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*From Castleberry ISD*

## ***Castleberry ISD to Host Spring Art Show at House of NeVille Gallery & Gatherings***

Castleberry ISD is proud to announce the annual spring art show, showcasing the talent and creativity of students in grades pre-K through 12! This year's event will include two exhibits. The Secondary Student Exhibition will feature artwork from Irma Marsh Middle School and Castleberry High School students, while the Elementary Student Exhibition will highlight pieces from A.V. Cato Elementary, Castleberry Elementary, and Joy James Academy of Leadership. Both exhibits are free and open to the public!

Multiple mediums of visual art will be on display, including drawing, painting, sculpture/3D art, mixed media, and more. This varied display not only showcases the abilities of Castleberry ISD students but also reflects the comprehensive curriculum provided by the district, fostering creativity and artistic exploration among its students.

Much appreciation goes to Joy Harvison, Jimmy Joe Jenkins, and Bradley Kent – House of NeVille Gallery & Gatherings – for their partnership and generosity of providing the gallery space, ensuring that the artwork of these budding Castleberry ISD artists is properly showcased.

### **Secondary Student Exhibition**

The opening reception will be Tuesday, April 16 from 1 to 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served from 5 to 7 p.m.

Exhibition dates will be Wednesday, April 17 through Saturday, April 20 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at House of NeVille Gallery & Gatherings, located at 2409 Neville St., Fort Worth, TX, 76107.

Secondary Visual Art teachers are Jason Brown (Irma Marsh Middle School), Rachel Cecil (Castleberry High School), Jazmin Gonzalez (Castleberry High School), Greg Robinson (Irma Marsh Middle School).

### **Elementary Student Exhibition**

The opening reception will be Wednesday, April 24 from 1 to 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served from 5 to 7 p.m.

Exhibition dates will be Thursday, April 25 through Saturday, April 27 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at House of NeVille Gallery & Gatherings, located at 2409 Neville St., Fort Worth, TX, 76107.

Elementary Visual Art teachers are Amanda Cox (A.V. Cato Elementary), Tracey Haynes (Castleberry Elementary), Isabel Rocha (Joy James Academy of Leadership).

### **Juried Art Show**

The works on display in both exhibits will be judged based on creativity/originality, effective use of elements and principles, and workmanship. Winning artworks will receive awards and be prominently displayed in the gallery foyer throughout the exhibition.

Make plans to attend the opening reception or explore the works on display during gallery hours to see the artistic achievements of Castleberry ISD students!

For more information about the Castleberry ISD district art shows, please contact Dr. Steven Moss, Director of Fine Arts.

*From Castleberry ISD*

## **Castleberry ISD School Board Candidates Forum**

The Castleberry ISD School Board Candidates forum is scheduled for Thursday, April 18 at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of Irma Marsh Middle School, located at 415 Hagg Drive.

This forum is open to the public and will allow community members to hear directly from the candidates running for Place 3 in Castleberry ISD's School Board Election this May.

Incumbent Ariela Martinez and Candidate Janice Carrell will share their perspectives and answer questions from the audience.

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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

# Castleberry High School Lions Magical Soccer Season Ends

The Castleberry Lions boys soccer team had high aspirations entering the 2024 season. Head Coach Paul Smith has done an amazing job at the helm of the soccer team for a number of years. He has helped to develop one of the top soccer programs in all of north Texas. This team was one of his best. They entered the fourth round of the UIL 4A Soccer Playoffs on Friday, April 5 at Northwest ISD Stadium. Their dream of making it to state was shattered in a span of just 10 minutes (the last 2 minutes of the first half and the first 8 minutes of the second half), as the Lions fell 3-0 to the San Elizario Eagles.

The Eagles entered the contest with a 20-3 record. They opened their season with three straight losses and then reeled off 20 straight wins. Even more impressive than the 20 consecutive wins was that it included 18 shut outs! This was a very good team and a defensive heavyweight. Unfortunately, at times they played like a heavyweight in a fight. The Lions play a physical brand of soccer – but always within the rules. This Eagle team took physicality to a new level. They received no less than four yellow cards in the first 35 minutes of the game. By the end of the game, they had given seven yellow cards till finally in the

last minute of the game they received a red card (with ejection).

