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From Castleberry ISD

Castleberry ISD STEM Academy @ River District



STEM Academy families participating in hands-on activities similar to the ones their students will be doing in STEM Academy

The inaugural class of Castleberry ISD's STEM Academy @ River District was celebrated on Tuesday, May 18. STEM is the application of science, technology, engineering, and math to address the needs of the future. In February, the CISD Board of Education approved the creation of CISD STEM Academy @ River District. Following Board approval, district leadership began recruiting students in the graduating class of 2028 to join the new Academy. CISD STEM Academy @ River District will be housed inside Irma Marsh Middle School.

CISD STEM Academy @ River District teachers will provide a rigorous educational opportunity for students with a focus on advanced science, math, engineering, and technology. STEM practices will be integrated into all of the core content areas of language arts, math, and science.

"As our world becomes more competitive on a global level, it

becomes incredibly important that we prepare our students for critical positions in keeping the nation's infrastructure secure. The DFW metroplex ranks second on the list of best tech towns in the United States. We must ensure that Castleberry students have the opportunity to compete for the most in demand, high wage jobs in our area," says Stephanie Martinez, CTE coordinator over STEM @ River District. These students will experience additional instruction in engineering, robotics, computer programming, and career exploration.

When STEM Academy students reach high school, each will have the opportunity to earn up to 56 college credits prior to high school graduation.

Martinez emphasized, "The STEM Academy @ River District can help prepare students for the challenging, rigorous demands of this [cyber security] career."

Upon graduation, STEM Academy students will have completed a CTE pathway focusing on cyber security and developed advanced academic and job skills that will prepare them for future endeavors, whether it be college, career, or military in the field of cyber security.

At the induction ceremony, each student was recognized, and provided a STEM Academy welcome bag. The welcome bag included a 190-piece solar powered robot kit with limitless options for creative expansion and construction.

Throughout the summer and next school year, students will have challenges to complete at home using this kit. Students and families toured the recently renovated Irma Marsh Middle School and learned about the STEAM lab classrooms, which will be used for the academy. Families rotated through several stations, and had an opportunity to participate in STEM challenges, similar to the hands-on experiences students will engage in next year.

Each year another class of 25 sixth grade students will be added. Look for information from CISD in winter 2021 to enroll your child in next year's class.

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Castleberry High School 2021 Graduation



The Graduation Ceremony for the Castleberry High School and REACH High School Class of 2021 will be held Friday, May 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Southwestern Theological Seminary's MacGorman Auditorium.

A limited number of tickets have been provided to the graduates for their family and friends to attend in person.

Graduation will also be livestreamed on

the Castleberry ISD YouTube channel so you can watch and engage from wherever you are.

Be sure to subscribe to the Castleberry YouTube channel and don't forget to click on the subscriber bell to receive notifications whenever the District goes live or releases a new video.

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from the *River Oaks News* staff



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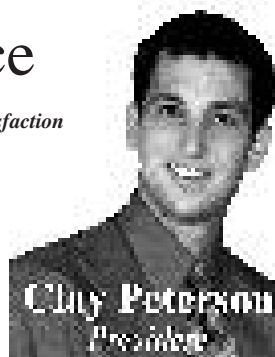
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From the Tarrant Area Food Bank

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Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) has
resumed their Mega Mobile Markets with a
market on Friday, May 28 at Herman Clark
Stadium from 9 a.m. to noon TAFB will
continue to hold Mega Mobile Markets
every Friday at Herman Clark Stadium
until further notice.

These events are designed to serve all
residents of the Tarrant area community
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Valedictorian



Kaitlin Starnes

The 2021 Valedictorian is Kaitlin Starnes. Kaitlin is the daughter of John and Erika Starnes. She has been a Castleberry Lion all 12 years in CISD. Kaitlin has been active in the Castleberry High School band for all four years, with three years as 1st Bass for the CHS Marching Band, and Percussion for all four years as well, qualifying for UIL State in 2018. Kaitlin also had the honor of being Drum Captain and Wind Ensemble Section Leader. She has been an active member of the Texas Girls' Choir for six years as well.

