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*From the Sports Desk with John Loven*

## **Spring Sports:** **Castleberry Athletes Shine**

As the 2024-25 school year is wrapping up, so is the Castleberry High School sports calendar. Here is a brief update for some of the sports that have not been covered and are still competing or just recently finished their season.

### **Boys Baseball**

The baseball team is currently 17-8-1. Their district record is 7-5 which puts them in third place in District 7-4A. They are in a battle with Eagle Mountain for the final two playoff spots. Both teams have 7-5 district records and split their two games 1-1 (Decatur at 11-2 is in first place followed by Springtown at 10-3).

The boys are led in batting by Isaac Aguirre with a .385 average. He is followed closely by teammates Eric Hernandez with a .333 average and Elijah Garcia at .302. Caden Perez leads the team in stolen bases (8) and runs scored (12).

The top pitchers are Adrian Pina with a .052 ERA and Elijah Garcia with a 2.16 ERA. On to the playoffs for CHS baseball!

### **Girls Softball**

The CHS softball team finished the season 7-20-1. Their district record was 4-8 and placed fifth, just out of the playoffs. They did end the season on a high note. Their final game was a 29-6 victory over arch rival Lake Worth on April 17.

They were led in batting and home runs by senior Madalynn Michaels with a .406 average and four home runs. Senior Cassandra Martinez led the team in stolen bases (22) and runs scored (24).

Senior Josselyn Trejo led the team in RBIs with 23.

### **Boys & Girls Track**

The UIL 4A Area 07 & 08 track meet took place on April 9 in Springtown. The top girls runner was Alexandria Rivera who finished seventh in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.50.

The boys team saw a senior shot and discus thrower, Saul Becera, do well. He placed second in the discus with an outstanding throw of 155'5". He also placed third in the shot with a put of 48'6 1/2".

Saul advanced to regionals in Lubbock as a result of these performances in both events. Saul *(story continued on page 5)*

*From Castleberry Independent School District*

## **Castleberry Students Earn Top Honors at State Visual Arts Event**

The State Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE), hosted by the Texas Art Education Association, took place Friday, April 25, and Saturday, April 26, at San Marcos High School in San Marcos, Texas. The annual event recognizes exemplary student artwork and celebrates the achievements of Texas high school artists and the quality of art instruction across the state.

Jurors from across the country evaluated submissions from Castleberry High School, where five of six students earned perfect scores for their artistic creations. Castleberry's State VASE award recipients are Jason A., Camryn A., *(story continued on page 5)*



Castleberry High School students in attendance at the Texas Art Education Association VASE competition were: (l-r) Kenadee, Mia, Kimberly, Camryn, Joshua and Amanda.



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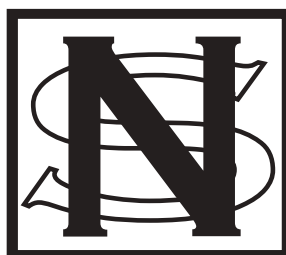
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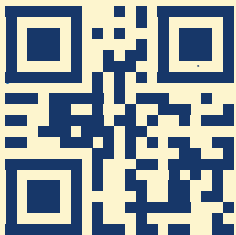
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# Water Planning Group Presents Draft 2026 Water Plan at May 19 Hearing, Seeks Public Input Now

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 19, 1 p.m. to take public comments on a draft version of the 2026 Region C Water Plan. The hearing will take place at the North Central Texas Council of Governments, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011, in the Centerpoint Two Building, 1st Floor Transportation Council Room.

The draft Regional Water Plan, known formally as the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP), is available for review now on the Region C website, [www.regioncwater.org](http://www.regioncwater.org). It recommends over 170 water management strategies to meet North Central Texas’ essential water needs through 2080, as the dynamic, 16-county region’s population nearly doubles over the next 50 years. Nearly 45 percent of the new water supplies called for in the plan will come from water conservation and reuse efforts, underscoring the regional commitment to being a statewide and national leader for innovative, responsible water use.

The RCWPG approved the IPP in February 2025 and submitted it to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in March 2025. The public has until 5 p.m. on July 18, 2025 to review the IPP and offer comments, which will be considered during the plan revision process later this summer.

