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From the Sports Desk with John Loven Lady Lions Extend Winning Streak



The Castleberry High School girls basketball team began the season dropping their first two games (to Benbrook 47-33 and Gainesville 45-41 in overtime). But they quickly rebounded with two victories, beating Diamond Hill (44-9) and Carter Riverside (46-9). On Tuesday, Nov. 28, they squared off against Poly at CHS. The Lady Parrots entered the game with a 2-4 record. Their two victories were surprisingly against the same two schools CHS had defeated, and by similar scores (Diamond Hill 45-15 and Carter Riverside 47-9). This game had the appearance of being a pretty good match up. However, despite a relatively close game for three quarters, the Lady Lions pulled away in the fourth quarter and coasted to a 42-18 win.

The Lady Lions jumped out to a 9-0 lead and led 9-2 at the end of the first quarter. But the Lady Parrots hung tough. In the second quarter they battled back and slowly chipped away at the CHS lead. They closed the quarter on a 4-0 run and trailed the Lady Lions 15-11 at halftime.

The third quarter began with CHS quickly extending their 4point lead to 10 points (21-11). The Lady Lions had impressive balanced scoring through the first three quarters.

In the opening quarter, four different players scored points. In the second quarter three more Lady Lions scored and in the third quarter two more teammates broke into the scorebook. The

Lady Lions also played some great defense in the third quarter as well. They did not allow a single Poly basket in the entire quarter.

The only points scored by the Lady Parrots came on two made free throws. (Incidentally, there was a large discrepancy between the number of free throws between the teams, Poly shot 28 to Castleberry's 9). The Lady Lions led 25-13 at the end of the third quarter.

Castleberry began the fourth quarter by committing a frustrating number of fouls and turnovers. This allowed Poly to score the first 4 points of the quarter and narrow the Lady Lions lead to 25-17 with 6:18 left to play in the game. But that would be as close as Poly would get.

The Lady Lions totally shut down the Lady Parrots at this point and only allowed Poly to score 1 more point the rest of the game. Meanwhile, senior Natalie Diaz (#2) exploded. She scored 10 points in the final quarter, including the last 8 points of the game for the Lady Lions. This led to the final score 42-18.

The girls were still incredibly balanced in scoring for the night. Diaz (#2) led all scorers with 13 points, but close behind were juniors Madalynn Michaels (#21) and Jennifer Renteria (#24) each with 8 points. They were followed by senior Arleth Resendiz (#1) with 3 points. Chipping in two points each were Marina Giron (#4/sophomore), Natalia Builtron (#5/junior), Jaycie Apple (#23/senior), Jayleen Lopez (#3/junior), and Kayleigh Campbell (#20/junior).

Castleberry (3-2) will play North Side on Dec. 5 before going back on the road for another tournament at Hillsboro over Dec. 7 through Dec. 9.

Go Lady Lions!

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State Financial Accountability Rating White Settlement ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., December 13, 2023 at the Administration Building located at 8224 White Settlement Rd, Fort Worth, Texas 76108. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss White Settlement ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

Legal Notice BWA Seeks Advisory Committee Applicants

The Board of Directors of the Benbrook Water Authority is accepting applications from citizens interested in serving on the Authority's Capital Improvements Advisory Committee. Applicants must be registered voters in the City of Benbrook, and must have resided in the City for one (1) year before the date of appointment (January 1, 2024). The Advisory Committee performs several functions including reviewing the capital improvements plan and filing written comments, and advising the Board of the need to update or revise the land use assumptions, capital improvements plan, and impact fee. Interested citizens can pick up an application at the Authority's office located at 1121 Mercedes St., Benbrook or download form а at www.benbrookwater.com and return it to the BWA office. Residents involved in real estate, development, or building industries are encouraged to apply. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 8, 2023.



