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From Castleberry ISD

Castleberry ISD Receives Prestigious Music Education Honor for Second Consecutive Year

Castleberry ISD has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. Now in its 25th year, the Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement to provide music access and education to all students.

Castleberry ISD is proud to be among a select number of school districts nationwide who received the prestigious award this year. Additionally, Castleberry ISD is one of only four 4A districts in Texas to receive the honor.

“Music education is an integral component of our students' academic and personal growth, and the district is committed to providing our students with a comprehensive music program,” emphasized Renee Smith-Faulkner, superintendent of schools. “Starting in pre-kindergarten, all elementary students participate in music and art through fifth grade. Our district recognizes the profound benefits of participating in the performing arts and is dedicated to ensuring our students have access to this invaluable resource.”

To qualify for the Best Communities designation, Castleberry ISD answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and community music-making programs. Responses were verified by school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

Castleberry ISD is home to an impressive performing arts community, with nearly 68% of the district's 3,740 students participating in at least one music class this school year. The district's talented musicians have been making waves in the world of music education and setting records this year.

Mariachi Los Leones, Castleberry High School's varsity level mariachi ensemble, advanced to the 2024 UIL State Mariachi Festival for the second year in a row and earned a Superior (Division I) rating. In addition, for the first time in the school's history, Mariachi Los Leones advanced to the Texas Association of Mariachi Educators State Competition and earned second place overall.

The Honors and Symphonic bands at Irma Marsh Middle

School earned the coveted sweepstakes trophy at the UIL Region 30 Concert and Sightreading Contest.

The Castleberry High School Lion Band achieved unprecedented success this year, making a remarkable four State appearances. For the second consecutive year and only the second time in program history, they advanced to the UIL State Wind Ensemble Contest, earning straight ones in both sight reading and performance at the UIL Region 30 Concert and Sight Reading Contest. Additionally, the Advanced Flute and Advanced Percussion ensembles excelled, securing a spot at the UIL State Solo and Ensemble Contest. Their achievements also included participation and advancement in the UIL State Wind Ensemble Contest and the UIL State Marching Contest.

These impressive achievements are a testament to the hard work, dedication, and passion of Castleberry ISD's students and educators.



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Summer Celebration
June 29

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Memorial Ceremony
Tuesday, May 7

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May 2 is the 122nd day of the year (123rd in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar and 243 days remain until the end of the year.

On this day, in 1568 Mary, Queen of Scots, escaped from Lochleven Castle.

On May 2 in 1952, a De Havilland Comet made the first jetliner flight with fare-paying passengers, from London to Johannesburg.

President Bill Clinton announced on May 2, 200 that accurate GPS access would no longer be restricted to the United States military.

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Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

New Auxiliary Inducted to VFW Post 10429

Pictured are officers recently installed: (front) President **Shawn Terry**, (left side to back) Sr. Vice President **Anita Grogan**, Treasurer **Johnny Neagle**, Chaplain **Denise Honeycutt**, Trustee 3 **Michael Sheppard**, Trustee 1 **Lori Barta** and Patriotic Instructor **Tessie Kau**; (right side to back) Jr. Vice President **Judy Grantland**, Secretary **Nola Roberts**, Conductor/Historian **Karen Toomer**, Guard **Stephanie Sights** and Trustee 2 **Jessica Quinones**.



A newly established Auxiliary to VFW Post 10429 held an induction recently at their facility. Since 1914, VFW Auxiliary's has brought together individuals from all walks of life with the purpose to improve the lives of veterans, service members, their families and our communities. The organization is designed to bring needed services, education, information and assistance to these target groups.

This Post has not had an Auxiliary in 20 years so it is exciting that one has been implemented.

Twelve officers were elected on this special occasion that was enjoyed by everyone who participated.



Pictured left: Newly installed Auxiliary President to VFW Post 10429 received the gavel from State Auxiliary President **Susie Carter**.



Pictured are: (l-r) State Auxiliary President (Abilene) **Susie Carter**, **Davis Dunn**, **Robert Britt**, Auxiliary State Treasurer **Nancy Hinkle**, **Lorri Beltran**, Auxiliary District President **Lydia Leal**, and Post District 21 President **Glenda Frink**.



Service Officer **Jerry Grantland** and Sr. Vice Commander **Paul Sights** participated at the event.



Unit 19 Motorcycle Group donated \$500 to the Auxiliary. They are: (l-r) **Ken Evenson**, **Danny Dawson**, **Philip Casey**, **Donald Smallwood** and Auxiliary President **Shawn Terry**.

Spanish Military Leader, Bernardo de Galvez *by Dr. Ken Bridges*



The Revolutionary War found the American colonies in a desperate struggle for independence against one of the great superpowers of the eighteenth century, the British Empire. America found help in unexpected places. What turned out to be some of its most important foreign aid came from half a continent away from a largely unknown provincial Spanish governor, Bernardo de Galvez. Galvez served as governor of Spanish Louisiana, an area that at the time included Texas.

Bernardo de Galvez was born in a small mountain village on the southern tip of Spain in 1746. His father was a respected officer in the Spanish army. The younger Galvez began his military career at the age of 16 during the Seven Years War in the Spanish attack on neighboring Portugal. He earned the rank of lieutenant and was sent to what is now the American Southwest shortly afterward and fought in many battles with the different Native American tribes the Spanish were trying to subjugate. He was injured many times and cited for his bravery, rising to the rank of captain while still in his teens.

