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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Castleberry Lions Roar Past Diamond Hill-Jarvis Eagles





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The Castleberry High School football team has launched a fantastic start this season as they currently stand 3-1. The Lions, after losing their season opener by only 2 points, have reeled off three consecutive wins. The most recent was a 66-20 victory over the Diamond Hill-Jarvis Eagles this past Friday night at Handley Field.

Castleberry jumped out to a huge 30-0 lead in the opening quarter. The Eagles tried to get back into the game in the second quarter, scoring 14 points, but they simply could not stop the Lions as they put up 16 additional points. Halftime score saw the Lions cruising with a 46-14 lead.

CHS has been an offensive scoring machine this year, with no one yet being able to slow them down. The Lions scored 20 more points in the second half. At the same time, they limited the Eagles to just six. This led to the impressive 66-20 final score.

The Lions passing attack was led in this game by sophomore David Duron, who is 6-8 for 145 yards and two touchdowns, including one for 83 yards. On the receiving end of all six of those completions (including the 83 yarder) was junior Bryan Ceniceros.

However, most of the offense came by way of the rushing game. The ground game cranked out 328 yards and seven touchdowns. Duron also led the Lions in rushing with seven carries for 161 yards and three touchdowns (one covering 70 *(continued on page 3)*

From Castleberry ISD

Castleberry Homecoming Parade Tonight!



From the City River Oaks

River Oaks Citywide Yard Sale Saturday

The River Oaks Citywide Yard Sale is Saturday, Sept. 27. Shoppers can browse dozens of sales throughout the city, with offerings ranging from everyday household items to hidden treasures. City officials encourage participants to drive carefully through neighborhoods, as increased pedestrian traffic is expected during the event.

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From the White Settlement Historical Society

Volunteers Invited to Cemetery Clean-Up and Beautification

Community members are invited to roll up their sleeves and join in a fall cemetery clean-up and beautification effort Saturday, Oct. of W.O. Barnes Stadium. This week is Homecoming and CHS will 11, at Thompson Public Cemetery.

The event, hosted by the White Settlement Historical Society & Museum and the Fort Worth Chapter of the National Society ible 53 points per game. Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), begins at 9 a.m.

Participants are encouraged to wear bug spray, bring gloves and yard tools, and come ready to help with general maintenance, restoration, and preservation tasks.

The cemetery is located at 6500 block of Westworth Blvd. (Hwy. 183), behind Panera Bread and Jefferson Dental.

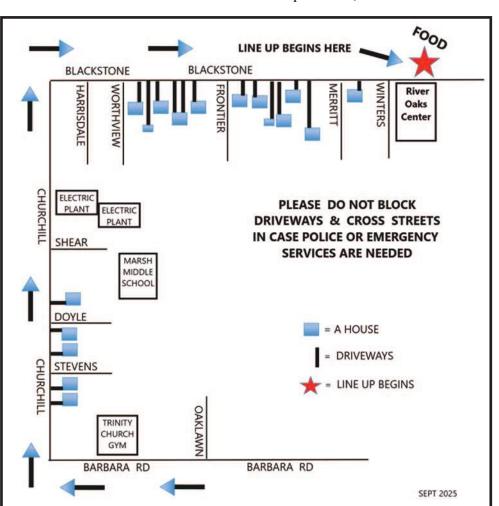
For more information, call 817-246-9719.

From the City of River Oaks

Food Bank Day at River Oaks Event Center Tomorrow

Food Bank days are held the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

Participants are requested to start lining up no earlier than 9 a.m. at the River Oaks Event Center, located at 5300 Blackstone Dr. The graphic below depicts the route that drivers should follow. The City would like to remind drivers to stay in their vehicles, and not to block residents' driveways or cross streets, in case police or emergency services need access. For more information or questions, call 817-732-5885.



Sports Desk (continued from page 1)

yards).

Behind Duron was senior running back Jaydin Locks, who had 14 rushes for 126 yards and four touchdowns.

The Lions will now take their 3-1 record back to the confines face Ferris (1-3). The Yellowjackets are averaging giving up over 38 points per game. Meanwhile Castleberry is averaging an incred-

The game is scheduled a bit earlier because of homecoming at 7 p.m. Come out and cheer the team on to a Homecoming Victory. GO CASTLEBERRY LIONS!



