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From Castleberry ISD

# **IMMS Lion Theatre Jr. Wins** First Place at UIL One Act **Play Competition**



Irma Marsh Middle School's Lion Theatre Jr. won first place at the UIL One Act Play Competition held at Azle High School on Saturday, Feb. 4.

In addition to winning the overall competition, the IMMS Lion Theatre Jr. cast members were awarded with the most individual honors.

The individual winners are:

Best Crew: Alyssa R.

Honorable Mention All Star Cast: Madalynne E., Xavier C., and Ameliah B.

All Star Cast: Angel C. and Anthony M. Best Performer: Madison L. and Keeley P.

From Castleberry ISD

# Three Castleberry ISD Elementary Students Advance to the Regional Spanish Spelling Bee



Students enrolled in Castleberry ISD's fourth or fifth grade bilingual program participate annually in a Spanish Spelling Bee competition. Each campus holds a preliminary competition to determine the three students from each grade level who will represent the campus at the district event.

A total of 18 students from Castleberry ISD's three elementary schools qualified for yesterday's District Spanish Spelling Bees held at the Gary S. Jones Administration building. The events were live streamed to the Castleberry ISD's YouTube channel and Facebook page for family and friends to watch.

The top speller from each grade level of the district competition is advancing to the regional spelling bee hosted by the Region XI service center on Friday, March 24.

Daleyza L., A.V. Cato Elementary, was crowned the fourth (continued on page 6)) grade champion after correctly spelling (continued on page 5)

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> The event will also feature live music from local band Chattahoochee Music and many children's activities, including a mini stocked tank for fishing and a rock climbing wall. Food trucks, wine and craft beer and many outdoor vendors will make it a fun day for everyone!

> Parking will be available for \$5 at the River Park Trailhead, 3100 Bryant Irvin Road, on the day of the event. For a parking map and other important event information, visit www.trwdflyfest.com.



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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

## **Lady Lions Drop District Opener**

with their accustomed success and a 6-1-1 avoid being shutout. record. They faced their first district game came away with the victory, with a surprisingly dominant 6-1 score.

This was not one of the better played half Decatur was the aggressor and controlled the game. The Lady Eagles registered over a dozen shots on goal during this time. Meanwhile, the Lady Lions best opportunity for a goal came on a breakaway by junior Lesly Martinez Vega (#20) but her kick sailed a little high and right of the net. The constant pressure on the Lady Lions defensively, especially on junior goalie Iyalorde Gutierrez (#00), eventually proved too great.

At the 19:12 mark of the first half Decatur finally scored a goal and took a 1-0 lead. About 6 minutes later (13:19), on a long kick by a Lady Eagle, which barely got passed Gutierrez, Decatur increased the lead to 2-0. Castleberry managed two more shots on goal. One by senior Sophia Munoz (#3) and the other by sophomore Joselyn Salazar (#9) but neither struck paydirt. Decatur took that 2-0 lead into halftime.

The second half began with the Lady Lions on the defense once more. At the 24:34 mark, the Lady Eagles scored again. This goal came after Gutierrez defended a kick but when it slipped out of her hands another Lady Eagle managed to knock the rebound past her into the net. Decatur now led 3-0. Five minutes later (19:32) they increased that lead to 4-0.

The highlight of the night for the Lady Lions came a minute later. Freshman Alexa

One of the most successful athletic pro-Rivera (#10) out ran two Lady Eagles grams in recent years at Castleberry High down the field to catch up with the ball on School has been soccer. Both the boys and a breakaway. She faced the Decatur goalie girls teams have been outstanding since the one on one and rocketed a shot past her programs began less than a decade ago. into the left corner of the net. Her goal at The girls team opened the season as usual the 18:31 mark allowed the Lady Lions to

Decatur scored two more goals before at home versus Decatur. The Lady Eagles the night was over. The last one was on a came in with an average 4-4 record. penalty kick with 10:00 minutes remaining However, it was the Lady Eagles who in the game. This made the final score 6-1, a very uncharacteristic start for Castleberry in district play.

The Lady Lions at Bridgeport (Feb. 17). games by the Lady Lions. They never They will not return home until Feb. 21 seemed to look or play in sync most of the when they face Lake Worth (this is a night. In the first 20 minutes of the first rescheduled game originally set for Feb. 3).

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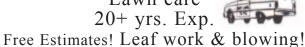
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## Spanish Spelling Bee (continued from page 1)



Pictured left: Fourth grade Spanish Spelling contestants Bee and teachers.

