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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Castleberry High School Boys Cross Country Season Ends in Lubbock

Castleberry High School has fielded many strong cross-country teams over the years.

This year the team has been led by freshman Santiago Buendia. Even though the team was not as dominant as it has been for the last few years, they did qualify for the 4A Region 1 meet by placing third in the District 7-4A meet on Oct. 14. The regional meet took place on Monday, Oct.

25 at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.

There were 24 teams and 175 individual runners who participated in the regional meet. The Lions placed 18th overall as a team. Six of the seven individual team members are underclassmen, and three are freshmen. This is certainly a reason to be optimistic for next year's team success. Below are the boys' individual results from the regional meet.

CHS Boys 4A Region 1 Individual Results:

46th - freshman Santiago Buendia
17:52.7 (third highest freshman)

98th - junior Eduardo Hernandez
19:09.8

134th - senior Blaize Lasher
20:14.4

137th - junior Benjamin Ortega
20:19.7

152nd - freshman Christopher Montoya
21:25.3

158th - junior Samuel Canelas
21:44.3

165th - freshman Jorge Escalera
22:27.2

Congratulations to head coach Bart Beasley and the entire cross-country team. Special congratulations to this year's only senior, Blaize Lasher. Looking forward to next year! Go Lions!

From the Sports Desk with John Loven

High School Football: Castleberry Lions Claim Victory Over Diamond Hill Eagles

The Castleberry Lions and the Diamond Hill Eagles battled On Friday, Oct. 29 at Clark Stadium. Both teams entered the game 0-8 and were seeking their first victory of the season.

Thankfully, for Lion fans, it was Castleberry who would come out victorious. The week before the Lions had scored 55 points in a losing effort against Western Hills as they gave up 68 to the Cougars.

The Lions hung another 50+ points for the second week in a row, racking up 57 points on the Eagles. However, this game the defense limited Diamond Hill to 35 to

secure the win.

The Lions close their season this week. The game, originally scheduled for Friday, Nov. 5, has been changed to Thursday, Nov. 4, but game will still be played at W.O. Barnes stadium.

The Lions will be taking on the Carter-Riverside Eagles and kickoff is 7:30 p.m.

With the Lion offense having scored 112 points in the last two games, look for them to continue to roll and score a lot of points.

Come out and show your support on Senior Night. Go Lions!

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A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021, at First Baptist Church Benbrook located at 1015 McKinley, Benbrook, TX 76126.

Interment will be at Greenwood Memorial Park.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred; and son, Gary.

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From the City of White Settlement

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Toys For Tots is an organization that collects new unwrapped toys and distributes them to less fortunate children at Christmas.

Now through Dec. 9, there will be donation boxes at City Hall, the Police Station, the Fire Station, and at the Library.

You can bring a new, unwrapped toy to any of these drop off stations and help make Christmas special for those in need.

Feed My Sheep Open Nov. 6

The Feed My Sheep ministry, which provides clothing and food items to those in need at no charge, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon at Bethany Christian Church, located at 1500 Meadow Park Dr. in White Settlement.

Bethany Christian Church accepts donations of clean, usable clothes and shoes, non-perishable foods and health and beauty items.

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From the City of River Oaks

Public Hearing Scheduled Nov. 9

A Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. in the River Oaks City Council Chambers located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd. in River Oaks. Public input will be received on the CDBG-CV Community Development Block Grant Program - Coronavirus that will prepare, prevent and respond to coronavirus using Tarrant County's share of HUD CDBG Care's Act funds (CDBG-CV) involving a project for the expansion of the River Oaks Fire Station in the City of River Oaks.

For more information, contact the Public Works Director at 817-626-5421, ext. 322 or the City Manager at 817-626-5421, ext. 324.

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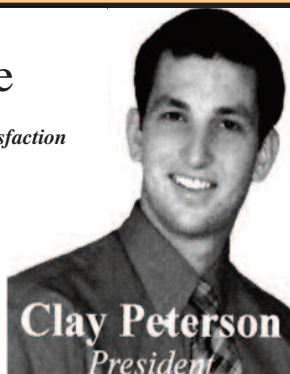
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Five Tips to Thwart Fraudsters and Protect Older Adults

Unfortunately, many of the most effective scams are those which target older adults, according to experts.

