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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

## **Castleberry Lions Stomp South Hills Scorpions**



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By the time the game had ended the



The Castleberry Varsity Boys, Varsity Girls, and JV Girls Cross Country teams took first place at the Grand Prarie meet on Sept. 6.

From Castleberry ISD

# Registration Deadline Today for Castleberry Homecoming Parade

Community members are invited to join the Castleberry tradition and participate in the homecoming parade on Thursday, Sept.

Registration for this year's parade is due by Thursday, Sept. 12. Community floats including local Police and Firefighters, area business owners, church organizations, student clubs/athletes, marching band, homecoming court, and much more are all encouraged to participate in this long standing Castleberry tradition.

#### **Homecoming Events Timeline**

- Thursday, Sept. 19 Homecoming Parade 6 p.m. Theme: Castleberry through the Eras. Community Pep Rally and Burning of the Letters 7 p.m.
- Friday, September 20 Castleberry High School Pep Rally (featuring CHS Alumni/former staff) 3 p.m.

Castleberry High School vs. Diamond Hill Jarvis High School varsity football game 7:30 p.m. Homecoming Court will be introduced during halftime, and the King and Queen for the Class of 2025 will be officially announced. Tickets for all home athletic events must be purchased in advance using the online ticket portal. Screenshots of tickets cannot be redeemed.

See page 2 for Parade Route Graphic

## CISD Homecoming Events (continued from page 1)

#### **Parade Route**

The homecoming parade will commence from the front parking lot of Castleberry High School on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 6 p.m.

Parade will turn left on Churchill road, and immediately make a left to travel westbound on Blackstone Drive to the intersection of Merritt Street and Blackstone Drive.

Parade will turn right on Merritt Street, and travel northbound to the intersection of Merritt Street and Black Oak Lane.

Parade will turn right on Black Oak Lane, and travel eastbound to the intersection of Black Oak Lane and Churchill Road.

Parade will turn right, and travel southbound on Churchill Road, passing by Irma Marsh Middle School and ending at Castleberry High School.

#### **Parade Parking**

Please be aware parking will not be available at CHS or in front of W.O. Barnes Stadium. Limited parking will be available in the W.O. Barnes visitor lot (corner of Worthview Street and Blackstone Street) and in Irma Marsh Middle School's front north parking lot. Community members are invited to park anywhere along the route to watch the parade pass by.

#### **Drop-Offs**

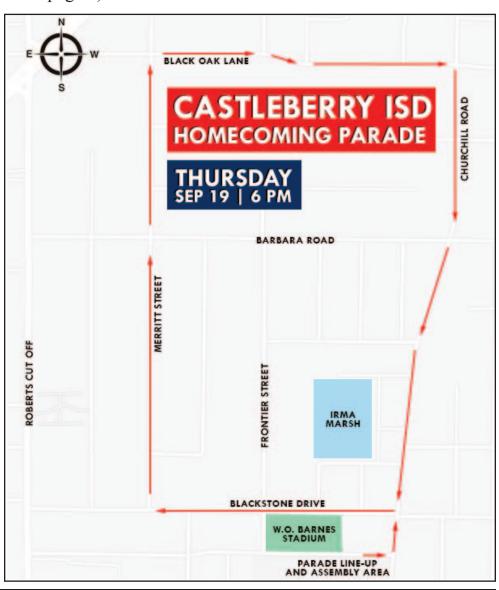
To avoid parade assembly areas and getting stuck in traffic, it is recommended that anyone participating on a float be dropped off

in the driveway of the CHS Competition Gym (take White Settlement Road and turn on Churchill Road) or near W.O. Barnes Stadium (on Blackstone Drive).

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Marietta F. Winfrey

Marietta F. Winfrey passed away on Aug. 28, 2024, in Lawrence, Kansas.

Memorial services for Marietta will be held at the Lawrence First Church of the Nazarene (1470 N 1000 Road) on Friday, Oct. 4, 2024, at 2 p.m.

Kansas before they put down root for good.