Not only has Kaitlin been active in musical endeavors, but she also has been a member of the CHS Student Council all four years, including Secretary in 2019-20 and Vice President this school year. She is a member of the National Honors Society and the National Technical Honors Society.

In academics, she has excelled in Advanced Placement, University of Texas OnRamps, and Texas State Technical College courses, earning 37 high school credits and an overall GPA of 5.328.

Kaitlin plans on attending Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee and major in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

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Salutatorian



Laura Cruz

The 2021 Salutatorian is Laura Cruz. Laura is the daughter of Viridiana and Efrain Cruz. She has been a Castleberry Lion for ten years in CISD. Laura is a member of the Lion Marching Band and Honor Band and served as Section Leader for two years.

Laura has also thrived in her academic endeavors. She is a member of the CHS Student Council, serving as Secretary, a member of the National Honors Society, and a member of the National Technical Honors Society. Laura has excelled in Advanced Placement, University of Texas OnRamps, and Technical State Technical College courses, earning 37 high school credits with an overall GPA of 5.266.

Laura plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Chemistry while pursuing a Dental pathway.



Class of 2021



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Usvaldo Manuel Alvarez	Atalie Marie Coronado	Brenda Guadalupe Hernandez*	Serena Helaina O Hernandez	Allana Christina Serrano
Garry Leland Anderson Jr.	Silvanus Contreras Corrales	Destiny Nichole Hernandez*	Manuel Nathan Olivarez*	Prisila Elizabeth Serrano
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Bailey Marie Barrington	Kevin Dario Dena	Timothy Margarito Jasso*	Annette Pesina*	Brooke MaKenna Tincher
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Xavier Joel Benitez	Grace Escobedo	Alfonzo Loreda	Brandon Lee Ramirez	Aime Nikole Valdez*
Haylee Jade Bentley	Alysia Claire Espinoza	Brianna Nicole Lozano	Delilah Nohely Ramirez	Edgar Antonio Valdez
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Rosalie Danielle Botello	Viridiana Fernandez Olmos	Ricardo Angel Maldonado	Bryan Ramirez-Trejo	Mario Valles Jr.
Caitlin Samantha Buendia	Annabel Ranee Fief	Dustee Raylee Maness*	Hector Manuel Rayas Jr.	Litzy Vazquez
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From the Tarrant County Veterans Council

Veterans Day Parade

Battlefront at Home... Saluting our Veterans and First Responders is the theme of this year's Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade to step off on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. Participants will form up in the Fort Worth Panther Island Pavilion parking lot, march down North Forest Park Blvd. along the Clear Fork of the Trinity River and return.

Although months away, The Tarrant County Veterans Council is busy planning for the special event. A new parade website has launched (fw2021vetsdayparade.org) and the parade committee is soliciting support from individuals and organizations across North Texas for this year's celebration.

Fort Worth's annual Veterans Day parade began as an armistice procession through downtown in 1919 to honor those who had fought in World War I.

In 1945, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks from Birmingham, Ala., sought to expand Armistice Day to salute all veterans. Weeks led a delegation to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, who supported the idea of a national Veterans Day. Weeks led the first celebration in 1947 and annually until his death in 1985.

From the City of River Oaks

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Interested persons are required to RSVP or cancel by Friday, June 11 by calling 979-450-9866 or emailing ivettefitzgerald@gmail.com. No shows will be billed. The cost is \$20 with free parking and gift bags for all.

From the City of White Settlement


Drive-Thru COVID-19 Vaccine Site Open


A drive-thru COVID-19 vaccine site is now available in White Settlement in the Splash Dayz parking lot area located at 405 N. Las Vegas Trail. Hours of operation are Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Pfizer vaccine, dose 1 or dose 2 will be available by appointment.

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Friday, May 28:

AM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Partly sunny, high near 85. South wind 5-10mph, with gusts as high as 20mph.
PM - A 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, low around 69.

Saturday, May 29:

AM - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, high near 85.
PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 70.

Sunday, May 30:

AM - Partly sunny, with a high near 86.
PM - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69.