All too often, we hear of elder financial abuse cases where bad actors manipulate unsuspecting older adults out of their savings and possessions.

Imposter scams use a variety of tricks to gain a person's trust and steal their sensitive information, but they often start with a simple call, email or message impersonating a person or company they know to trick them into giving away their money. To thwart fraudsters, consider these five tips.

1. Beware of callers. Don't pick up calls from unknown numbers. The IRS and other government or financial institutions rarely make outbound calls and never ask you to provide personal information.
2. Don't be ghosted by a money mule scam. Avoid helping strangers with cashing checks, delivering packages or receiving goods.
3. Beware of calls from anyone claiming to be your grandchild in urgent need of

money. Hang up immediately to avoid falling for this common trick.

4. Speak to another family member or trusted person in your life before lending large sums of money to family members or new acquaintances.

5. Bad actors are everywhere today, including in internet searches, emails and texts. Don't be tempted to click on something that could hurt you or expose your personal information and log-in credentials.

The best things you can do for yourself are know how to recognize potential scams and keep an open dialogue with your family and loved ones. Encourage each other to share if something sounds suspect, and run a situation by someone you trust before making a decision that could impact you financially.

To protect yourself and those you love, learn the most common tricks and scams, and when contacted by someone you don't know, always proceed with caution.

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Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

Community Members Enjoy Dressing Up and Trick or Treating

Several churches in local communities opened their doors for trick-or-treaters. Food, fun, fellowship, games and lots of candy were distributed throughout these events. Everyone enjoyed the evening with perfect weather!



Many animals participated, and Waffles came as a hot dog.



Noah's Ark was complete with animals!



Parking was watched over by Batman!



Aden Rogers had a blast!



Tommy Beatles and Brittany, Cade and Eric Castello came as the M&M's.

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From the River Oaks Police Department

River Oaks Police Department Crime Report

Monday, Oct. 25

Officers from the River Oaks Police Department conducted a pedestrian stop on the 5000 block of River Oaks Blvd on an intoxicated subject. Officers noted that the subject was walking in the roadway and was intoxicated to the point he was a danger to himself and/or others. This subject was arrested for Public Intoxication and transported to the River Oaks Police Department where he was booked without incident.

Officers were dispatched to a business in the 5500 block of River Oaks Blvd in reference to a stolen bicycle. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who advised that he had rode his bicycle to the store and left it out front while he went inside. The victim advised when he returned, his bicycle was gone. Officers completed a theft report and detectives will be reviewing surveillance video to hopefully identify the actor in this crime.

Wednesday, Oct. 27

Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 1200 block of Oxford in reference to a burglary of a vehicle. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who advised that sometime over the evening, someone broke into his work truck which was parked in the street in front of his residence. The victim stated the only thing missing was a camera mounted next to the rear-view mirror which records while the work truck is being driven. Officers made note that the driver side window had been broken out during this burglary. Officers completed a burglary of a motor vehicle report and detectives will be working to identify the actor in this case.

Officers were dispatched to the lobby of the River Oaks Police Department to speak with a subject in reference to credit card fraud. Upon arrival, the victim advised that someone had made unauthorized charges on his company gas card. The victim advised that he suspected an ex-employee. Officers completed a debit card/credit card abuse report. A short time later, officers located the ex-employee and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle he was driving in the 700 block of Churchill. Officers located the gas card in this subject's wallet. This subject was placed under arrest for Debit Card/Credit Card Abuse and transported to the River Oaks Police Department where he was booked without incident.

Officers were dispatched to a business in the 5500 block of River Oaks Blvd in reference to a suspicious person wearing an alien Halloween mask. The caller advised that this suspicious masked person attempted to open his washing machine while it was running. The caller stated that he confronted the person and that this individual produced a beer bottle which he shattered creating a makeshift weapon. The caller advised that the alien mask man then left the scene. Upon arrival, officers located the suspect in the same shopping center. Investigation revealed this subject had taken items from the dollar store without paying for them. The man was arrested for theft and transported to the River Oaks Police Department where he was booked without incident.

