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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

## Castleberry Lions Drop Last Home Game

The Castleberry Lions baseball team played their last home game on Tuesday, April 27 at the Camp Carter Athletic Complex. Despite it being Senior Night, the Lions could not pull out a victory against the visiting Argyle Eagles.

The Lions fell behind quickly in the top of the first inning. The first two batters reached base with the help of a CHS error and a walk. The next batter grounded out to third-baseman Fernando Orazaga but it did move up the Argyle base runners to second and third. An infield single then scored both base runners for a 2-0 lead. Two of the next three batters walked which then loaded the bases for the Eagles. CHS starting pitcher Jose Ortiz kept the damage to a minimum when he got the final out by getting the Argyle batter to ground into a force out and left the bases loaded.

The Eagle pitchers were very tough on our Lions. Starting Argyle pitcher mowed down the first three Lion batters, striking out all of them in the bottom of the first inning.

During the top of the second inning the Eagles managed to score four more runs. They were helped again when the Lions allowed two of the first three hitters to reach base (one was hit by a pitch and the other walked). This was followed by back-to-back doubles which scored 3 runs. The other run scored on a CHS throwing error.

In the bottom of the second the Lions had a chance to get back in the game with a big inning. Ortiz and Felipe Soto led off with back-to-back singles. Orazaga followed with a walk. This loaded the bases for the Lions



pitcher dug in at this point and proceeded to strike out the next three CHS batters and left who obviously had trouble all night against the bases loaded with no runs scored.

CHS errors lead to another run scored by the Eagles. In the bottom of the third however, the Lions would strike back and get on the scoreboard. Lion Isaac Cereceres hit a line drive down the first base line. After another Lion Argyle pitchers striking out CHS batters. was struck out Cereceres advanced to second on a pitch that got past the Argyle catcher. AJ Silva drew a walk which put Lions on first and second base. Then Ortiz smoked a pitch deep in both Cereceres and Silva. Unfortunately, that was all the Lions could get across the Castleberry High School. plate as the inning ended with two more Lions striking out.

Both teams were held scoreless in the fourth inning. But the Lions were slowly running out of arms to throw at the Eagles. In the top of the fifth Argyle scored 3 more runs to

with no outs. But unfortunately, the Argyle go ahead 10-2. Then in the top of the seventh inning they added 6 more runs. The Lions, three different Argyle pitchers, continued to The top of the third saw a couple more struggle. They struck out three times in the fourth, two times in the fifth, three times in the sixth and three more times in the seventh inning. All combined, the 21 outs recorded in this 7-inning game, 19 were recorded by

The Lions never gave up despite this and fought very hard all night. However, they eventually fell to a very good Argyle team 16-2. All hail our baseballers as they have coninto left center field for a double which drove cluded their season but especially those seniors who have finished their careers at

Happy Mother's Day Sunday, May 9

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From the Tarrant Area Food Bank

### Food Bank Distribution Event Tomorrow

Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) has market on Friday, May 7 at Herman Clark Stadium from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. TAFB will continue to hold Mega Mobile Markets every Friday at Herman Clark Stadium until further notice.

From the City of White Settlement

## **Community Blood Drive May 14**

The City of White Settlement is once again partnering with Carter BloodCare to hold a community blood drive on Friday, May 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the White Settlement Senior Citizens Center, located at 8211 White Settlement Road.

For each pint of blood donated, three lives can be saved. There is a person in need of blood every three seconds, making your donation critically important.

Let's continue to show that our community is here to do our part in helping those around us. Sign up at this website.





These events are designed to serve all resumed their Mega Mobile Markets with a residents of the Tarrant area community who are in need of food assistance, and anyone whose access to nutritious food has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

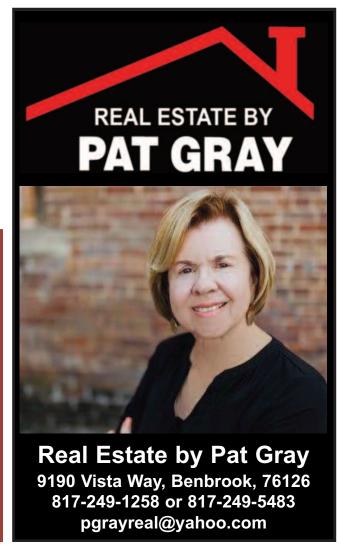
> Friday, May 7 - 9 a.m. to noon -Herman Clark Stadium, 5201 CA Roberson Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76119.