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Suburban Newspapers, Inc. **StatePoint RSV** Prevention Options Can Help Protect Your Child This Season



Last fall, the United States saw an early and significant spike in cases of Respiratory Syncytial Virus, or RSV, which is the leading cause of hospitalizations in all infants. Now, there are options available to help prevent RSV in babies, including a preventive antibody and an RSV vaccination during pregnancy.

During the first season the new RSV immunizations are offered, they may be limited in availability in provider locations. Public



health experts are prioritizing use of the monoclonal antibody in infants at highest risk.

To ensure parents and caregivers of infants and young children have all the facts they need to protect their children during peak RSV season, the American Lung Association is sharing the following insights:

• RSV is extremely common. RSV infects people of all ages, and nearly 100 percent of all children become infected by age two.

• RSV can be severe. Most people, including infants, develop only mild symptoms similar to that of a common cold, but for some, RSV can be severe and even life threatening. The leading cause of hospitalizations in all infants, up to 80,000 children younger than five are hospitalized due to RSV in the United States each year.

• Severity is unpredictable. Good overall health is not a safeguard against severe RSV. A study by the American Academy of Pediatrics found that 79 percent of children hospitalized with RSV were previously healthy.

• RSV season is now. RSV season typically begins in the fall and peaks in the winter.

Preventing Infection

RSV is easily spread from person to person through close contact through respiratory droplets from coughing and sneezing. It can also survive on hard surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs, for many hours and can be spread by touching a surface with the virus on it and then touching your face or your baby's face.

If you have contact with an infant or young child, especially if they were born prematurely, are very young, have chronic lung or heart disease, a weakened immune system, or have neuromuscular disorders, you should take extra care to keep the infant healthy.

To help prevent severe RSV illness in infants, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the RSV vaccination during weeks 32-36 of pregnancy in September through January, or the new monoclonal antibody. The preventive antibody is recommended for infants under 8 months old in their first RSV season and some young children between 8 and 19 months old at increased risk, such as children who have chronic lung disease as a result of being born prematurely. This one-dose immunization is a long-acting preventive antibody that provides an extra layer of defense to help babies fight RSV infections for five months.

Monoclonal antibodies are man-made proteins that mimic the immune system's naturally-produced antibodies to help fight off harmful viruses. This preventive antibody is not a vaccine, and not for children who are already sick with RSV.

If you are the parent or caregiver of a young child, you are also encouraged to:

- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Avoid kissing your child while you're sick.

• Talk with your healthcare provider about your baby's risk and options to prevent severe RSV illness.

For more RSV information, visit Lung.org/RSV.

Suburban Newspapers, Inc. Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges American Military Officer, James Walker Fannin, Jr.



the politics of Mexico.

New Year's Day in 1804 in rural Georgia. soon swept up in the excitement. He came from a noted family that included veterans of the American Revolution, and voices calling for Texas independence by his plantation at the other end of the state.

an appointment to the United States Military Texas following suit. Academy at West Point and enrolled as a Point.

By 1828, he moved to Columbus, Georgia, appointed as captain. where he was now focused, successful, and joined the Georgia state militia, served as a to repossess a cannon on loan to the comand was a leader in the local temperance so- American tribes. Word had spread of the ar-

lasco, then a prosperous port city in Brazoria can forces were repelled for the time being, County at the mouth of the Brazos River. but Fannin realized it was only the begin-He bought a plantation and became a slave ning. Some men live only a short life, but one trader. Though illegal across the rest of moment can be remembered for generations. Mexico, Fannin's business was in high de- Texas only in 1834. The 30-year-old planter James Fannin was a planter, businessman, mand among the Texas colonists. He arrived brought his wife and two daughters with solider, and family man. He was only 32 in Velasco at a time when tensions were high him. A fight with Mexico was brewing, and when he died during the Texas Revolution. amid the bitter memories of a vicious battle Fannin jumped in with both feet. In the first Fannin's death would be a rallying cry ac- between residents of Velasco and the Mexi- battle of the Texas Revolution in October ross Texas, but his early life was one far can Army two years before in which a dozen 1835, Fannin led his Brazos Guards from from the concerns of the Texas frontier and men died over a Mexican garrison nearby. Velasco against Mexican forces at the Battle Relations between the colonists and Mexico of Gonzales. In spite of this initial success, James Walker Fannin, Jr., was born on were disintegrating rapidly, and Fannin was the fortunes of Texas in battle would soon