Thursday, Oct. 28

Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 4600 block of Almena Road in reference to a welfare check. The caller stated her step-daughter had missed her CPS visitation with her child, which was abnormal for her. Officers went to the residence to check on the step-daughter. She was located in good health however she was in the company of a male that had assaulted this victim multiple times in the past; to the point a judge issued an emergency protective order prohibiting him from having in contact with her. This male subject was placed under arrest for Violation of the Emergency Protective Order and transported to the River Oaks Police Department where he was booked without incident.

Friday, Oct. 29

Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 5000 block of Kessler Road in reference to a report of a terroristic threat. Upon arrival, officers

spoke with the victim who advised that a few minutes ago he was at gas station located in the 2600 block of Jacksboro Highway getting gas. The victim advised as he was leaving the gas station he was almost struck by a blue colored BMW. The victim advised that the BMW began following him as he was driving home. The victim stated that the BMW pulled along side of his vehicle at the intersection of Long and River Oaks Blvd. The victim advised that the driver of the BMW produced a handgun and wracked the slide of the pistol. The victim advised he immediately slammed on his brakes and took a photograph of the vehicle to include its license plate. The BMW continued westbound on River Oaks Blvd and the victim turned off to go home. Officers completed a Terroristic Threat report and detectives will be speaking with the owner of the BMW soon.

Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 5000 block of Langley Road in reference to a suicidal person. Upon arrival, officers were directed to the person that was making threats of hurting himself. Officers learned that this subject had taken a large amount of prescription medication with the intent to hurt himself. This subject was taken into custody and transported to a local hospital for a mental health evaluation.

Saturday, Oct. 30

Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 5400 block of River Oaks Blvd. Subsequent investigation revealed the driver was in possession of 4 pills which are believed to be Ecstasy, which is an illegal drug. Officers seized the pills which will be sent to the lab for testing. The driver was identified and allowed to leave the scene. If the lab identifies the pills as a controlled substance, detectives will be issuing a felony warrant for the arrest of the driver for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Officers were on routine patrol and located a heavy-duty hammer drill in the middle of the roadway in the 5900 block of Black Oak Lane. This drill was recovered for safekeeping. If you are missing your hammer drill, give us a call.

Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 4900 block of River Oaks Blvd. The vehicle failed to stop and made a short tour of the city before finally stopping at a residence in the 4900 block of Barbara Street. Subsequent investigation revealed that this subject was wanted on a parole warrant for Robbery out of the state of Texas pardons and parole. This subject was arrested and transported to the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office and released into their custody. Officers completed an Evading Arrest report. Detectives will be issuing a warrant for this subject soon.

Officers stopped a suspicious person in the 5300 block of Sam Calloway after observing him exiting the garage area of a residence. The subject first denied that he had been in or near the residence. He then changed his story and reported that he was looking for a friend. The subsequent investigation revealed this subject was in possession of a zip-lock baggie containing a substance believed to be methamphetamine. Nothing was found to be amiss at the residence he was seen leaving from. This subject was placed under arrest for Possession of a Controlled Substance and transported to the River Oaks Police Department where he was booked without incident.

Sunday, Oct. 31

Officers located a vehicle stopped in the roadway in the 1500 block of Greenbrier. The driver of the vehicle was slumped over the steering wheel. Officers noted a strong odor of freshly burnt marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Officers contacted the driver of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed that the driver was in possession of a small amount of green leafy substance believed to be marijuana and a loaded .22 caliber pistol. This subject was arrested for Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon. This subject was transported to the River Oaks Police Department and booked without incident.

Comanche War Leader, Quanah Parker *by Dr. Ken Bridges*



Quanah Parker became a respected leader of the Comanche Nation at the end of the Plains Indian Wars. He spent much of his life caught between two worlds. He was the son of a white settler and a Comanche chief. And he had to lead his tribe in the difficult transition from their ancient traditions to life on the reservation.