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From the City of Benbrook

Benbrook Gears Up for 17th Annual Heritage Fest: A Day of Western Fun, Music, and Community Spirit

The City of Benbrook is gearing up for its stacking golf balls. 17th annual Heritage Fest, billed as a free, itage and community spirit.

At the heart of Heritage Fest lies a sampler munity support. of entertainment, food, and festivities that ap-Dance, Foot Works Performing Arts Studio, periences. the Jeremy Powers Band, and headliner Tristan Roberson.

Attendees will also find a robust lineup of *Please pick up after your pets*. attractions and competitions. Children and food and merchandise.

contest, dog costume contest, and a tance. stick-horse race. Perhaps most ambitious: Benbrook's Lighted Par 3 & Range will at-residents to call 817-249-6091. tempt to set a Guinness World Record for

As evening falls, the event transitions into family-friendly celebration of Western her- a chuckwagon dinner followed by a street dance, a nod to the region's Western heritage The event takes place Saturday, Sept. 27, and to further community bonding. The festifrom 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Dutch Branch Park. val is made possible through generous com-

According to city officials, the Heritage peal to all ages. Organizers have lined up live Fest is designed to celebrate both Benbrook's music performances by local and regional art- past and its present, bringing the community ists, including the Legends of Texas, the Ben- together, presenting local artists and busibrook High School Choir, Sallie's School of nesses, and creating memorable shared ex-

> Well-behaved, leashed pets are allowed following the city pet ownership ordinance.

In case of an emergency, there will be a adults can ride a mechanical bull, stroll first-aid station located behind the main stage through a petting zoo, try their hand at near the bathrooms. For medical emergencies, mini-golf, or wander vendor booths offering proceed to the nearest first-aid station or call for help immediately, EMTs will be onsite. In Among the more quirky draws are competable all other emergencies, please find a police ofitive events: a corn-on-the-cob eating ficer or staff member in a neon vest for assis-

For further information, the city directs

From the Benbrook Public Library

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month!

or renew yours? We've got you covered!

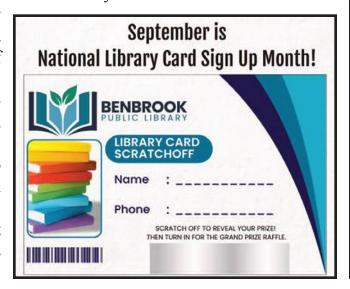
For the entire month of September, every new library card, renewal, and referral gets a chance to play our Library Card Scratch-Off Game!

Each ticket is an instant winner with awesome prizes like library swag, books, and more.

Plus, all participants will be entered into our Grand Prize Raffle for the chance to win a Benbrook Public Library Swag Bag!

Grand prize drawing will be announced at the end of the month! Ready to unlock endless

Looking for a reason to grab a library card possibilities? Stop by, sign up, renew, or refer a friend today!





Saturday, **Sept. 27** 10am-8pm (a) Dutch **Branch Park**

Benbrook Heritage Fest

10:00 a.m. Welcome from the Mayor

10:15 a.m. Sallie's School of Dance

10:30 a.m. Storytime with the Benbrook **Public Library**

11:00 a.m. Dog Costume Contest

12:00 p.m. Jeremy Powers Band

1:30 p.m. Corn on the Cob Eating Competitio sponsored by Hoffbrau Steak & Grill House

2:00 p.m. Guinness World Record Final Ball Attempt

2:30 p.m. The Legends of Texas Old West Reenactments

2:30 p.m. Story Time with the Benbrook **Public Library**

3:00 p.m. Stick Horse Race

4:00 p.m. The Legends of Texas Old West Reenactments

4:30 p.m. Foot Works Performing Arts Center Performance

5:00 p.m. Benbrook High School Choir Performance

5:45 p.m. The Legends of Texas Old West Reenactments

6:00 p.m. Chuckwagon Dinner

6:00 p.m. Tristan Roberson

6:00 p.m. Street Dance

Additional Free Activities

- Guinness World Record Attempt-Benbroo Lighted Par 3 & Range
- Axe Throwing
- Inflatable Corn Maze
- **Canvas Painting**
- **Face Painting**
- Hayrides
- Mechanical Bull Riding
- **Pony Rides**
- Petting Zoo
- **Pumpkin Patch**
- Sand Art Station
- Train Rides
- Community Canvas Art Mural
- Western Shootout Game
- Western-Themed Mini Golf sponsored by Benbrook Par 3 & Range

*Pick-up a voucher at the Benbrook Par 3 & Range booth #36 to enjoy one free round of mini golf from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. located next to the YMCA.