[Extended Forecast Click Here](#)

Nineteenth Century American Pioneer, Jim Bowie *by Dr. Ken Bridges*

More than 180 years after his death, the mention of **Jim Bowie** still stirs the imagination of admirers around the world. But Bowie was more than just the knife or the battle at the Alamo. Overall, it was a remarkable and colorful life of adventure.

James Bowie was born in 1796 in rural southwestern Kentucky. He was one of 10 children.

When he was four, the family moved to Missouri before moving to Louisiana two years later. Along the way, all the Bowie children worked hard to build and run the family farms. As little formal education was available, they were taught at home. Bowie was very adept at languages and learned to read and write in Spanish and French.

He volunteered for service late in the War of 1812 but saw no combat. After the war, he and his brother Rezin Bowie bought several farms and plantations in both Louisiana and Arkansas Territory, hoping to turn healthy profits from real estate. He also sold slaves through work with pirate Jean Lafitte and often borrowed money from Lafitte to pay for his land speculation.

He had several run-ins with the law. Bowie participated in the Long Expedition of 1819 in which James Long led a group into Texas in an attempt to wrest it away from Spanish authorities and into American hands. In the late 1820s, Arkansas authorities charged him and his brother with fraud, claiming the Spanish land titles they had sold were forgeries. However, all the alleged evidence disappeared from the courts. Bowie's duel with Rapides Parish Sheriff Norris Wright became legendary. After a series of fights and arguments, the two fought in a duel in 1827 later known as the Sandbar Fight. Bowie, shot and stabbed himself, killed Wright with the famous knife given to him by his brother. Rezin Bowie claimed to have made the first Bowie Knife in the 1820s, giving it to his brother for protection.

Bowie moved to Texas in 1830. His first years in Texas were happy and successful. In 1831, he married the 19-year-old daughter of the provincial vice-governor, and the two quickly had two children. Tragically, his wife, children, and in-laws all died in a



cholera epidemic in 1833. In his grief, he began drinking heavily. His health declined, and his anger at actions of the faltering Mexican government increased.

In 1835, Bowie participated in a number of battles with Mexican troops. When word arrived in January 1836 that thousands of troops under Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna were approaching San Antonio, Bowie headed to the city with 40 volunteers to the stronghold of the Alamo, an old mission in the city.

Gen. Sam Houston had ordered that the Alamo be abandoned, believing that the mission could not be defended and that the troops could be better used elsewhere. Instead, the 188 defenders under Bowie and William Travis chose to stay and fight. Bowie was in command when Santa Anna arrived and the siege began February 24. However, Bowie collapsed with an unidentified illness and was confined to bed during the fighting. After days of intense battles, the Alamo fell on March 6.

Several different versions have circulated about the final hours of Bowie. Some suggested he was killed by Mexican troops on his cot in his quarters after the fall of the Alamo. One story suggested that he died of natural causes as the battle raged. Another version insisted that Bowie had been propped up on his cot, with his pistols in his hand, when his body was discovered. Regardless of the final circumstances of his death, Bowie, in spite of his critical illness, decided to stay with his men in the defense of the Alamo to the very end.

After his death, Bowie became a larger-than-life icon of Texas and the American frontier. The Bowie Knife became an indispensable part of American folklore. His story has been recounted numerous times in movies and television shows. Several communities named schools after him. Bowie County in the northeast corner of the state was named for him in 1840, and the small city of Bowie in Montague County was named for him in 1881.

From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

Brewer HS Class of 1971 50th Reunion

Brewer High School classmates of 1971 are having their 50th class reunion on Saturday, June 19 at 6 p.m. at the Railhead Smokehouse in Willow Park located at 129 S. Ranch House Rd. There will also be a band starting around 7 p.m.

The deadline to RSVP is June 11. The price for dinner is \$13 plus tax and 20 percent gratuity per person. There is a bar where you can purchase drinks with cash or credit card. There will be a person to take your money for your dinner as you enter the banquet.

Interested classmates are requested to respond to the post on the Brewer Bears Class of '71 Facebook page, messenger or call Jerry Wood at 817-903-1448 to RSVP.