His mother, Cynthia Ann Parker, was captured by Comanches at age nine in an 1836 raid on Fort Parker in Central Texas, just east of modern-day Waco. She became a full-fledged member of the tribe and fully assimilated into the culture. She married Peta Nocona, the chief of the Kwahadi band of Comanches. The community of Nocona was later named for him. Quanah Parker was born probably in 1845 in the Wichita Mountains of southern Oklahoma, though other dates have been offered and even locations as distant as East Texas as the site of his birth.

Parker grew up with Comanche traditions on the Llano Estacado, moving along sites across the Texas Panhandle and into New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas. In 1860, his mother and sister were captured in a clash with Texas Rangers at the Battle of Pease River in Foard County and died within a few years. Though Comanche tradition encouraged tribe members to change their birth names once they reached adulthood, Parker kept his birth name as a reminder of his mother.

In 1868, the federal government attempted to make peace with the tribes of the southern plains and bring them onto reservations. Many tribes signed, but Parker refused. The army sent cavalry units after the Comanches, but the tribe always managed to stay a step ahead. Parker would even raid cavalry camps, steal army horses, and disappear. By 1872, the army gave up its search. In 1874, the army restarted its search for the Comanches and waged intense battles against them.

At the end of the Red River War in 1875, Parker had to face the terrible reality. The U. S. Army had killed 1,500 of their horses at the Battle of Palo Duro Canyon, and the buffalo that the Comanches and other tribes relied upon had been hunted nearly to extinction. With their maneuverability and military strength greatly reduced and with food becoming scarce, Parker had no choice but to surrender his band of Comanches to the army, becoming the last tribe on the southern plains to surrender. They were taken to the combined Kiowa-Apache-Comanche reservation in the Southwest Indian Territory, or what is now Oklahoma.

Though he was chief of his own band of Kwahadi Comanches, the federal government made him principal chief of all Comanches though the tribe had not selected him for the position. Nevertheless, he spoke out repeatedly to defend Comanche needs, their rights, and their traditions. He tried to make the Comanches self-sufficient on the reservations and encouraged the construction of schools on the reservations that emphasized their cultural heritage. There was tremendous pressures to open reservation lands to white settlers and to lease the lands for grazing rights, but Parker resisted. By the 1880s, after years of discussions and negotiations, he entered into a contract with North Texas cattle barons Charles Goodnight and Samuel Burk Burnett to allow their cattle to graze on one million acres of their reservation lands for a fee. The contract stayed in place until 1902, and

the grazing fees became a steady source of income for the tribes. Parker himself also made the transition to becoming a successful rancher himself, and with investments in railroads became perhaps the wealthiest Native American in the country.

Parker earned a great deal of respect among white settlers in his later years. In 1884, the city of Quanah, the county seat of Hardeman County, was founded and named after Parker. He even appeared at a dedication ceremony, offering a benediction to bless the community, saying, "May the Great Spirit smile upon your little town." He met regularly with many powerful politicians, including President Theodore Roosevelt. In 1902, he was named Deputy Sheriff for Lawton.

At a time when federal and state officials were trying to end tribal religious practices in favor of Christianity, Parker maintained his steadfast support for his ancient traditions. He became a co-founder and leader of what became known as the Native American Church, sometimes called Peyotism, which was a combination of different tribal traditions culmination in the belief that the world was controlled by the creator, or "Great Spirit," and emphasized care for others, forgiveness, and unity. Peyote is commonly used as a medicine and for spiritual visions. In 1907, he defended the use of peyote in religious ceremonies at a committee meeting of the Oklahoma state legislature, declaring, "I do not think this legislature should interfere with a man's religion." One of his sons, however, would become a noted Methodist minister.

Parker continued to give interviews and travel to other reservations.

He died at his home in Cache in 1911. He was buried next to his mother.

The reservation government was reorganized after his death, replacing chief with the position of chairman, making Quanah Parker at the time the last chief of the Comanches.

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Three Day Weekend Forecast



Friday, Nov. 5:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 60. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
PM - Clear, with a low around 41. South southeast wind around 5 mph.



Saturday, Nov. 6:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 66. South wind 5 to 10 mph.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 45.



Sunday, Nov. 7:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 70.
PM - Clear, with a low around 48.

[Extended Forecast Click Here](#)