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From River Oaks News Staff Writers

Castleberry Community Mourns the Loss of Longtime Educator and Lion Fan, Dean Roberson



The Castleberry community is mourning the loss of a beloved educator, coach, and lifelong supporter. On the morning of Oct. 10, longtime Castleberry ISD teacher and administrator Dean Roberson passed away, leaving behind a legacy of dedication, lead-

ership, and unwavering school spirit that touched generations of Lions.

Roberson faithfully served Castleberry ISD for 31 years, working as a teacher, coach, athletic director, and administrator. Colleagues remember him as a mentor who inspired both students and staff, and as a man whose love for the district never wavered.

His passion for Castleberry athletics was unmatched. Roberson attended an astounding 664 consecutive Castleberry varsity football games, home and away, never missing an opportunity to cheer on the Lions. His commitment to supporting students extended far beyond the classroom, embodying the pride and loyalty that define the Castleberry community.

For more than six decades, Roberson was a fixture on the sidelines, in the stands,

and throughout the community, always wearing his Lions pride. His legacy as Castleberry's number one fan will live on in the halls, fields, and hearts of those he inspired.



From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Castleberry Falls to Kennedale in Tough District Debut



The Castleberry Lions finally opened district play this past Friday night at W.O. Barnes Stadium. Their opponent was long-time football juggernaut, Kennedale. The Wildcats actually entered the contest with a losing record (2-3) having lost to LaVega 41-3, Springtown 55-0, and Panther Creek 56-17. Meanwhile, the Lions came in with a winning record of 3-2. Those facts had absolutely nothing to do with the outcome of this game, and the Wildcats totally dominated the contest. The game got out of hand quickly and ended in a rout as Kennedale rolled on for a 55-7 victory over our Lions.

The evening began on a sad note for many CISD former students and faculty. Longtime CISD teacher, coach and administrator Dean Roberson passed away earlier in the *(continued on page 3)*

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From the City of River Oaks
**Residential and
Commercial
Garbage Collection
Rates to Rise Nov. 1**

The City of River Oaks announced that garbage collection rates will increase beginning Nov. 1 to offset rising landfill, operational, and equipment costs.

Residential garbage rates will rise by \$2 per month, from \$27 to \$29 per household, plus tax, following a 6.4% increase in landfill fees this year.

In addition, a 10% monthly franchise fee will be applied to commercial dumpster customers. The city said the fee will help recover expenses related to street usage, dispatching, billing, and other administrative costs associated with waste collection.

Legal Notice

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit (MP) by REPUB LK Inc, DBA Al's 1187 Bar & Grill to be located at 3969 FM 1187 Ste 210-220 Crowley TX 76036.

Owner of business: Amanda Parker.

Legal Notice

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Malt Beverage Retailers Permit and a Food and Beverage Permit by Keith Armand dba Catfish Station LLC is located at 4158 E. Rosedale St. ste B Fort Worth TX, 76105. In Tarrant County Texas.

The owner and manager is Keith Armand.

From the City of Fort Worth
**Fort Worth
to Host Warrant
Forgiveness Event
Saturday**

The City of Fort Worth and District 11 are inviting residents with outstanding municipal court citations to participate in a "Court in the Community Warrant Forgiveness" event set for Saturday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to noon at New Riverside United Methodist Church, located at 3419 E. Belknap Street.

The event is designed to offer a "safe harbor court" setting, allowing people with Class C criminal cases through Fort Worth Municipal Court to engage with city staff and explore options to resolve their cases without fear of arrest.

Attendance is limited: only the first 120 people will be served, and all cases will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Beyond court assistance, the event will offer walk-up services free of charge, including:

- Support from the City of Fort Worth EnVision Center and Community Action Partner for rental, utility, tuition, and job-search resources.
- Job placement, counseling, and career-readiness support from Goodwill North Central Texas, including help with resumes and interview preparation.

Residents who want more information or to check eligibility can visit the Municipal Court page on the [City of Fort Worth's website](#) or call the court at 817-392-6700 during regular business hours.

As Fort Worth continues addressing access to justice and community support, the "Court in the Community" event represents one of the city's steps toward making court obligations more manageable for its residents.

