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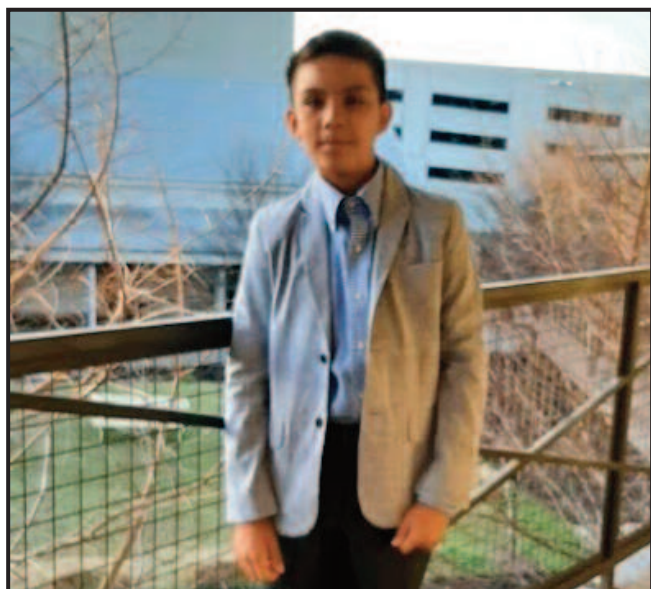
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From Castleberry ISD

Castleberry ISD Student Advances to State Science and Engineering Fair



Irma Marsh student, **Pedro V.**, advanced to the Texas Science and Engineering Fair.

Each winter, Castleberry ISD encourages students in sixth through 12th grades to compete in regional science and engi-

neering fairs across Texas in hopes of securing a coveted spot at the state fair.

For the first time in over six years, one of Irma Marsh Middle School's students, Pedro V., represented Castleberry ISD at the state level competition.

Pedro's project titled "*Using Artificial Intelligence to Alert Blind Pedestrians of Hazards*" won overall campus winner at the district level competition, placed first at the regional level competition, and advanced to round two of three at the state competition.

The state competition was held on March 27, 2022 at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. His project also won a special award at the regional level from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Special Award (IEEE).

The Texas Science and Engineering Fair (TXSEF) includes 20+ entry categories spanning across engineering, biological sciences, and physical sciences. Winning high school entries advance to compete in the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF). TXSEF winners in the high school divisions also earn the opportunity to attend the Governor's Science and Technology Champions Academy and advance to the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair. Winning middle school entries advance to compete in the Broadcom Masters Competition.

Congratulations to Pedro on his accomplishment!

More information about Castleberry ISD's district level competition is available on the [district's website](#).

From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Castleberry Soccer: Lions Advance to Third Round of Playoffs

Castleberry's opponent in the second round of the 2022 UIL 4A State soccer playoffs was Carter-Riverside. Surprisingly, despite just being located a few miles apart, the Eagles and Lions had only played each other in soccer one time. That was over three years ago (pre-pandemic) in 2019. The Lions won that game, played on Jan. 3, 2019, by a score of 2-1.

This time the game had much more significance as it was a playoff game and it was 'win, or go home'. Castleberry entered the game with an 18-5-1 record and sporting a stellar 8-4 all-time record in the state playoffs. Carter-Riverside was 12-9 and had won their first playoff game ever last week (1-5 history in the

playoffs). This year's playoff match was played at Farrington Field on Tuesday, March 29.

Castleberry dominated play early in the game. During the first 15 minutes the Eagles rarely crossed mid-field for any extended period of time. Meanwhile, the Lions controlled the play offensively and resulted in four shots on goal. However, they failed to score.

On the Lions fifth shot on goal they finally scored. Senior Jesse Salas (#17) launched a kick that resembled a long range missile which sailed over the head of the Eagles goalie into the back of the net at the 24:09 mark of the (continued on page 4)

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From the City of River Oaks

Meandering Road Project Town Hall Meeting April 7

A Town Hall meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7 at 7 p.m. at the River Oaks Event Center located at 5300 Blackstone Drive.

Dan Kessler, Assistant Director of Transportation of the North Central Texas Council of Government will be on hand to give citizens an opportunity to comment or to ask questions regarding the Meandering Road Project.

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CHS Soccer (continued from page 1)

first half. The goal put the Lions up 1-0 (and proved to be the game winning kick).

Over the next 10 minutes the Eagles did manage a little offense but with no real threats of actually scoring. But at the 13:29 mark the Lions were called for a penalty in front of their goal. This gave the Eagles a great chance to tie the game.

CHS goalie, senior Donovan Delgado (#1), made a great defensive play and knocked away the penalty kick at point blank range. This was Carter-Riverside’s only chance at scoring in the first half.