> The House Fort Worth church is hosting a food drive and an ID/drivers license is required: Saturday, May 8 - 1 to 3 p.m. former Toys-R-Us parking lot, 7606 West Fwy., White Settlement, TX 76108.

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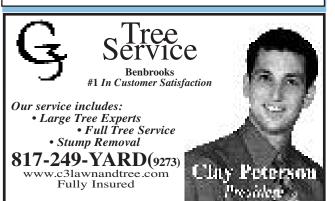
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From the Waverly Park Garden Club

## Waverly Park Garden Club Members Work to Refresh Community Center Landscaping

Members of Waverly Park Garden mary, liriope and dusty miller during the Club gathered at the Benbrook Community cleanup.

Center/ YMCA recently to refurbish and refresh plantings in the front entrance gar- top dress the area, holding moisture and den area of the facility. Many of the shrubs, discouraging the growth of weeds as well perennials, annuals and even native/adapt- as giving the garden its finished look. ed plantings suffered freeze damage during the extreme low temperatures of February, complimentary remarks from passing

Club members, most of whom are YMCA members as the work progressed. Benbrook residents, regularly maintain the Several of the plants have already begun to entrance garden as part of their commit- put out new growth, including red yucca ment to community service.

Club members removed fallen oak rosemary bush. Spring may be arriving leaves and debris, trimmed overgrown or slowly this year but it's definitely on its freeze-damaged shrubs and trimmed rose- way.



Pictured left-Waverly Garden Club members are: (1r) Jenny Rogers, Rachel Emond, Veronica Wingen, Dian Price, Johanne Timpson, Carol Stewart and JoAnn Trinkle. Not pictured: Ellen Sowers.

Ten bags of cedar mulch were used to

Club members appreciated the many

flower buds and the greening of the trailing





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## New Ways Families With Kids Can Go Green



Having kids can mean having a lot of stuff, not all of which is made from eco-friendly materials. However, if you're like many parents, you want your children to have a clean, healthy planet to live in when they grow up. Going green while parenting might sound challenging, but it's definitely not impossible. These tips and insights can help get you started:

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gies and single-use beverage containers at lunchtime. To substantially reduce your family's plastic waste, switch to organic, reusable lunchboxes featuring partitions and tightly-fitting, leak-proof lids. Keep kids hydrated with easy-to-clean stainless steel water bottles or thermoses. Finally, rethink the types of products you buy most often. Rather than opting for snacks pre-packed in single-serving plastic, instead buy favorite items in bulk and wrap smaller portions in reusable, compostable wrapping.

#### **Eco-Friendly Play**

Some of your children's favorite toy brands are already going green, making it easy to make playtime eco-friendly. When shopping for outdoor play or childrens gifts, make note of packaging that displays use of recycled materials on the label.

#### **Composting**

Composting is a simple way to reduce waste and teach children about how they can positively impact the environment. Start by setting up a compost bin and work with your children to identify ingredients that can be added to it. A good compost recipe includes materials such as dry leaves, household waste like vegetable scraps, coffee grounds and eggshells, and a layer of soil. Add some water and watch as science comes to life. Kids will love seeing their compost turn to soil over time and allowing them to be hands on throughout the process teaches them the concept of recycling in a realistic and relatable way.

With a few simple tweaks, parents can make choices that better protect the environment, while setting a great example for kids.

From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

## Brewer HS Class of 1971 50th Reunion

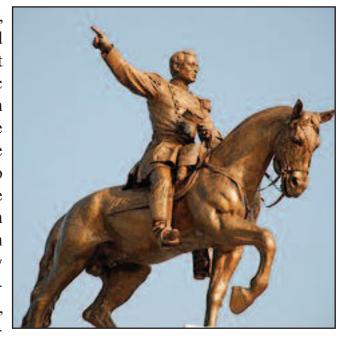
Brewer High School classmates of 1971 are having their 50th class reunion on Saturday, June 19 at 6 p.m. at the Railhead Smokehouse in Willow Park located at 129 S. Ranch House Rd. There will also be a band starting around 7 p.m.

The deadline to RSVP is June 11. The price for dinner is \$13 plus tax and 20 percent gratuity per person. It includes sliced beef, sliced chicken and sausage. The sides are beans, potato salad, and coleslaw and water, tea and fountain drinks are included in this price. 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.