Sports Desk

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day. Roberson was truly a legend in CISD circles, and a moment of silence was observed in honor of this great man prior to kickoff.

As the game began the Lions actually scored first. They took the opening kickoff and marched down the field. On a third-and-9 senior quarterback Ethan Chappell found junior Jeremiah Sanchez for a 34-yard touchdown. Sophomore kicker Cristian Gutierrez was good on the point-after-touchdown and CHS led 7-0. So, there was optimism after this first CHS possession.

It took the Wildcats just two plays to respond with their own touchdown. However, their point-after-touchdown hit the crossbar and missed. This left the Lions in the lead 7-6. But that would not take long to change. Unfortunately, from here on it was all Kennedale. The Lions fumbled on their next possession and the Wildcats recovered. They took it in and scored a touchdown and gained the lead and never looked back.

By the end of the first quarter, the Wildcats had taken a commanding 27-7 lead. The Lions have had a difficult time stopping opposing offenses. Kennedale had its way running the ball against the Lions and they amassed a total of 440 yards rushing, and on just 36 carries. That came out to an amazing 12.2 yards/rush. They finished the night with over 500 yards of offense.

By halftime, Kennedale had extended their lead to 41-7. With that offense, combined with three turnovers by the Lions (three fumbles lost), it was a long night for Castleberry. Kennedale would tack on another touchdown in the third quarter and one more in the fourth quarter and ended with a final score of 55-7. The lone bright spot offensively for CHS was senior running back Isaiah Ford who rushed for 100 yards on 25 carries.

The Lions (3-3/0-1) will now travel to Standridge Stadium on Friday, Oct. 17 to face Carrollton Ranchview (2-3/0-1). The Lions and Wolves will be seeking their first win in district (Ranchview loss to Alvarado 86-13 last week). Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. Go Lions!

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From the City of Fort Worth

Fort Worth, REC to Host Free Development 101 Workshop

Tuesday, Oct. 21



Registration for the workshop is free. Attendees are encouraged to reserve a spot in advance.

Parking will be available in the back surface lot on the west side along Forest Park Boulevard and W. 5th Street, in the designated “Blue Section.”

For questions or more information, contact Kelle Moulton - REC of Greater Fort Worth at kelle@recouncilgfw.com.

The workshop reflects Fort Worth’s effort to engage its development community and improve transparency in project delivery. Developers and stakeholders are also directed to the city’s Development Resources site for forms, guides, and support materials.

The Real Estate Council of Greater Fort Worth (REC) and the City of Fort Worth will host a free “Development 101 Workshop: Steps to Pre-Construction, Stormwater Policies & Permits + Legislative Changes” on Tuesday, Oct. 21 from 1 to 5 p.m. at New City Hall, 100 Fort Worth Trail.

The four-hour session is aimed at developers, engineers, neighborhood leaders and anyone interested in how projects move from concept to construction in Fort Worth.

City staff and subject matter experts will guide attendees through three key segments:

- Steps to Pre-Construction: A walk-through of the path from approved civil plans to the start of construction, detailing required documents, permits, and inter-departmental coordination.
- Stormwater Policy & Permit Requirements: An overview of relevant regulations, required permits, and recommended best

- practices for compliance.
- Recent Legislative Changes: Discussion of new state laws affecting development regulations and what they mean for projects under review or in planning.
- Participants will gain practical tools to navigate city requirements, reduce delays, and avoid common pitfalls.

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Fort Worth Invites Residents to Help Shape the City's Future

The City of Fort Worth is calling on residents with expertise in architecture, design, or development to volunteer for one of its Design Review Boards, which play a vital role in shaping the city's distinctive character.

Applicants can apply for the Urban Design Commission or the Downtown Design Review Board by Oct. 31, through the city's website at fortworthtexas.gov. These boards help preserve Fort Worth's most unique and historic districts, ensuring that they remain safe, walkable, and attractive places to live, work, and play.

According to city officials, members typically attend about four hours of meetings each month. Those not selected for these specific boards may be considered for other city board appointments as needed.

Preference will be given to applicants with knowledge or experience in landscape architecture, planning and urban design, engineering, or historic preservation. Other valuable backgrounds include architecture, law, property development, building design, and real estate or financing.

For more information or to apply, visit www.fortworthtexas.gov.