“Input from regional stakeholders is vital to the success of regional water planning,” said Dan Buhman, Chair of the RCWPG and General Manager of the Tarrant Regional Water District. “Texas residents, communities and businesses face a future that will include dramatic growth,

an ever-present risk of severe drought and the inescapable need for water. Water is essential to preserving our quality of life and fueling the state’s continued prosperity.”

“We must also be thoughtful water users and seek out forward-thinking solutions,” continued Buhman. “That’s why our plan calls for a wide variety of strategies over the next 50 years. We need to hear now from Region C’s many people, communities and companies about how we’re planning to meet their future water needs.”

Copies of the IPP are available in each county clerk’s office and in at least one public library in each of Region C’s 16 counties. These locations are also listed on the Documents page of the website.

The May 19 hearing provides an opportunity to provide comments verbally or in writing. Written comments may also be submitted in three other ways from now until 5 p.m. on July 18, 2025:

- Via the Region C website’s Public Comment form
- Via email to [info@regioncwater.org](mailto:info@regioncwater.org)
- Via mail to: J. Kevin Ward, RCWPG Administrator  
c/o Trinity River Authority P.O. Box 60  
Arlington, Texas 76004

The Planning Group will consider and begin to address all public and state agency comments at its next public meeting in September 2025. The Planning Group must submit its final 2026 Region C Water Plan to the TWDB no later than Oct. 20, 2025.

Relative to other parts of Texas where agricultural watering and other water uses are more intense, Region C uses far less than its proportionate share of the state’s water. Despite having 26 percent of the state’s population and 30 percent of the state’s economic activity, Region C accounts for less than 10 percent of Texas’ annual water use, according to the latest available (2021) figures from the TWDB.

Over the coming years, Region C’s existing water supplies will not be able to meet the growing demands of the region. By 2080, dry-year water demands in Region C will reach 3 million acre-feet of water annually. With currently available regional water supplies at 1.7 million acre-feet of water annually, the region faces a potential annual shortfall of over 1.3 million acre-feet by 2080, absent development of new water supplies.

The total cost of implementing the draft plan’s recommended strategies is over \$49 billion. The new draft plan includes only two new on-channel reservoirs and two off-channel reservoirs, compared to more than 25 reservoirs that were built to supply Region C’s water over the previous 60 years.

**About the Region C Water Planning Group**

*The RCWPG is one of 16 regional water planning groups selected by the TWDB to help develop a comprehensive state water plan for Texas over the next 50 years. Each water planning group is responsible for preparing and adopting a regional water plan for its area. The RCWPG is made up of 22 members representing a variety of interest groups. Region C includes all or part of 16 counties in North Central Texas: Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Fannin, Freestone, Grayson, Henderson (Trinity River Basin portion), Jack, Kaufman, Navarro, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant and Wise. For more information, visit [www.regioncwater.org](http://www.regioncwater.org).*

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# Visual Arts Event (continued from page 1)

Kimberly B., Mia G., Amanda R., and Kenadee S. Their art teachers are Jazmin Gonzalez and Fernando Gonzalez.

Students earning a Rating IV at the state level are awarded medallions and recognized as All-State Artists by the Texas Art Education Association and VASE. All Castleberry High School participants received this honor, and their work will be featured on the official VASE website.

In addition to the competition, students participated in hands-on workshops and sketching sessions. College and university rep-

resentatives from across the country reviewed student portfolios, offering feedback, admissions opportunities and potential scholarships.

For the 2023–24 season, more than 33,000 entries were submitted across 28 regional events. Of those, 2,350 advanced to the state level. Approximately half of the state entries received All-State Superior Ratings, and 166 were selected for the prestigious Gold Seal award.



## Sports Desk (continued from page 1)

placed 11th in the discus with a throw of 108'9". He did much better in the shot where he had an outstanding put of 49'2 1/2" which placed seventh.

The UIL has a wheelchair division CHS athlete Marcos Cano was a champion at the Area track meet.