For the majority of the first half the game was a defensive struggle. The Lions only managed a couple of shots on goal against the tough Eagle defense. Meanwhile, the Lions played most of the first half defending their end of the field against the Eagles. A bit of irony occurred near the end of the first half.

After the Eagles were given their fourth yellow card of the game with 7:45 left in the half, a few minutes later the Lions received their first and only yellow card of the game. It was a very questionable call but never the less resulted in a free kick for the Eagles. Unfortunately, it was this free kick (wind aided) that sailed down the field and into the goal to break the 0-0 tie. It was a very tough break for the Lions who were now down 1-0 as they entered halftime.

Any hope the Lions had to win this game was soon crushed in the second half. The Eagles scored a second goal in less than 7 minutes into the half (33:40 mark). Then the hard spot came a minute later when they

scored a third goal at the 33:32 mark. The Lions were now down 3-0 against a team who had only allowed a total of 3 goals to be scored on them in their last 20 games. Now the Lions were faced with having to score 3 goals on them in one half. A tough road for CHS to climb. The Lions never gave up and fought very hard the rest of the game but simply could not score on the Eagles.

The Lions finished the year 26-4, one of the best seasons in CHS history. Congratulations to Coach Smith and the entire team, especially the seniors. With some very talented underclassmen returning, the future remains bright.

Way to go Lions!!!



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From the City of River Oaks

# Air Show Traffic Notice

This weekend, on Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14, the City is requesting that the residents who reside along Meandering Road and Yale Street refrain from parking on the roadway from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. both days. We anticipate heavy congestion and delays in the neighborhood as a result of the [Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Wings Over Cowtown Airshow](#).

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From Tarrant Regional Water District

# Spring 2024 Trinity River Trash Bash April 20

It's not too late to sign-up for the Spring 2024 Trinity River Trash Bash on April 20 in Fort Worth!

The annual event, which will be held between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., features nine cleanup locations along the Clear and West Forks of the river throughout Fort Worth. Prior to the event, volunteers will be provided trash bags and gloves in order to collect the trash and debris. Volunteers can also attend Trash Bash volunteer after-party from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, [visit the Trash Bash website](#).

## Spring Trash Bash at Marine Creek Lake April 27

Those interested in picking up trash around Marine Creek Lake also still have plenty of time to sign-up for the April 27 event located off of I-820 in northwest Tarrant County. The Trash Bash at Marine Creek is from 8 to 10 a.m., followed by an after-party from 10 a.m. to noon.

Additional event details regarding the After-Party will be emailed closer to the event. [Click here to sign-up](#).

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*Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt*

# ***Community Members and Visitors Enjoy the Solar Eclipse***

The solar eclipse was an amazing phenomenon witnessed by several individuals in our hometown. The anticipation I observed from those gathered to watch was completely overwhelming!

As the moon moved into place, the sun was totally eclipsed and the skies went dark! The temperature dropped, locusts were chirping - and then the applause of spectators that participated in this spectacular event was amazing! At different locations were food trucks, shaved ice, free popcorn and eclipse glasses.



These spectators came from Oregon and California to meet up with family in Fort Worth: **Jessica Crandall, Ryan Crandall, Jasmyn McKown, Bob Castillo, Matt Bailey, Sarah Szilard and Matt Doidge.**



**Diego, Sophia, Naomi and Erica Ruelas** prepare for the eclipse.



**Lyle Brown, Garvey McCue, Robyn Brown and Abi McCue** came to watch the eclipse from Tennessee and Georgia.



**Mary Madderom and Trevor Madderom** hosted guests from Florida, **Darlene Madderom and Beverly Secraw.**



**Manual Acnanza, Pete Alcalá and Lee Roy Lewis** found the perfect spot to watch the eclipse.

Texas History Minute

**Erastus “Deaf” Smith** by Dr. Ken Bridges

Erastus “Deaf” Smith was perhaps one of the most unique figures to emerge from the early years of Texas History. In spite of a nearly total hearing loss, “Deaf” Smith still served Texas with courage and distinction. While he may not have been able to hear, Texas listened closely to what he had to say.