Marietta was born to Louis and Phyllis Fergerson in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, on Dec. 11, 1948. Marietta married John Winfrey in Fort Worth, Texas, on July 19, 1969. Marietta and John had known each other all their lives, having attended kindergarten together in Texas. Marietta was a loving and good wife and mother who supported John in his teaching and many careers, beginning in Kitzingen, Germany, where John served in the U.S. Army as a young officer. It was there Marietta gave birth to her first two children. After Germany, John became a public School teacher in Texas for 8 years. From there, they moved to Ada, Oklahoma, where John worked for Army ROTC at East Central Oklahoma State University. The next move took them to St. Louis, Missouri, where John worked in the U.S. Army

In 1989, Marietta and her good friend Deb Danielson established the Little Lambs Daycare in the Indian Hills Neighborhood of Lawrence. For 18 years Little Lambs provided quality and professional home day care for many Lawrence children. In 2006, Marietta closed her business before spending the next 5 years working for Childcare Aware, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping Kansas families find solutions for their childcare needs, connecting families and expecting mothers with helpful information and community resources, and assisting early learning programs.

Records Center. Then, finally, in the summer of 1987, the family moved to

Lawrence, Kansas, where John worked in Army ROTC at the University of

Marietta, a woman of deep faith, was a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church for over 20 years and, in 2011, became a member of First Church of the Nazarene (both of Lawrence, KS). Through emotional and spiritual coaching over the years, Marietta has influenced and impacted many people, especially young people. Though shy as a young woman, Marietta became quite vocal about social and personal freedoms, individual rights, and equality, and she was unafraid to speak up about what she believed in when she thought it was right.

Upon her retirement in 2010, Marietta and John hit the road crisscrossing the United States in their RV. Marietta loved the ocean and the Rocky Mountains. She and John stayed frequently at Jamaica Beach and Port Aransas, Texas, and Golden Gate Canyon State Park in Colorado, where she and John stayed 29 different times between 1978 and 2018.

Sadly, over the last few years, Marietta dealt with various illnesses but showed courage and bravery throughout. Above all else, Marietta was deeply devoted to her family. She passed peacefully in her home with her loving husband and children at her side. Just as she wanted. She was a wonderful wife, mother, friend, mentor, and caregiver to so many. She will not be forgotten.

Marietta is survived by her husband of 56 years, John; five children, Jennifer (Carlo Washington) Younger, Bryan (Lori) Winfrey, Shannon (Freddie) Hammonds, Kristen (Drew) Woods, and Jeremy Winfrey; ten grandchildren, Shelby Winfrey, Jaiden Younger, Breckin Younger, Saylor Winfrey, Kalli Winfrey, Bailey Hammonds, Shayne Hammonds, Elijah Chaffin, Rose Naramore-Winfrey, and Sophia Naramore-Winfrey; and her brother, Stephen (Marianela) Furgerson.

Memorial contributions may be made in Marietta's name to Childcare Aware of Eastern Kansas and may be sent in care of Warren-McElwain Mortuary, 120 W. 13th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044. For more information or to post a condolence, go to warrenmcelwain.com.

From North Central Texas Council of Governments

# NCT9-1-1 Educates About Accidentally Dialing 9-1-1



# North Central Texas Council of Governments

Accidental 9-1-1 calls happen more often than you might think. Whether it's a toddler playing with your phone, an unintended pocket dial, or a technical glitch, these calls can easily occur.

While it's understandable to feel embarrassed or worried, the best thing you can do is not hang up. Staying on the line and explaining the situation is crucial for ensuring that emergency services can focus on real emergencies.

When you hang up after an accidental call, the 9-1-1 call taker is obligated to call you back to ensure there isn't an emergency.

If they can't reach you, they might dispatch emergency services to your location to make sure everything is okay, which can divert valuable resources from real emergencies and cause unnecessary stress for everyone involved. Staying on the line allows the 9-1-1 call taker to quickly ascertain that there is no emergency and ensures the efficiency of the system.

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## **Sports** Desk (continued from page 1)

pions. The final score was CHS 45 to South with 3:10 left in the first quarter. Hills 0.

entered the game 1-0. They opened their season up with a victory over Diamond Hill 59-7. The Lions showed no lingering ill effects from the tough loss they experienced last week. They took the opening kick off and drove 75 yards in nine plays. Junior running back Isaiah Ford (#25) picked up where he left off from last week's game (where he rushed for over 200 yards). In the first drive he had six carries for 34 yards. But the big play of this drive occurred on a third-and-10 from the South Hills 24-yard line. Senior quarterback Demetrius Valadez (#7) found fellow senior wide receiver Corbett Brown (#5) for a 24-yard touchdown reception. The 2-point conversion attempt failed but the Lions still led 6-0 with 8:48 left in the first quarter.