Marcos won both the 100-meter dash in a time of 22.01 and the shot put with a put of 25' 0". He advanced to Regionals and was a champion in the shot put with a put of 25'9". He placed fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 23.19. Marcos will go on to compete at State! Congratulations, Lions Athletes!



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# H. Bentley Glass: Pioneering Geneticist, Public Advocate, and Champion of Scientific Ethics

H. Bentley Glass was, at one time, one of the most famous scientists in the nation. His life was a journey that began with missionary parents and a Texas education. Glass traveled the world, wrote volumes of books, made important scientific discoveries, and in the 1950s and 1960s, helped the entire nation start thinking about science and the ethics of the latest discoveries.

His parents, both devout Baptists, were from Texas and



went to China to serve as missionaries. Glass was born in Yeshien, in eastern China, in 1906. Because of his parent's work serving the spiritual and physical needs of the people of China, he spent most of his childhood there.

When it was time to start college, Glass moved to Texas. He enrolled at Decatur Baptist College in Decatur before transferring to Baylor University in Waco. After earning a bachelors degree in biology, he taught school briefly in the small town of Timpson in East Texas. He returned to Baylor to complete a masters degree in biology before enrolling at the University of Texas where he earned his doctorate in genetics in 1932.

He went to Berlin for a few years to conduct research at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute, where he was disturbed by the purge of Jews from academic and research positions as Nazi rule took root. He left Germany quickly and worked briefly as a researcher in Missouri before beginning teaching at Stephens College in central Missouri. Before long, he accepted a position at Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland.

In 1948, Glass became a professor of genetics at the prestigious Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. He became an active member of the community and served on the Baltimore Board of School Commissioners from 1954 to 1958, guiding the local schools through the early years of desegregation. Glass also steadily built a reputation among academics and the general public alike for his work. Throughout his career, he wrote upwards of 500 academic articles. Glass published "Genes and The Man" in 1943 to explain genetics to a wider audience. He served as editor of the Quarterly Review of Biology for 42 years from 1944 until 1986. He also served as editor of the respected journal Science in 1953. In addition, he wrote a column on science issues for the Baltimore Evening Sun.

His scientific work included developing theories on genetic

drift, or how often changes in traits appear within a given population. He also served on the Atomic Energy Commission as an advisor in the 1950s on issues surrounding the impact of radiation on living organisms. It was Glass who implanted the idea in the American imagination that roaches, with their abilities to withstand radiation, may be the only survivors of a nuclear holocaust.

He was outspoken on a variety of scientific issues. He called for nuclear disarmament in the 1960s. He condemned eugenics laws that sterilized groups for perceived genetic weaknesses. He served a president of more than half a dozen scientific groups throughout his career. As he had throughout much of his career, he continued to write and speak about ethical issues in science and research, publishing "Science and Ethical Values" in 1965 and "The Ethical Basis of Science" in 1969.

Glass took controversial stands. He served as president of the Maryland chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union from 1955 to 1965. Some of his predictions, such as his belief that people may one day have to undergo genetic testing before they had children, caused much controversy as well as his prediction of the advent of test-tube babies.

In 1965, Glass left Johns Hopkins to take the role of academic vice-president and biology professor at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He continued to work to educate not only the next generation of scientists but the public at large. In 1967, he stated in an interview, "If we are going to build a civilization based on science, then the man in the street is going to have to learn what science is."

He stepped down from his administrative role in 1971 and retired from teaching in 1976 at the age of 70, but he continued to work. His mind and drive remained strong.

For the next 19 years, he worked as an archivist at the American Philosophical Library in Philadelphia, commuting more than 100 miles each way from his home outside New York City to Pennsylvania.

At the age of 89, he retired for good. He lived a quiet life in retirement in Boulder, Colorado. He died one day before his 99th birthday in 2005. He left a large legacy in the popular mind about science, having worked for his lifelong goals he described as "educating laymen in the questing spirit of science and reminding science of its social responsibility."

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**PM** - A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. North northeast wind 5-10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.



### Saturday, May 3:

**AM** - Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.  
**PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 55. Northeast wind around 5 mph.



### Sunday, May 4:

**AM** - Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. East southeast wind around 5 mph.  
**PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 57. East southeast wind around 5 mph.

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