Smith was born in Dutchess County, New York, about 80 miles north of New York City. His parents, Chilaib and Mary Smith, were farmers. In 1799, they moved to Natchez in the Mississippi Territory in pursuit of the new lands available.

According to reports, Smith lost nearly all of his hearing due to an unspecified illness he suffered as a child. In the years before vaccines and antibiotics, such tragedies were not unusual and any of a number of diseases curable with modern medicine could have been responsible. Nevertheless, his vision and keen sense of discernment remained intact, and Smith remained determined not to let this loss discourage him in any way.

He briefly visited Texas in 1817 before returning to Mississippi. In 1821, he returned to Texas and settled in San Antonio where he married a local widow. Together, they had four children. In 1825, he became one of the first settlers in the community of Gonzales, the first American settlement in Texas west of the Colorado River.

In 1835, when Mexican Gen. Martin Perfecto de Cos briefly seized control of San Antonio, they blocked Smith, who had been away for some time, from seeing his family.

At the age of 48, he joined the forces of Stephen F. Austin in an attempt to break the siege and served as a scout. Smith’s careful observation revealed that Cos did not have the resources to survive a long siege. Half-starved, Cos and his army surrendered in December.

Smith stayed in San Antonio to help with the defense of the city while his wife and children fled to nearby Columbia. Mexican forces

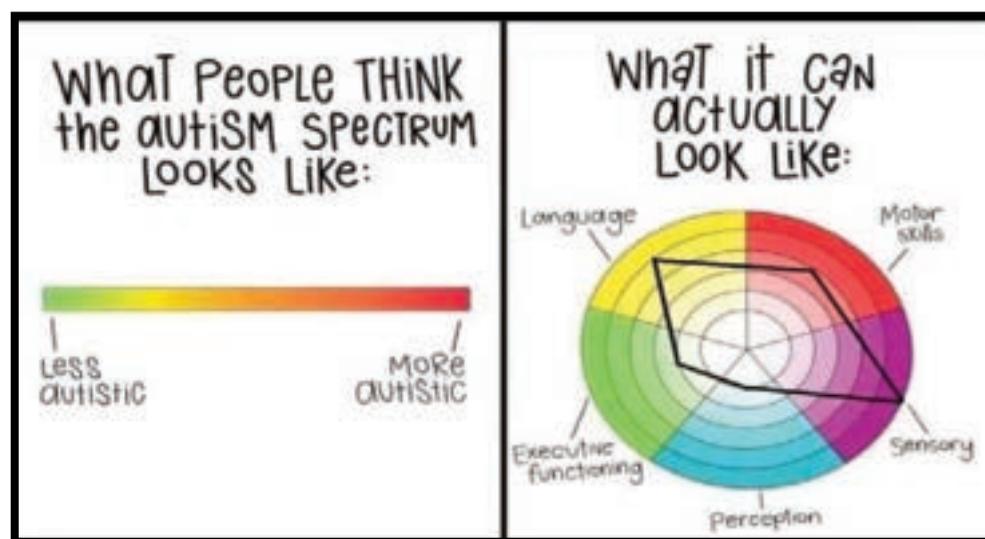
returned the next February. After Col. William Barret Travis wrote his now-famous appeal to Texans and the world for aid, he sent Smith with the letter to Gen. Sam Houston, commander of all Texas forces. Houston sent Smith back to the Alamo to learn of its fate, only to return with the news of its fall and the slaughter of its defenders.

Houston promoted Smith to the rank of captain and continued to use him for reconnaissance while Texas forces pulled back toward San Jacinto. Smith captured a number of Mexican spies and messengers and as the battle at San Jacinto approached and cut down a wooden bridge with an ax to cut off a possible retreat by Mexican forces. After the battle in April, Smith was entrusted with delivering the orders of the surrendering Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna to all remaining Mexican forces to leave Texas.

Smith returned to military service briefly in 1837 as a Ranger to deflect Mexican forces attempting to enter Texas at Laredo. Shortly afterward, Smith moved to Richmond, just west of modern-day Houston. His time here would not last long. In November, he contracted a sudden illness and died. He was only 50 years old.

The Telegraph and Texas Register newspaper in Houston revered his life upon the news of his death, “This singular individual was one whose name bears with it more respect than sounding titles. Major, Colonel, General, sink into insignificance before the simple name of “Deaf Smith.””