Fannin became part of a rising chorus of fortune would cost Fannin everything. later, the War of 1812. His cousin, Samuel early 1835. In Mexico City, one govern- pendence, a provisional government was es-F. B. Morse, would later invent the tele- ment after another came to power and col- tablished in November. Former Tennessee graph. Fannin's father was a physician and lapsed, with each regime unable to contain governor Sam Houston, now a Texas resa planter, but the circumstances of his birth the rising resentment across the country. ident and also an advocate for independcreated a scandal. His parents were not mar- Mexico tried to tighten its grip on the Texas ence, was named commander in chief of the ried. As a result, he was soon adopted by colonists, with their rage only rising in re- army. Houston offered the position of judge his grandfather, James Walker, and raised on sponse as Mexico's ideas of law and order advocate to Fannin, but Fannin wanted a clashed with Texas ideals and ambitions. field command instead. Houston named In 1818, he enrolled at the University of Uprising and rebellions would soon erupt him colonel. Georgia. The next year, however, he earned across southern and central Mexico, with

cadet. Only 15, he was wild and unfocused, Committee of Safety and Correspondence, By February, Mexican forces under Gen. even with military discipline. His grades echoing the American Revolution, and con- Jose de Urrea had taken the city, forcing were poor, and his temper was sharp. At the tacted Fannin in August to use his influence Fannin to prepare for the defense of Goliad beginning of his third year, he challenged a in the cause. Fannin called for the Consul- instead, a position southeast of San Antonio. fellow cadet to a duel. This deeply upset his tation, a meeting to be held later that year to Mexican forces were flooding into Texas. instructors, and he resigned from West discuss the possibility of independence. Houston and Fannin initially considered Fannin also contacted old friends and pow- sending forces to relieve the defenders at the He returned to Georgia, went into busi- erful allies in Georgia and from his days at Alamo in San Antonio, but Houston instead

ness for himself, and married a young West Point to solicit funds for a possible woman named Minerva Fort. Within a few fight against Mexico. A militia was formed years, his life had completely turned around. in Velasco, the Brazos Guards, with Fannin

Mexico made its first move in October at a respected member of the community. He the Battle of Gonzales. The army attempted Grand Master for the local Masonic lodge, munity used for defense against Native ciety. His wife eventually gave birth to two rival of the army, and Fannin's Brazos daughters. His business thrived. He at- Guards had arrived to rally the people and tempted to become a local judge, but his to intercept the arriving force. Gunfire dueling scandal at West Point ended that bid. erupted on October 2, making Gonzales the In 1834, Fannin moved his family to Ve- first battle of the Texas Revolution. Mexi-

> James Walker Fannin, Jr., had arrived in change dramatically. The tides of war and

> As Texas began moving toward inde-

By January 1836, Fannin was planning on taking a group of volunteers to seize Mat-In Texas, a group of citizens formed the amoros on the south side of the Rio Grande.

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Texas History Minute (continued from page 4)

were wiped out by March 6. Fannin had sent forces to Refugio, Col. Jose de la Portilla began carrying out Santa Anna's orders to but he received orders from Houston on March 14 to assume a po- execute all prisoners. sition near Victoria.

Five days later, he learned they had been captured. Only now did made to witness each death. They tortured him with the sound of he begin his retreat. Fannin was quietly criticized by his troops. executions. A gunshot, a shriek, and then silence. Over and over Though he had spent a brief time at West Point as a cadet and his again. Fannin was executed last. Nearly 420 men were slaughshort period in the Georgia militia, he had difficulty winning the tered. confidence of his men. He delayed while his position worsened. And it soon rose to beyond his worst fears.