## Cinco de Mayo and Gen. Ignacio Zaragoza by Dr. Ken Bridges

May On Mexico celebrated one of its most important patriotic holidays, known simply as Cinco de Mayo. It marks the victory of Mexico over France at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. It was an improbable victory against overwhelming odds. Above all, it is a day remem-



sible by the daring and valor of a native Texan, Gen. Ignacio declared that the Fifth of May would be celebrated every years Zaragoza.

Zaragoza was born in March 1829 in Presidio la Bahia, which is the current city of Goliad, about 90 miles southeast of San Juarez and was celebrated as a great hero. When he returned, a Antonio. He was born into a prosperous and respected family of typhoid fever epidemic was spreading among his troops. landowners and politicians. His uncle, Erasmo Seguin, had served Zaragoza fell ill and died on September 8 at age 33. The loss devas mayor of San Antonio and helped draft Mexico's 1824 consti- astated the country. tution which established it as a republic. Seguin had also helped Stephen F. Austin with his early colonization efforts. Seguin's lose the war. France regrouped and seized control of Mexico City son, Juan Seguin, also served as San Antonio mayor and was a within a few months, installing a puppet government. But captain in the Texas Army during the Texas Revolution.

parents enrolled him in a seminary in nearby Monterrey. Two to resist. years later, however, he left the seminary, feeling he had a different calling. When the Mexican War started later in 1846, French occupation of Mexico but was distracted by the chaos of Zaragoza attempted to enlist in the army but was not allowed to the Civil War. France considered intervening in the Civil War on ioin.

by his skills and daring, he was commissioned as an officer when against it after Great Britain declined to intervene. the force was incorporated into the regular army. In 1857, civil constitution was enacted and Zaragoza was appointed Minister of Texas and the United States.

Mexico, however, was still in the midst of chaos. It had been embroiled in civil wars almost since its independence in 1821. One government after another was overthrown. Threats of coups, assassinations, and uprisings were constant. This chaos had allowed its international debts to soar. And the countries it owed

the most money to, France, Great Britain, and Spain, were determined to collect.

France had one of the most powerful armies in the world at that time and was led by the ambitious Emperor Napoleon III, nephew of his famed namesake. Napoleon III sent his armies to Mexico in early 1862 to subdue the country. Zaragoza resigned his ministerial post to take command of the Army of the East and set to fortify army positions at Puebla, east of Mexico City.

French forces attacked Zaragoza's troops on May 5, 1862. Zaragoza was badly outnumbered against better-trained and better-supplied troops but had planned carefully, taking advantage of his troops' uphill and fortified positions. The French assault failed at Puebla, with the loss of nearly one thousand French troops to a loss of only 86 for Mexico.

The victory pushed French forces back on their heels and left bered for courage. This special day for Mexico is a day made pos-their battle plans in tatters. Within days, President Benito Juarez afterward in honor of the victory.

Zaragoza briefly returned to Mexico City to coordinate with

Though Zaragoza won the day on May 5, Mexico would still Mexico continued to fight on, with Juarez moving the capital When Zaragoza was five, his family moved from Texas to across the country, invoking the victory at Puebla and the memory Matamoros on the southern banks of the Rio Grande. In 1844, his of Zaragoza and the Battle of Puebla to urge Mexico to continue

The United States ordinarily would have objected to the behalf of the Confederacy in order to defend their occupation of By 1853, he joined the local militia in Nuevo Leon. Impressed Mexico, already a costly one because of Puebla, but decided

Fighting against France continued for several more years war again erupted in Mexico, a conflict known as the Reform before Mexico finally repelled the French in 1867. Zaragoza is War. Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna was controversial even still considered a great hero across Mexico to this day, honored in Mexico, provoking feelings of love, fear, and hatred. Zaragoza with statues and streets named for him. His image was even on sided with the reformers against Santa Anna during the war, the 500-peso note for a time. Several small communities are fought in several important battles, and rose through the ranks. named for him. Cinco de Mayo is still one of the most popular After the war ended in 1860 with Santa Anna in defeat, a new celebrations in Mexico to this day, with celebrations even in

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## Saturday, May 8:

**AM** - Partly sunny, with a high near 83. **PM** - Partly cloudy, with a low around 70.



### Sunday, May 9:

**AM** - Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. **PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 71.

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