Pictured below: Fifth grade Spanish Spelling contestants and teachers.



in last year's third grade competition, crowned to be. Daleyza was defeated by this same word,

"selectionados." Ironically, as a contestant a - de - o - ese" like the champion she was

Fifth graders Jeremy C., Joy James and secured the runner up spot as a result. Academy of Leadership, and Stephanie M., Now, another year older, and presumably A.V. Cato Elementary, were the final two with more spelling practice under her belt, contestants competing to be crowned the Daleyza stepped up to the mic and said, fifth grade contest winner. Although the "ese -e - ele - e - ce - ce - i - o - ene - two went head-to-head for six rounds, ultimately, Jeremy was disqualified for mis spelling the word "hiperbole." Stephanie was crowned the fifth grade winner after she successfully spelled "enjaretar."

> Rafael N., a fourth grader at Joy James Academy of Leadership, who placed first in last year's third grade district competition, is this year's overall runner up for the district. The student spelled 12 words correctly on Tuesday, and will serve as the district's alternate for the regional competition if one of the other two students is unable to participate.

> Congratulations to each of the campus Spanish Spelling Bee Winners who competed in the District competition this year.





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just west of Waco. His parents were farmers. In 1887, the family tion increased dramatically, from just over 450,000 at the beginhad their land stolen from them in a title dispute. As a result, they ning of his term to nearly 700,000 by 1961. lost absolutely everything and were left in deep poverty.

Thornton helped the family by picking cotton and taking whatev- three years later. er work he could find. As a result his education was sporadic, and he quit school after the eighth grade. He continued to work odd area as the namesake for the R. L. Thornton Freeway, a stretch of jobs until he was hired as a store clerk.

Determined to make something of his life, Thornton attempted Thornton Elementary School. to restart his education by taking a business course in Dallas. After one course, around 1904, he tried his hand at sales, becomIMMS Theatre Competition ing a traveling salesman in Oklahoma for a candy company. His success was lackluster, so he tried to start his own business. (continued from page 1) Thornton's first attempt, a stationery business, folded quickly. He quickly started a mortgage company, but it, too, failed.

Thornton tried again in 1916, starting a bank with two other partners. Thornton served as president of the Dallas County State Bank, later the Mercantile National Bank, for 30 years. The bank found early success by capitalizing on a new type of consumer loan for bankers – automobiles. America had fallen in love with the car by the 1920s, and Thornton became an immense success by becoming one of the first North Texas bankers to offer car loans. Soon, other businesses were asking him to serve as an executive with their businesses as well.

By 1933, the business community honored him by naming him president of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce. He was intensely

active in Dallas civic affairs, serving with many charitable organizations. He helped bring the 1936 Texas Centennial Exposition to Dallas's Fair Park area, adding permanent exhibits to the area. From 1945 to 1960, he also served as president of the Texas State

In 1952, at the age of 72, Thornton was ready for new adventure as he ran for Dallas mayor. Already known as "Mr. Dallas" for his many accomplishments for the city, he won the election easily.

Though Dallas and neighboring Fort Worth were intense business rivals at this time, the need for a modern highway connecting the business districts of the two growing cities was clear. Thornton pushed through the Dallas-Fort Worth Turnpike, which later became Interstate 30, which opened in 1957 and became an immediate success.

In 1957, the city also completed the new Dallas Memorial Sometimes the men dismissed for their failures early in life Auditorium, which eventually became one of the largest conven-

Housing construction boomed while business leaders unveiled a string of ambitious development plans. "Keep the dirt flying" Robert Lee Thornton was born in 1880 in Hamilton County, became Thornton's slogan for an ambitious city. Dallas's popula-

In 1960, at the age of 80, he declined to seek another term as They moved to Ennis, just south of Dallas, where the young mayor. He entered into a quiet retirement in 1961 before his death

> Thornton today is perhaps best remembered in the North Texas Interstate 35 East through Dallas as well as the city's R.L.

For the competition, eight students received honorable mention and eight students received positions in the all star cast.

Only two students from all schools combined received best performer, and IMMS Lion Theatre Jr. brought home both of those awards, which is a tremendous accomplishment.

The Irma Marsh Middle School Lion Theatre Jr. is under the direction of Melissa Davis.

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### Friday, Feb. 17:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny; high near 51. N wind 5-10mph, with gusts as high as 20mph. <u>PM</u> - Partly cloudy; low around 32. NW wind around 5mph becoming S after midnight.



### Saturday, Feb. 18:

<u>AM</u> - Partly sunny; high near 54. South wind 5-15mph, with gusts as high as 20mph. <u>PM</u> - Partly cloudy; low around 42. S/SW wind 10-15mph, with gusts as high as 20mph.



### Sunday, Feb. 19:

**AM** - Mostly sunny; high near 71. **PM** - Mostly cloudy; low around 57.

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