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From the Fort Worth Public Library

Put On Your Detective Hat: Fort Worth Library Invites Adults to Solve a 1920s-Style Whodunit!

The Fort Worth Public Library's Ella Mae Shamblee branch will host a free, adults-only event titled "Mocktails & Murder" on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 6 to 7 p.m. at 1062 Evans Ave.

The lighthearted mystery program invites participants to step back in time for a 1920s-inspired evening of intrigue and fun. Guests are encouraged to dress in dapper attire and join fellow sleuths to help crack the case before "someone gets pinched."

According to library staff, the event was designed for mystery-loving adults who enjoy interactive storytelling, themed refreshments, and community connection.

"Mocktails & Murder" is free to attend, and registration is not required. The Fort Worth Public Library encourages attendees to arrive early, as space may be limited.

For more information about upcoming programs, visit fortworthtexas.gov/library or contact the Ella Mae Shamblee Library at 817-392-7650.

Volunteer for a City of Fort Worth Design Review Board!

These boards shape and defend Fort Worth's most distinctive areas, ensuring districts remain safe, walkable, and unique for live, work, and play.

APPLY for the Urban Design Commission

OR the Downtown Design Review Board ONLINE HERE:

www.fortworthtexas.gov/government/boards/boards-members-vacancies

Apply By October 31, 2025

Members must be able to attend approx 4 hours of meetings, typically held once per month. Applicants who are not selected may also be considered for other City boards as needed.

Preference for knowledgeable applicants in areas of:

- Landscape Architecture
- Planning & Urban Design
- Engineering
- Historic Preservation

Other Valuable Background Includes:

- Architecture
- Law
- Property Development
- Building Design
- Real Estate & Financing

Visit the City website at www.fortworthtexas.gov

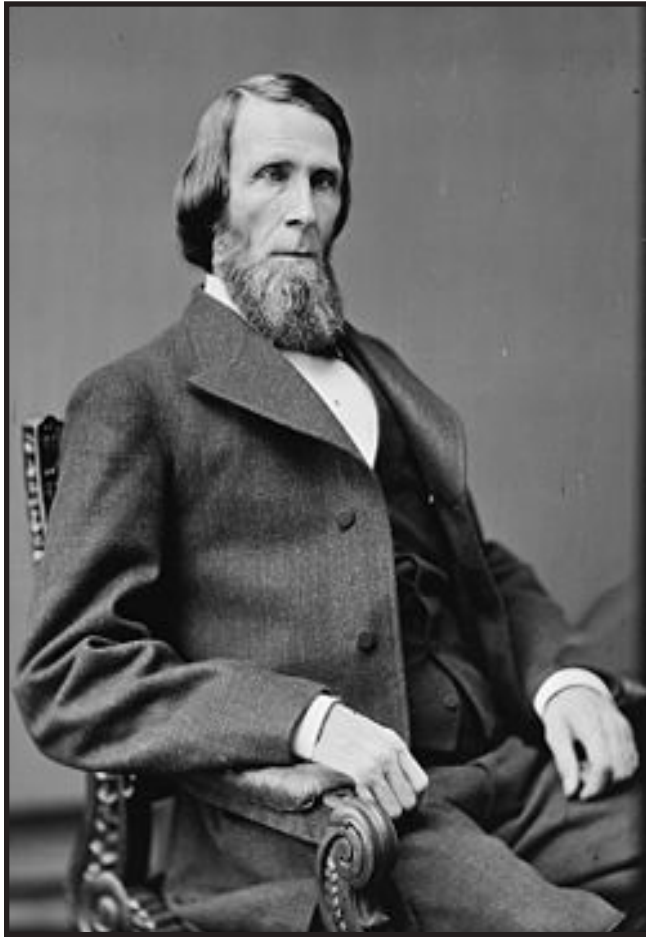


Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges

Texas Honors Samuel B. Maxey, Lawyer, Soldier, and Senator Who Shaped the State's Early History

The Civil War era produced many interesting figures in Texas History. Among them was Samuel B. Maxey, a lawyer, Confederate general, and U. S. Senator.