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From Texas Department of Transportation

While Rabies is Rare, These 7 Myths Put Pets and People at Risk

Rabies may seem like a distant threat, but it hasn't gone away. This year has seen new animal rabies cases in Texas, Maryland, North Carolina and Connecticut, reminding us that the deadly virus is still a danger to unvaccinated pets.

It has been recently reported that vaccine skepticism has become common among pet owners. A 2023 survey of 2,200 U.S. dog owners found that 52 percent were hesitant to vaccinate their dogs, and 37 percent believed vaccines were unsafe.

Pet Healthcare are setting the record straight on common myths about crease in unrestrained children younger than 8-years-old dying in rabies risk, vaccination rules and testing limitations.

"We see far too many pet owners delay rabies boosters or skip them entirely because they think the risk is low," said Dr. Anthony Thrive Pet Healthcare. "Rabies is almost always fatal to your unvaccinated pets once symptoms appear, and it only takes one bite from an infected animal."

- Myth 1: Only wild animals such as raccoons or bats carry rabies.
- Fact: Bats, raccoons, foxes and skunks are the top carriers in the United States, but unvaccinated dogs, cats and livestock also can get rabies and spread it.
 - Myth 2: My indoor cat doesn't need a rabies shot.
- exposure is all it takes.
 - Myth 3: You can test a pet for rabies while it's still alive.
- Fact: There is no reliable test for rabies in live animals. Diagnosis requires brain tissue testing after death. Prevention is the only defense.
 - Myth 4: If my pet gets bitten, I'll know right away if it's rabies.
- may show subtle behavioral changes like unusual aggression or lethargy before more severe symptoms appear. Once symptomatic, rabies is almost universally fatal.
- around wildlife.
- Fact: Rabies doesn't always come from the woods. In 2025, rabid The Law animals have been found in city neighborhoods, backyards and near schools.
 - Myth 6: Rabies vaccines aren't legally required everywhere.
- Fact: Rabies vaccination is legally required for dogs in all 50 states and for cats in most states. Local laws may vary, but skipping like a Texan: Kind. Courteous. Safe. initiative. the vaccine could bring fines or worse if an exposure occurs.
- for three years no matter what.
- Fact: Some localities require annual rabies vaccination regardless of the vaccine used. Others honor three-year vaccines only if they're administered on time. A lapse may reset the schedule. Check with your veterinarian.

TxDOT Urges Parents to Buckle Up Kids as Unrestrained Child Deaths Rise in Texas Crashes

Texas parents will do anything to protect their child, like checking under the bed for monsters at night or researching all the ingredients in baby food. But one of the most effective ways to protect children is often overlooked: properly securing them in a car seat every time they ride.

We recognize that installing a car seat correctly can be challenging, Ahead of World Rabies Day on Sept. 28, veterinarians at Thrive and while we all know it's important to buckle up, Texas saw an incrashes last year. If we want to drive like a Texan and be kind, courteous and safe, it's vital that children are in properly installed car seats.

"The rise in unrestrained deaths is heartbreaking and unaccept-Coronado, veterinarian and vice president of emergency medicine at able," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. "These tragedies are preventable. Every parent and caregiver must make it a nonnegotiable habit to properly secure their child in a car seat or booster, every ride, every time. Children's lives depend on it."

The Data

The number of children younger than 8 who were unrestrained at the time of a fatal crash in Texas grew from 30 percent to 40 percent between 2023 to 2024. The National Highway Traffic Safety Admin-• Fact: Even indoor pets are at risk. Bats, the leading cause of istration reports that nationwide, 46 percent of all car seats are not human rabies in the United States, can enter homes unnoticed. One correctly installed, putting children at unnecessary risk if they're in a crash. That means nearly one out of two car seats are not being installed correctly.

What Parents Can Do

TxDOT invites parents and caregivers to schedule a free car seat • Fact: Rabies can incubate for weeks or months. Infected animals safety check by visiting SaveMeWithASeat.org and entering their zip code to find the nearest TxDOT office.

During September, the Save Me with a Seat campaign will make stops in multiple Texas cities, showcasing an interactive educational • Myth 5: I can skip or delay the rabies vaccine if my pet isn't experience that features a space-travel-themed backdrop.

