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From Castleberry ISD

## Lenny Lasher Appointed Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Facilities, and Operations



Castleberry ISD is excited to announce **Lenny Lasher** as the Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Facilities, and Operations.

Lasher has served the Castleberry Independent School District for the past 26 years in the various roles of Athletic Trainer, Assistant Athletic Director, Director of Athletics, Director of Student Services, and Executive Director of Student Services & Operations.

Prior to joining Castleberry ISD, he began his educational career in Fort Worth ISD where he was the Head Athletic Trainer for five years.

During his time at Castleberry ISD, Lasher has had the opportunity to work in the areas of athletics, physical and health education, health services, school safety, auxiliary services, and facilities.

He has also been instrumental in coordinating new construction projects that include Castleberry Elementary, Irma Marsh Middle School, Castleberry High School Media Center, Gary S. Jones Administration Building, Technology Building, Athletic Complex, W.O. Barnes Stadium, Strength and Conditioning Complex, and the CISD-Camp Carter Baseball and Softball Complex.

Lasher earned his Masters and Bachelor's degrees in Athletic Administration and Sports Medicine at Iowa State University.

Lenny is married to his wife, Andrea. The couple has three children, Baron (22), Blaize (18), and Bryce (10), all of whom they are extremely proud.

Lasher is honored to have the opportunity to serve the students, staff, and community of Castleberry ISD as the Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Facilities, and Operations.

From Suburban News Staff Writers

## Earth Day April 22



Earth Day is an annual event observed on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes several events coordinated globally by [EarthDay.org](https://www.earthday.org).

The official theme for 2022 is *Invest In Our Planet*.

Earth Day is meant to be spent celebrating the planet's clean, natural resources. In recent years, the day has been used to raise awareness about global climate change.

Today, Earth Day is widely recognized as the largest secular observance in the world, marked by more than a billion people every year as a day of action to change human behavior and create global, national and local policy changes.

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## Castleberry ISD is Currently Pre-Registering Students for Free, Full Day Pre-K and Kindergarten

Castleberry ISD will continue to offer full day pre-kindergarten (pre-k) and kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year. Pre-registration for the district's pre-k and kindergarten programs is happening **online** now.

Parents must finalize the registration process beginning Monday, May 2 to ensure their child is registered for the 2022-2023 school year.

Children enrolling in pre-k must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2022. Castleberry ISD's free pre-kindergarten program is available to all children, whether they live within the district boundaries or not.

Even if your child does not meet the federal qualifying guidelines for a pre-k program, he or she can still attend pre-k in Castleberry ISD. For more information about pre-k at Castleberry ISD, visit the district's **Pre-K Enrollment web page**.

Children enrolling in kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2022. Incoming kindergarten students who live within district boundaries or reside outside

the district, but did not attend pre-k at Castleberry ISD need to **pre-register online** as soon as possible.

Students who are currently attending Castleberry ISD for pre-k do not need to pre-register. Parents must finalize the registration process beginning Monday, May 2, 2022 to ensure their child is registered for the 2022-2023 school year. Students who live outside the district may apply for an Out of District Transfer during pre-registration to be considered for the program. For more information about kindergarten at Castleberry ISD, visit the district's **Kindergarten Pre-Registration web page**.

Registration for all other students attending Castleberry ISD for the 2022-2023 school year opens on Monday, May 2.

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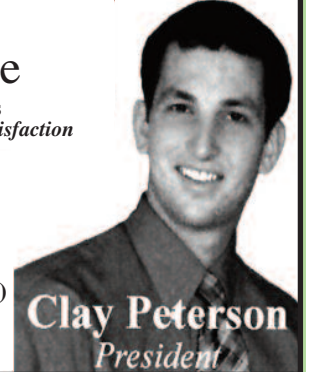
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Texas enables residents to vote early in person during the prescribed early voting period to make the voting process more convenient and accessible.

Generally, a voter can go to any of the early voting locations in an election unless specified on the Early Voting Schedule. View [ID requirements](#) for voting in person. View the closest [early voting location\(s\) to an address](#).

Early voting by personal appearance will be held Monday through Friday, April 25 through April 29 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

Saturday, April 30 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, May 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, May 2 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, May 3 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at River Oaks Annex (old Library), located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd. in River Oaks, or at Tarrant County Elections Center, 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, 76111.

Election day is Saturday, May 7 and the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Candidates that returned an application for Council Member, Place 1 include: John Claridge.

Candidates that returned an application for Council Member, Place 3 include: Dan Dagel, Sherrie Uptmore Dast and Leigh Ann Turner.

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Property includes the contents of spaces of the following tenant: James W Hurst, 111- tool boxes with tools and misc household items.

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2. Learn more about small brands: Brands, entrepreneurs and startups are overcoming the challenges associated with launching new products.

3. Reuse: Discover and buy refurbished products that have been professionally inspected and tested to work and look like new. You can find great prices on pre-owned smartphones, laptops, tablets, desktops, and cameras, across top brands.

4. Donate: AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible purchases to the charity of your choice at no extra cost to you. Participating organizations include a wide range of environmental charities. Additionally, in celebration of Earth Month, U.S. customers can now say “Alexa, grow a tree” to donate \$1 to plant one tree through One Tree Planted, an environmental charity that supports reforestation around the world.

5. Don’t trash it, trade it in: Did you know you can trade in certain devices, cell phones and video games for an Amazon gift card? Through Amazon’s Trade-In program, the devices are either restored and re-sold, or recycled, ensuring a more sustainable way to dispose of devices.

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Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges

# American Surveyor and Civil Engineer, General William Emory

The borders of the United States have expanded considerably since independence was declared. As the nation grew, newer and more detailed maps were needed so the country could plan ahead and utilize the landscape and resources available. Gen. William Emory, an army cartographer, was a vital part of this process.