Fannin. At Coleto, on March 19, Fannin and his 450 men were sur- the Alamo!" At the Battle of San Jacinto in April, the battle cry led rounded by more than a thousand troops under Urrea. Fannin or- Texas to a surprise victory over Mexican troops, securing the indedered a defensive square, but tall grass impaired their vision and pendence of Texas. they came under cannon fire and the force of Urrea's cavalry. The Texans put up a furious defense, repelling three bayonet charges. Fannin County was named for him in 1837. His home state of Geor-Fannin's casualties were growing – ten men were killed and 67 wounded. By daybreak the next morning, Fannin offered terms of state line in his honor. Across Texas, numerous streets and schools surrender to Urrea, which included help for the wounded and fair have been named for him, including schools in Dallas, Grand Praitreatment for the men.

Santa Anna, had other plans. The prisoners, now being taken to Goliad battlefield was made a state park and memorial in 1939. nearby Goliad, were to be shown no mercy. Though Urrea pled for

ordered the Alamo abandoned. The Alamo defenders stayed and clemency, Santa Anna ignored him. On March 27, Palm Sunday,

Men who could not walk were shot were they laid. Others were Fannin delayed, hoping to hear news of his force at Refugio. marched out a few at a time and shot in a nearby field. Fannin was

Fannin would never see the results of the war. In the weeks after his death, his loss became a rallying cry for Texas troops. "Re-While he delayed, Urrea's forces had managed to catch up to member Goliad!" was shouted in the same breath as "Remember

In the years after his death, Fannin was honored across the state. gia named created its own Fannin County in 1854 on the Tennessee rie, Amarillo, and Midland. The small community of Fannin, not Urrea initially agreed, but his superior, Gen. Antonio Lopez de far from Victoria, is named for him and has a memorial to him. The

From the Project Linus Blanketeers First Monday Quilt Club - Project Linus Christmas Party

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. Their next meeting is on Monday, Dec. 4, when they will have a Christmas Party. Volunteers are asked to bring one unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots Christmas program, brunch, snacks or Christmas goodies to share during the party, and a wrapped (inexpensive or white elephant) gift for a Chinese gift exchange.

Project Linus is a non-profit service organization, and the members of this group are Tarrant County Chapter Project Linus volunteers who create handmade quilts and blankets that provide love, warmth, and comfort for local children who have suffered trauma, tragedy, or illness.

Volunteers also make coverlets for veterans, nursing home residents, and the homeless. Unfortunately, the need for these

The First Monday Quilt Club meets on blankets increases each month. They desperately need volunteers with portable sewing machines to help assemble the quilts.

place for you. Anyone can help if you can follow instructions, sew, tie a knot, crochet a blanket, or tell a good joke. Volunteers of have lots of fun and develop fantastic friendships.

High school students can receive community service credits for participating.

Materials (fabric, batting, thread, and varn) are provided. Donations of fabric, yarn, thread, sewing machines, sergers, or money No experience is needed - there is a to purchase materials are greatly appreciated.

> For more information about the mission Linus. visit Project www.projectlinus.org. For more information about the First Monday Quilt Club, call Virginia Biela at 817-244-1263.

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Friday, Dec. 1:

<u>AM</u> - Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. W/NW wind 5 to 10 mph becoming E/NE in the afternoon. <u>PM</u> - Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. E wind around 5 mph becoming S/SW after midnight.



Saturday, Dec. 2:

<u>AM</u> - Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. SW wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. <u>PM</u> - Mostly clear, with a low around 42. W wind 5 to 10 mph.



Sunday, Dec. 3:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny, with a high near 66. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. <u>PM</u> - Mostly clear, with a low around 41.

Extended Forecast Click Here