Texas law requires all children under the age of 8 or shorter than 4 feet, 9 inches to be in a car seat when riding in a passenger vehicle. Failure to properly restrain a child can result in a ticket of up to \$250.

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Drive like a Texan is about embracing the pride, camaraderie and • Myth 7: My pet got the three-year rabies vaccine, so I'm good responsibility of being a Texan on the road. By making thoughtful choices, we can all help keep each other safe.

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Wright Patman's 47 years in Congress Left a Lasting Mark on Texas and America

American History is filled with stories of men and women who stepped in at the right time. U. S. Rep. Wright Patman was one such figure. He represented Texas in Congress through some of the most difficult times the nation had faced. Through his work in Congress, Patman left an indelible mark on East Texas

and the nation.



John William Wright Patman was born outside Hughes Springs in Cass County in 1893. After graduating high school, he enrolled at Cumberland University in Tennessee. By 1916, he had earned a law degree and accepted a job as assistant county attorney for Cass County. When the United States entered World War I in 1917, he enlisted in the army.

In 1920, he was elected to the first of two terms in the state legislature before becoming the district attorney for Northeast Texas. In 1928, Patman challenged U. S. Rep. Eugene Black of Clarksville for his seat in Congress. Patman overpowered him in the Democratic Primary, assuring his victory in the general election.

Not long after his election, the Great Depression struck. In 1932, a growing number of unemployed veterans, desperate for any money to support their families, began demanding the immediate payment of a special monetary bonus that Congress had enacted for veterans in 1920. However, the savings bond would not mature until 1945. Patman, in support of his fellow veterans, pushed a bill that would have let these veterans cash in their bonuses early. Even as these unemployed veterans and their families gathered in Washington, DC, to lobby Congress, President Herbert Hoover refused to support the Patman Bill, and Congress rejected it.

After the inauguration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933, Patman was an outspoken supporter of his New Deal reforms designed to combat the depression and reform the shattered economy. Patman pushed federal jobs programs, Social Security, the minimum wage, and the 40-hour work week. In 1936, his bonus bill for World War I veterans finally passed. He also passed the Federal Anti-Price Discrimination Act (also called the Patman-

Robinson Act) which prevented retail stores from forming monopolies by underselling local mom-and-pop stores.

He remained an active legislator in the years after World War II. To help the economy return to peacetime activity, he pushed the Full Employment Act of 1946 as well as four housing acts between 1946 and 1965 that helped the average American afford a good home. Through the British Loan Act, he spurred the nation to bail out the British government, bankrupted by World War II and facing new threats as the Cold War loomed. As part of the Flood Control Act, he initiated the 1948 construction of what became Lake Texarkana in Bowie and Cass counties.

His years in Congress had earned him tremendous respect among his colleagues. In January 1973, he became the Dean of the House of Representatives, an honorary title for the longest-serving member of the House of Representatives, one of only five Texans to ever hold the title. Also in 1973, Lake Texarkana, was renamed Wright Patman Lake in honor of the congressman.

By 1975, however, his health and career had begun to decline. A new group of congressmen had been swept into office in the 1974 mid-term elections angry over the Watergate scandal as well as the old seniority system that only allowed older members of Congress to chair important committees. This, coupled with Patman's health, led him to being unceremoniously voted out as chairman of the House Banking Committee. The next winter, he contracted a fatal case of pneumonia and died on March 7, 1976, after having served as a member of Congress for 47 years.

From 4PAWS & Benbrook Animal Shelter A Sweetie Named Millie

Millie is an 18-month-old, 58-pound Staffordshire Terrier mix. Everyone just loves her! Come meet her and she will melt your heart! She is available for adoption at the Benbrook Animal Shelter, located at 469 Winscott Road.

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Visit www.4pawsinc.org or call 4 PAWS volunteers Ursula at 817-262-3086, or Lynda at 682-279-0760 to set up a meet-and-greet or to get more information about any of the dogs available.



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Weekend Forecast



Friday, Sept. 26:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 86. Calm wind becoming E/NE around 5mph in the afternoon.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 61. East wind around

5mph becoming calm after midnight.



Saturday, Sept. 27:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 88. Calm wind becoming S/SE around 5mph in the afternoon.

PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. East wind around

5mph becoming calm after midnight.



Sunday, Sept. 28:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. Calm wind becoming E/SE around 5mph in the afternoon.

PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Extended Forecast Click Here