Emory's diligent studies and attention to detail not only shaped the borders of the United States but also shaped the borders of Texas and revealed the great wonders of the Upper Rio Grande.

**William Hemsley Emory** was born in September 1811 in Eastern Maryland. He was extremely bright and as a young man earned an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

He graduated from West Point in 1831 as a lieutenant and was assigned to an artillery unit. Looking for other opportunities to satisfy his curiosity and imagination, he resigned from the service in 1836 to pursue civil engineering.

The army, however, lured him back two years later with a unique new program, the Corps of Topographical Engineers. This new unit was in charge of surveying resources and infrastructure for both potential military use and civilian development.

He spent the next few years engaged in careful surveys of harbors and rivers on the East Coast. Also in 1838, he married Matilda Bache in Philadelphia. Bache was the great-granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin and the daughter of later Texas State Senator Richard Bache, Jr.

In 1844, Emory arrived in Texas. Though Texas was still independent, Texas was working with the United States in pursuit of annexation and invited the Corps of Topographical Engineers into the republic to examine what Texas had to offer. He spent months studying the Upper Rio Grande Valley, producing maps that were invaluable to American forces during the Mexican War two years later and much more accurate than had been produced up to that point.

His survey of the American-Canadian border between 1844 and 1846 were also a valuable part of the negotiations over the resolution of the Oregon Country dispute and helped finalize the border between the two nations.



When war erupted against Mexico in 1846, he was assigned to join Col. Stephen Kearney in his trek from Kansas to New Mexico and then to California to strip the lightly populated and almost undefended area away from Mexico. The mission was a tremendous success, and the northern third of Mexico was in American hand in a matter of months. Along the way, Emory continued to make careful surveys and notes of the regions the army marched through. In the course of the war, Mexican troops never again entered Texas. When the war was won in 1848, the Texas border at the Rio Grande was unquestioned, thanks to Emory's maps.

His efforts would reap huge dividends again in 1853 when the United States finalized the Gadsden Purchase from Mexico. The United States had won what is now the southwestern quarter of the country as a result of the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo in 1848. Mexico surrendered the lands from the Rio Grande in central New Mexico (what was then West Texas) across to California and the Pacific.

Because of Emory's surveys, federal officials realized some of the unique features of the area. Just south of the Gila River was a break in the Rocky Mountains, an area where the land was relatively smooth. The area was ideal for railroad construction as the concept and ultimate route of the transcontinental railroad began to be discussed.

As a result, Ambassador James Gadsden negotiated a new treaty with Mexico, paying \$10 million for the land that became the southern edges of Arizona and New Mexico. Emory's correspondence with U. S. Senator Thomas Rusk of Texas helped secure the treaty ratification in the Senate.

In 1855, Emory was named head of the International Boundary Commission. His reputation as a scientist and a mapmaker were growing. His two major reports on the geography and wildlife of the Southwest, *Notes of a Military Reconnaissance from Fort Leavenworth to San Diego* (1846) and *Report of the United States and Mexico Boundary Commission* (1859) were major foundations in the later scientific study of the area.

During the Civil War, Emory served with distinction, rising to the rank of general and taking command of the Nineteenth Corps during the Shenandoah Campaign of 1864. He commanded the Department of the Gulf during Reconstruction, which served in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi.

In 1874, as the terroristic White League overthrew the elected government of Louisiana, Emory resorted to diplomacy to convince the coup plotters to restore the elected government and to peacefully disband. What could easily have escalated ended without further bloodshed.

He retired from the army in 1876 and moved east. He died in Washington, DC, in 1887 at age 76. Emory Peak in the Big Bend area was named in his honor as well as New Mexico's Emory Pass.

Astronauts also named a crater on the Moon after him during the 1972 Apollo 17 mission. In the end, his years of study and calculations had an impact that shaped the United States and touched the heavens.



From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

# Send Us Your Bluebonnet Pictures!



It's that time of year again! Springtime in Texas means lovely fields showing off the Texas state flower!

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## Obituary



Steven Glenn Lewis

Steven Glenn Lewis, 68, passed away on Monday, April 11, 2022, with his loved ones by his side.

A visitation was held on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at Galbreath Pickard Funeral Chapel in Weatherford. A private family graveside was also held.


Steve was born March 17, 1954, in El Paso, Texas to Jerry and Jimmie Lewis. He was a successful entrepreneur who built two successful businesses alongside his father, Jerry, and brother Scott. He was a compassionate pawn broker and accomplished pit master, not to mention a hell of a fisherman and golfer.

Steve enjoyed serving the community where he has been coined a selfless man to many, a generous man who would assist anyone in need.

He was an active member, as well as served as Past Master, of Masonic Lodge #1372 in White Settlement.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Scott "Red Wheeler" Lewis.


Steve is survived by: wife of 47 years, Karin Lewis; children, Kristin Williams, and husband Brannon, and Jessica Bobo, and husband Brandon; grandchildren, Matthew Valencia and wife McKyla, Merek Williams, Wyatt Bobo, Scarlett Bobo, and Katelyn Williams as well as his niece, Kacy Lewis.



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Three Day Weekend Forecast



Friday, April 22:

AM - Partly sunny; high near 88. Breezy, South wind 15-25mph, with gusts as high as 30mph.  
PM - Mostly cloudy; low around 68. Breezy, S/SE wind 20-25mph, with gusts as high as 30mph.



Saturday, April 23:

AM - Partly sunny; high near 88. Breezy, South wind 20-25mph, with gusts as high as 35mph.  
PM - A chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. Chance of precipitation is 40%.



Sunday, April 24:

AM - Showers and thunderstorms likely. Partly sunny, with a high near 83. Chance of precipitation is 60%.  
PM - A 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy; low around 59.

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