike. Several other rail unions refused to join the strike, but strikers quickly hit the heart of Gould's empire. The strike spread to Arkansas, Kansas, Illinois, and Missouri, stopping most transcontinental rail traffic.

> Gould hired new workers to replace the strikers and strikebreakers to protect the rail yards and to confront workers. Strikebreakers were used often to physically intimidate strikers, using everything from fistfights to rifles and shotguns. Workers often responded in kind. As the strike wore on, increasing numbers of incidents were reported across the state and the entire country.

> Texarkana, a city founded by the railroads, erupted into chaos as the strike began. With the railroads shut down, local businesses suffered. Groups calling themselves "law and order leagues" stormed the rail yards and seized control of them from the strikers. On April 3, violence erupted in Fort Worth. Strikers clashed with strikebreakers. Tarrant County sheriff's deputies were called out to restore order, but one deputy was killed and two others injured in the process.

> Determined to gain the upper hand, Gould decided to overpower strikers on the streets and in public opinion. He contacted one governor after another in the affected states asking for support. One after another, governors called up their state militias to confront the strikers. Texas Gov. John Ireland also agreed, sending state militia troops to Fort Worth to maintain order and Texas Rangers elsewhere to disrupt the strike. Workers sabotaged engines and rail lines. As the strike continued, workers faced an increasingly angry public that blamed them for the violence. By May, the union voted to end the strike, with no concessions from Gould at all.

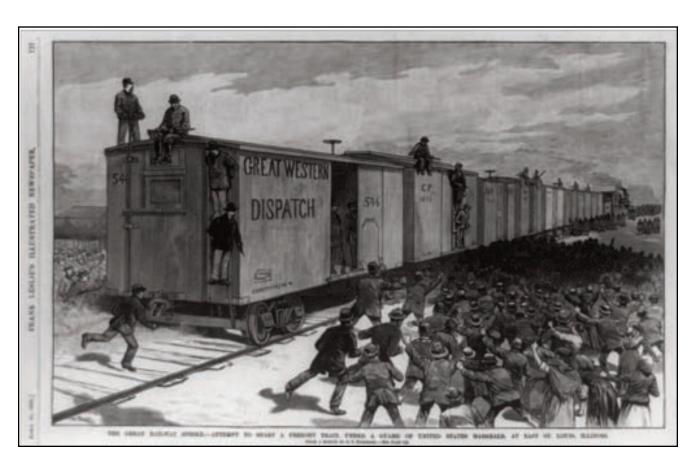
> Gould died in 1892, with control of his railroads intact. Irons himself was blacklisted and drifted from job to job under assumed names. He ultimately settled in Bruceville, not far from Waco, and spent years afterward speaking to unions. Both men have monuments to them; a

> > church was renamed for Gould in New York City while a historic marker is at Irons's grave in McLennan County.

The violence of the railroad strike, coupled with the notorious Haymarket Riot in Chicago later that year that left nearly a dozen dead in clashes between laborers and police devastated the cause of organized labor. Public opinion turned sharply against workers. The Knights of Labor was torn apart in the aftermath as accusations of who to blame raged back and forth and workers abandoned the organization. By 1890, more than 90 percent of its membership had left, and the organization collapsed.

Pictured left: The Great Railway Strike -Attempt to start a freight train, under a guard of United States Marshals, at East St. Louis, Illinois. Sketch by G. J. Nebinger.

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Weekend Forecast



Friday, April 4:

<u>AM</u> - Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. High near 76. E/SE wind 10 to 15 mph becoming SW in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%.
<u>PM</u> - Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. Some of the storms could produce heavy rainfall. Low around 55. N/NW wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%.



Saturday, April 5:

<u>AM</u> - Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. N/NW wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.
<u>PM</u> - A 20% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40. N/NW wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.



Sunday, April 6:

<u>AM</u> - Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. North wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. <u>PM</u> - Mostly clear, with a low around 40.

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