The Lions got three more kicks on goal but failed to score. Despite an 11-1 advantage of shots on goal the Lions just led 1-0 at halftime.

In the second half, the Eagles gained the wind advantage when the teams switched ends of the field. The game was far more even in the second half between the Eagles and the Lions.

The ball was up and down the entire field with both teams attacking the other. The Lions had a great chance to score again at the 27:20 mark. But a great defensive play by the Eagles goalie, right in front of his goal, deflected a Lion header over the net.

Castleberry managed seven more shots on goal in the second half but none scored. The Lions were without a doubt the faster and more skilled team this night, but they still only led by one

goal. One lucky goal could still tie the game and send it to a shoot out.

During the last two minutes of the game, the Eagles seemed to really come alive and made an all out effort to tie the game. These last minutes were spent entirely on the Lions end of the field with them defending their goal. But the Lions were able to make the plays and time finally expired. The very vocal Lions fans present in the stadium cheered wildly as the team left the field victorious with a 1-0 win.

CHS Moves on to Fourth Round of Playoffs

The CHS soccer boys continue their playoff run and advanced to the fourth round of the UIL 4A Soccer Playoffs. They defeated the Bridgeport Bulls on Friday, April 1 in Weatherford.

After trailing at halftime 0-1 the Lions came back to score two unanswered goals to snatch the victory by the score of 2-1.

They will move on and face San Elizario on Friday, April 8 at 5:30 at Northwest stadium.

GO LIONS!!

From the City of River Oaks

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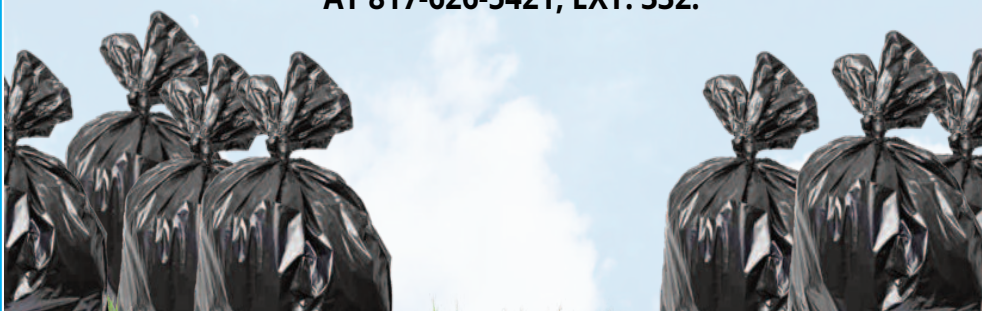
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From Mary Isham Keith Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution

Women in American History Award Presented to Lena Pope



Lena Pope Home CEO Dr. **Ashley Elgin** (left) accepted the Women in American History Award honoring founder Lena Pope presented by Chapter Honorary Regent **Gwen Boyd** on March 17.

Mary Isham Keith Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution recently presented the prestigious Women in American History Award to Lena Pope for her outstanding work in the 1930 founding and long-time management of the Lena Pope Home for dependent, neglected and homeless children.

“It is our chapter’s great honor to recognize the work of this outstanding award winner who was a member of our DAR chapter,” said Honorary Chapter Regent Gwen Boyd. “It’s critical for organizations such as the DAR to pause and celebrate the work of citizens and their community contributions. The future of our community is dependent on the service and efforts put in by its residents such as Mrs. Pope. Our DAR chapter is grateful for this inspiring winner. We have been honoring her counterparts in this community for many years and it is fitting that she receive this recognition.”

From StatePoint

Tips to Spring Clean Your Personal Finances



Tax season is in full swing, and the IRS has processed and delivered more than \$1 billion in refunds so far this year. Whether you’re receiving a tax refund or not, now may be the perfect time to spring clean your personal finances. Here are a few ways to get started:

- **Save those extra funds:** Studies show the latest tax refund trends are using the influx towards paying down debt and setting it aside to save up for large purchases like a car or home. To get in on the trend, start by tracking your monthly expenses and categorizing each expense as a want or a need. Avoid using a credit card if you are unable to pay the balance each month to avoid interest charges, and make a plan to pay off any outstanding debt. Financial experts recommend having an emergency fund covering

three to six months of living expenses if you can. If not, start with an emergency fund goal of \$1,000.

- **Get invested:** Investing can be the best way to grow your financial portfolio. According to a recent study from MagnifyMoney, more than three-quarters of millennials wish they would have started investing earlier. The main factors that respondents cited preventing them from investing are lack of knowledge, feeling intimidated and feeling overwhelmed about where to start. There is hope and help – many financial institutions offer free online workshops and opportunities to work with an advisor to help guide you through your financial future.