The Scorpions managed a couple of first downs on their first possession but the Lions defense stiffened and forced a punt. CHS began their second possession once again on their own 25-yard line. They quickly gave the Scorpions a heavy dose of



pletely shutting out the Scorpions. The end four of those were runs by Ford. His tenth result was a total dismantling of the Scor- carry of the night was a 19-yard touchdown

Senior kicker Chris Montoya (#14) South Hills, who last year finished 0-10, made the point-after-touchdown to make the score 13-0. Ford was already up to 91 yards rushing in the first quarter.

> The Lions quickly forced the Scorpions to punt on their next possession. CHS then took the ball on their own 21-yard line. Lions rushing attack.

> On this drive Valadez had two big pass completions. One was another connection to Brown and another to sophomore Brian Ceniceros (#10). But again, it was Ford who proved to be unstoppable. He scored his second touchdown of the night on a 7yard plunge. Brown ran the ball in for the 2-point conversion to give the Lions a 21-0 lead with 9:09 left in the second quarter.

> The Scorpions were finally able to move the ball a little on their next drive. However, on fourth-and-12 from the Lions 32yard line their desperate pass was intercepted by Lion senior defensive back Michael Ramirez (#17).

> CHS took over and drove the ball 63 yards in eight plays. Ford got the third touchdown in just the first half on a 20-yard run. Valadez threw to Ceniceros for a 2point conversion to push the Lion lead to 29-0 with 1:44 left in the second quarter.

South Hills began with good field position in the following possession. They drove the ball down to the Lions 19-yard line this time. On fourth-and-5 they attempted a field goal but missed. The teams left for their locker rooms at halftime with CHS leading 29-0.

The Scorpions received the ball to begin the second half. With hopes of getting on the scoreboard they drove the ball past midfield. They reached the Lions 34-yard line. However, the Lions ended the drive at this point. On fourth down the defense stopped the Scorpions running back for no gain. Ball went back to CHS on downs.

The Lions quickly killed any hopes the Scorpions had to getting back into the game

up six touchdowns and a safety while com- Ford. The Lions scored in just five plays, on the next possession. They took the ball over at their own 34-yard line and marched the rest of the field in 11 plays. Senior running back Caden Perez (#6) scampered the final six yards for a touchdown. Montoya was good on the point-after-touchdown. With only 3:21 left in the third quarter the Lions now led 36-0 and basically put the game out of reach.

> As the fourth quarter began, the CHS stopped another South Hills drive. The South Hills simply had no answer for the Lions took over near mid field and scored in short measure, four plays! The big gainer was a 34-yard scramble by quarterback Valadez. On the very next play, Ford punched in his fourth touchdown of the night on a 6yard run. Montoya added the point-aftertouchdown. The Lion lead now ballooned to 43-0 with 10:03 left in the game.

> > The last score of the night was registered by the special teams/defense. The Lions had forced the Scorpions into a punt from their own 20-yard line. The snap sailed far over the head of the South Hills punter. The ball ended going out of the back of the end zone, which resulted in a safety, and two more points for the Lions. This was the last of the scoring on the night and resulted in the final score of 45-0.

> > After the safety, South Hills was forced to kick off to CHS. Coach Juan Silva gave Ford one more carry on the night (a 12-yard gain) and then pulled his star running back. He finished the night with 27 carries for 231 yards and four touchdowns. Ford has put up two back-to-back incredible games to start the season.

> > In his place for this last offensive possession for the Lions, Coach Silva inserted senior running back Derrick Walton (#19). Walton was given the ball for eight consecutive plays and gained 33 yards!

This series ended with a 35-yard field goal attempt by CHS. However, it was blocked – which was about the only thing that did not go the Lions way on this night!

The Lions (1-1) will next travel to Bridgeport (1-1). They will play the Bulls with kickoff scheduled for 7 p.m. Come out and support CHS.