Samuel Bell Maxey was born in 1825 in southern Kentucky. His father, Rice Maxey, was an attorney. He attended school faithfully, and in 1842, he was selected to attend the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. His roommate was Stonewall Jackson and at-



tended classes with Ulysses S. Grant. He struggled academically at West Point but graduated in 1846 as a second lieutenant.

As his class graduated, the United States was entering the war with Mexico. Maxey was assigned to an infantry unit in Monterey. He saw action in some of the fiercest battles of the Mexican War and was cited for his bravery and promoted to first lieutenant. As the war ended, Maxey was assigned to a police unit as the U.S. Army occupied Mexico City. Once the peace treaty with Mexico was signed, Maxey was reassigned to a post in Missouri. He resigned from the army in 1849 and returned to Kentucky.

He decided to follow in his father's footsteps and become an attorney. He studied law under his father, a common arrangement in a time when there were few law schools. He was admitted to the Kentucky bar in 1851 and joined his father's law practice. He married in 1853 and moved to Texas with his father and bride in 1857.

They settled in Lamar County, just south of Paris, where they established a thriving law practice. In 1858, he was elected district attorney for Lamar County. When the Civil War approached, he was elected to the secession convention in 1861 and supported Texas joining the Confederacy. He was elected to the state senate but declined the position in order to raise an infantry regiment for the South. His father served in the state senate instead. He organized the Ninth Infantry Regiment near Bonham as its colonel, enlisting more than a thousand men. However, he was soon reassigned. He was promoted to brigadier general in 1862 and participated in the Battle of Port Hudson in Louisiana in 1863.

He was reassigned later in 1863 to take military command of the

Indian Territory (present-day Oklahoma), where he worked with the tribes allied to the Confederacy against the Union government. He organized raids on Union incursions into the area, seizing supplies and preventing a possible Union invasion of Texas from the North.

In February 1865, Maxey was ordered to Houston to take command of a division stationed in the area. By the time he arrived, the war was nearly over. Confederate units were retreating in all directions, shortages of food and ammunition were everywhere, and the troops all saw the writing on the wall. Many of Maxey's troops decided the Confederacy was a lost cause and deserted. By the end of April, the Confederate government in Richmond had collapsed, Gen. Robert E. Lee and most other generals had surrendered, and Confederate President Jefferson Davis was on the run. He asked the remaining Confederate officials in Texas to resign, and he left his post in May. Upon his return to Paris, he surrendered to Union officers who had already made their way to the area.

After the end of the war, he enlisted the help of his old classmate Gen. Grant to apply for a pardon from the federal government, which was granted in 1867. He resumed his legal work and attempted a run for office. In 1872, he ran for Congress but lost the Democratic nomination. Gov. Edmund J. Davis, though a former Union general and a Republican, was impressed by Maxey and offered him a position as a judge. Maxey declined, feeling his legal work had created too many conflicts of interest.

In 1874, a new Democratic legislature had taken control in Austin. As state legislators still chose United States Senators at this point, they selected Maxey for the Senate. His tenure in the Senate was somewhat lackluster but he managed several successes involving transportation and infrastructure. He served on the committee on post offices and post roads where he expanded post offices across Texas, speeding up commerce and communications across the frontier areas, gained aid for improving the state's harbors along the Gulf of Mexico, and gained federal support for expanding the railroad network across the state. He also helped establish a stagecoach route between Fort Worth and Yuma, Arizona. He was re-elected in 1880.

He attempted a third term in 1886. Instead, Congressman John H. Reagan of Palestine, an eight-term congressman and former Confederate postmaster general, was selected by the state legislature to replace Maxey. Maxey accepted the decision and quietly returned to Texas in 1887.

Upon his arrival in Paris, Maxey resumed his law practice. He would eventually bring on two nephews as partners.

In 1892, he retired from the law firm. His health was declining, and he traveled to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, in 1895 for the recuperative warm springs, but he died there at age 70.

In 1942, the United States Army opened Camp Maxey near Paris as a training center, but closed it after World War II ended. Maxey's home is considered a state historical site.

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Saturday, Oct. 18: AM - Sunny, with a high near 89. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. PM - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Clear, with a low around 59. West northwest wind around 10 mph becoming north after midnight.
Sunday, Oct. 19: AM - Sunny, with a high near 82. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east in the afternoon. PM - Clear, with a low around 60.

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