He returned to Spain in 1772. He took a number of assignments, including serving as an instructor at a military academy before returning to the New World and rose through the ranks. In 1777, Galvez, just 31, was named governor of Spanish Louisiana.

The sprawling territory, which included Louisiana, large portions of East Texas and the Red River Valley, and lands all the way to the Dakotas and the Rocky Mountains, were under his command.

The American Revolution erupted two years prior to Galvez becoming governor. A British defeat would take immense pressure off the Spanish in North America. However, the delicate diplomatic situation between Spain and Great Britain prevented him from taking any overt action. Nevertheless, he devised a plan to aid the colonists anyway. In 1777, he quietly pulled together supplies and sent them up the Mississippi River to the Ohio River and from there to Pennsylvania. He sent weapons, medical supplies, and uniform materials worth more than \$2 million in 2024 dollars to a grateful Continental Army.

In 1778, a group of American refugees came to Galvez seeking land and founded Galveztown in Southeast Louisiana. Galvez began sending troops and colonists to the area in hopes of transforming the area in a Spanish military base against British intrigues in Spanish Florida. By August 1779, Spain was at war with England, and it was Galvez's job to oversee the defense of Spanish interests in the region.

While there would be clashes between Spanish and English land forces, Galvez realized the bulk of the fighting would be naval battles in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea. English naval supremacy prevented many supplies from reaching the colonies. By contrast, the American navy, though staffed with spirited men, consisted of only a handful of ships and was too small to cause any significant damage to the huge British fleet. However, France and Spain, with their large fleets, proved to be a much more even match.

In late 1779, a message to British forces in Jamaica was intercepted by the Spanish, and Galvez prepared Louisiana for an attack. His forces deflected a British force at Baton Rouge in 1779. He sent the Spanish fleet to attack British ports and ships in the region. Slowly, he wore down the British

advantage, allowing much needed supplies to reach the Americans. Galvez was preparing to press the advantage of the Spanish with an invasion of British Jamaica when word came that the war had ended. George Washington himself extended his lavish praise to Galvez in his role in the long war for American freedom.

With the fighting over by 1782, Galvez represented Spain in the treaty negotiations in Paris to formalize the end of the war. He worked closely with his American counterpart, Ben Franklin, to help secure the new nation's strategic interests while regaining Florida for Spain. The Treaty of Paris was formally approved in 1783.

In 1785, he was appointed viceroy of New Spain by King Charles III. New Spain included all of Spain's imperial possessions in North America and the Caribbean Sea, from Panama to California to Florida. As viceroy, Galvez was second only to the king in all matters relating to North America.

He fell ill and died in Mexico City in November 1786 at the age of 40. Statues honoring him were later placed in New Orleans, Washington, DC, and Mobile, Alabama. Galveston was named for him when it was founded as a Mexican port in 1825.

Congress named him as an honorary American citizen in 2014.

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Lunar Events in 2024: Full Moon Schedule

May 23 - Flower Moon

June 22 - Strawberry Moon

July 21 - Buck Moon

August 19 - Sturgeon Moon

September 17 - Harvest Moon

October 17 - Hunter's Moon

November 15 - Beaver Moon

December 15 - Cold Moon

Daughters of the American Revolution

Mary Isham Keith Chapter NSDAR Presents Essay Contest Awards

Mary Isham Keith Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, presented awards to outstanding students at Ridglea Country Club in Fort Worth at their March and April meetings.

The purpose of the DAR Good Citizens Program and Scholarship Contest is to recognize outstanding young people who exhibit the qualities of good citizenship in their homes, schools, and communities.

This year's DAR Good Citizen and Scholarship Award winner was Joseph Baugher, a senior at Arlington Heights High School. His parents are Christopher and Kathryn Baugher.

The purpose of the American History Essay Contest is to promote the study of American history by contests which bring recognition to significant historical people, places, dates, and events.

The fifth-grade winner was Walker West, who is homeschooled. His parents are Stacy and Ron West.

The sixth-grade winner was Paige Ball, who attends Benbrook

Middle School. Her parents are Auva and Robbie Ball.

The winner of the high school contest was Paschal High School junior, Charlotte Patty. Her parents are Mandy and David Patty.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a women's service organization whose members can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. Today's DAR is dynamic and diverse, with over 185,000 members in 3,000 chapters in the United States and abroad. DAR members annually provide millions of hours of volunteer service to their local communities across the country and world. DAR chapters participate in projects to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

If you are interested in learning more about DAR membership, email mikregent2023@gmail.com.



American History Co-Chair **Katrina Lorenzen**, Chapter Regent **Charlsey Holler**, **Charlotte**, **Mandy** and **David Patty**.



Chapter Regent **Charlsey Holler**, **Walker West**, American History Co-Chairs **Katrina Lorenzen** and **Dawn Needles**.

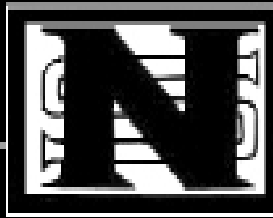


American History Co-Chairs **Katrina Lorenzen** and **Dawn Needles**, **Paige Ball** and Chapter Regent **Charlsey Holler**.



DAR Good Citizen Chair **Julia Mallin**, Chapter Regent **Charlsey Holler**, **Joseph**, **Kathryn** and **Christopher Baugher**.

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PM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



Saturday, May 4:

AM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 82. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

PM - A 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67.



Sunday, May 5:

AM - A 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81.

PM - A 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68.

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