Go Lions!

## The One and Only, Gene Autry



He was called "America's Favorite Cowboy" and the "Singing Cowboy." Though he was not the first western star of either movies or music, Texas native Gene Autry became a favorite across the nation from the 1930s through the 1950s. He became so popular that a host of communities across North Texas and southern Oklahoma scrambled to proclaim themselves his hometown. Autry's heartwarming songs and movies became a staple for generations of Americans and helped craft the image of how Americans see the Old West.

Orvon Grover Autry was born outside Tioga in Grayson County in 1907. His grandfather was a Methodist preacher, and his parents were ranchers. They would all have a profound impact on his outlook on life. The family moved several times, eventually ending up owning a ranch in southern Oklahoma.

He graduated high school in 1925 and took a job as a telegraph operator. He had an opportunity to play minor league baseball, but he declined and took up music instead. He often practiced guitar and singing while manning his telegraph station late at night, a move that eventually cost him his job. In 1928, he traveled to New York to audition for a record label. He failed. He returned to Tulsa radio station. By the next year, Columbia Records signed him to a contract.

Autry recorded 640 songs and wrote more than 300. Ultimately, more than 100 million copies of his albums were sold. He appeared in his first movie, "In Old Santa ninety films, usually portraying a lighthearted singing cowboy.

From 1936 to 1942, he was the top western actor in the country. Autry co-wrote "Back in the Saddle Again" with Ray Whitand Autry performed it for the rest of his career. This followed with a popular radio program, Gene Autry's Melody Ranch, which ran from 1940 to 1943 and from 1945 to 1956.

He was nominated for an Academy 1941 melody "Ridin' on a Rainbow" from the film of the same name.

In 1941, the small community of Berwyn, Oklahoma, renamed itself Gene Autry in honor of the star who had spent some of his formative years in nearby communities. Autry performed his radio show for the comthe honor.

Autry prided himself on his patriotism. In around the world. 1942, during World War II, and at the height of his fame, Autry decided he needed to do his part for his country at war. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force, eventually becoming a C-109 transport pilot. He rose to the rank of tech sergeant and flew many difficult missions through the Himalayas to deliver supplies to allied Chinese troops fighting Japan.

As World War II came to a close, he began recording a string of his most iconic songs, popular decades later. In 1945, he released "Don't Fence Me In" and released "Here Comes Santa Claus" in 1948. One of his most popular songs was his rendition of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." Autry initially declined to record it, but his wife convinced him otherwise, believing that children would enjoy it. The song shot up to the top position on the charts for the 1949 Christ-

Oklahoma and picked up a job singing on a mas season. His Christmas songs were so popular that they are inescapable part of the season even decades later.

In 1950, his radio show was adapted to TV as *The Gene Autry Show*, which ran until 1956 on CBS. After the early 1960s, he largely retired from performing to concen-Fe," in 1934. He would appear in more than trate on his business interests. He owned several radio stations and bred horses for rodeos. In 1963, he bought Los Angeles television station KTLA for \$12 million. He sold it for \$245 million in 1982.

In 1961, he became owner of the Los Anley in 1939. It immediately became a hit, geles Angels as Major League Baseball expanded to the West Coast. The team won the division three times but never won the World Series while Autry owned the team. "Win one for the cowboy!" became a popular rallying cry for Angels fans for years.

He released his autobiography, "Back in Award in 1942 for Best Original Song for the the Saddle Again," in 1976. In honor of his stewardship of the Angels, Autry became vice-president of the American League starting in 1983. He founded the Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum in Los Angeles in

He died at his home in California in 1998 at age 91. His songs have been featured in munity at the dedication in appreciation for nearly 200 movies and television shows, leaving a long legacy of music for fans



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# Weekend Forecast



### Friday, Sept. 13:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 96. Calm wind becoming S/SW around 5 mph in the morning. **PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 74. South wind around 5 mph.



### Saturday, Sept. 14:

**AM** - Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 99. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. **PM** - Partly cloudy, with a low around 75. South wind around 5 mph.



### Sunday, Sept. 15:

**AM** - Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 99. South southwest wind around 5 mph. **PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 74.

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