The Republic of Texas later put his image on the Texas \$5 bill. In 1876, the state legislature named Deaf Smith County in the Panhandle in memory of the revered hero of the Texas Revolution.



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From North Central Texas Council of Governments

## Reducing the Runtime: Engine Off North Texas

Engine Off North Texas (EONT) is a regional air quality initiative that connects members of local governments, businesses and the public to resources and information about reducing engine idling focused mainly on heavy-duty diesel vehicles. Ten counties in the region are designated as nonattainment for federal ground-level ozone pollutant standards. Of the on-road mobile emissions sources, heavy-duty vehicles contribute around 48% of nitrogen oxides (a ground-level ozone forming pollutant). Therefore, air quality initiatives like EONT are focused on reducing pollution from the heavy-duty transportation vehicle sector which can lead to improving the environment and human health. EONT offers information on local governments' ordinances and policies encouraging heavy-duty diesel vehicle idle reduction, and promotes installation and use of idle-reduction infrastructure and devices that can help reduce diesel engine emissions.

This program provides guidance and educational materials at

no charge, including posters and brochures with information related to idling impacts and idle reduction strategies.

North Texans can report excessive heavy-duty diesel truck idling to NCTCOG in one of two ways: by visiting our website at [www.engineoffnorthtexas.org](http://www.engineoffnorthtexas.org); or by calling 877-NTX-IDLE (1-877-689-4353) -- which results in owners of heavy-duty diesel vehicles being notified by mail. In 2023, EONT received 49 idling reports and distributed materials to entities in jurisdictions with idle restriction ordinances.

Currently, 29 local governments in the North Central Texas region have active idling ordinances on the books. EONT continues its efforts in North Texas to identify and address unnecessary idling activity to reduce diesel engine emissions. To learn more about the current status of regional air quality, visit [nctcog.org/air-quality](http://nctcog.org/air-quality).

From North Central Texas Council of Governments

## April is Car Care Awareness Month

Are you Car Care Aware? April is spring National Car Care Awareness Month and that means taking a few extra steps to ensure your vehicle is in good working condition for the seasons ahead. Not only could preventative maintenance save you both time and money, but it could also keep the air we breathe clean and you and your passengers safe on the roadway.

Vehicle preventative maintenance includes making sure your check engine light is not illuminated, tires are inflated properly and have plenty of tread depth left, windshield wipers aren't cracked or torn, and your fluids are all topped off. Discovering that your vehicle wasn't prepared for the springtime showers can be dangerous, so plan ahead.

As spring quickly gives way to more intense summertime temperatures, ensuring that your cooling system is up to the task is important, as well. An overheated engine could not only leave you stranded but cost you substantially in repairs. Luckily, an engine will generally give you warning before disaster strikes, so keep an eye on the coolant level as well as the temperature gauge.

If you notice that the dreaded check engine light has appeared on the dashboard, don't delay! Have it looked at by a qualified technician. Prolonging that repair could not only cost you more money in the long run, but is making your vehicle pollute excessively as well, affecting our regional air quality. In addition, you won't pass your annual vehicle inspection. Stay safe and remember to be Car Care Aware! For more information on this regional air quality and vehicle safety initiative, visit [ntxcare.org](http://ntxcare.org).

From the City of Benbrook

## Mark Your Calendars for Touch-a-Truck May 21

The City of Benbrook invites you to explore a variety of service trucks and other vehicles and meet the people who protect and serve the Benbrook community, Tuesday, May 21, from 6 to 8 p.m.

This event is great fun for kids of all ages! An Ambulance, Patrol Car, Tractor, Ladder Truck, Fire Engine, and Animal Control Truck will be on display. Vendors will also be onsite where attendees can purchase food.

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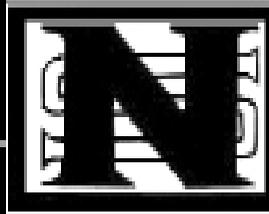


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## Weekend Forecast



### Friday, April 12:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 79. South wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

**PM** - Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.



### Saturday, April 13:

**AM** - Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**PM** - Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.



### Sunday, April 14:

**AM** - Partly sunny, with a high near 86. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**PM** - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68.

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