- **Reassess monthly bills and spending habits:** Now is a great time to review your monthly expenses and see what you can adjust or live without. Simple changes like cutting down on eating out or canceling subscriptions you don’t use can have a large impact. Shopping around for homeowner’s or car insurance is also a great way to secure some extra savings. Phone plans and home internet bills are other must-have services to shop for price comparisons and savings.

- **Treat yourself:** Spoiling yourself from time to time is not a bad thing, in fact, studies from the American Psychological Association have shown it to be a good boost to your overall mental health. Consider using a portion of your refund to upgrade your smartphone, take a trip to a new destination, treat someone special in your life or donate to one of your favorite organizations, because you only live once.

However you plan to use your tax refund or set finance goals this year, make a plan and stay consistent.

The Great Southwest Railroad Strike of 1886

“Another day, another dollar” was a saying that became popular in the late 1800s. Many workers made only 10 cents per hour for a 10-hour work day. With difficult and dangerous work to perform for little pay, tensions rose between workers and their bosses. Labor unions emerged as workers sought to speak out. Arguments with management, however, erupted into full-scale wars. In 1886, railroad titan Jay Gould faced off a union called the Knights of Labor. The result was the Great Southwest Railroad Strike, the largest strike in Texas history.

In his 30 years in business, Jay Gould had risen from poverty to becoming one of the richest men in the country. By 1886, Gould owned 15 percent of all railroad tracks in the country – one mile out of every seven. The Knights of Labor had arisen promising to transform the landscape for workers, calling for equal pay for all races and for women, an end to child labor, an end to convict labor, and an 8-hour work day. These ideas would not come to fruition for American workers for decades.

The union launched a strike against Gould the year before and was promised a pay raise and protection for union activities in a new contract. The company signed the agreement, but Gould had no intention of honoring it. He sat back and plotted his revenge. In the meantime, union membership surged. Nationally, numbers passed 700,000 for the Knights of Labor, including at least 30,000 in Texas. Gould had spent years building a railroad empire and refused to answer to anyone while thousands of workers insisted they should have a voice in the company and a share in the success their work built. Gould was willing to risk everything and pay any price to defeat the union. Workers decided that they would be pushed no longer. The contest of wills soon began.

By early 1886, many of Gould’s Texas workers began seeing pay cuts instead of the raises they were promised. In February, a union leader in Marshall was fired by the railroad for attending a union meeting. On March 1, the Knights of Labor voted to strike after regional leader Martin Irons, a Scottish immigrant, called for a response. Within days, more than 200,000 rail workers in five states went on strike. Several other rail unions refused to join the strike, but strikers quickly hit the heart of Gould’s empire. The strike spread to Arkansas, Kansas, Illinois, and Missouri, stopping most transcontinental rail traffic.

Gould hired new workers to replace the strikers and strikebreakers to protect the rail yards and to confront workers. Strikebreakers were used often to physically intimidate strikers, using everything from fistfights to rifles and shotguns. Workers often responded in kind. As the strike wore on, increasing numbers of incidents were reported across the state and the entire country.

Texarkana, a city founded by the railroads, erupted into chaos as the strike began. With the railroads shut down, local businesses suffered. Groups calling themselves “law and order leagues” stormed the rail yards and seized control of them from the strikers. On April 3, violence erupted in Fort Worth. Strikers clashed with strikebreakers. Tarrant County sheriff’s deputies were called out to restore order, but one deputy was killed and two others injured in the

process.

Determined to gain the upper hand, Gould decided to overpower strikers on the streets and in public opinion. He contacted one governor after another in the affected states asking for support. One after another, governors called up their state militias to confront the strikers. Texas Gov. John Ireland also agreed, sending state militia troops to Fort Worth to maintain order and Texas Rangers elsewhere to disrupt the strike. Workers sabotaged engines and rail lines. As the strike continued, workers faced an increasingly angry public that blamed them for the violence. By May, the union voted to end the strike, with no concessions from Gould at all.

Gould died in 1892, with control of his railroads intact. Irons himself was blacklisted and drifted from job to job under assumed names. He ultimately settled in Bruceville, not far from Waco, and spent years afterward speaking to unions. Both men have monuments to them; a church was renamed for Gould in New York City while a historic marker is at Irons’s grave in McLennan County.

The violence of the railroad strike, coupled with the notorious Haymarket Riot in Chicago later that year that left nearly a dozen dead in clashes between laborers and police devastated the cause of organized labor. Public opinion turned sharply against workers. The Knights of Labor was torn apart in the aftermath as accusations of who to blame raged back and forth and workers abandoned the organization. By 1890, more than 90 percent of its membership had left, and the organization collapsed.



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PM - Clear; low around 43. N/NW wind 5-15mph becoming S/SW after midnight.
Winds could gust as high as 20mph.



Saturday, April 9:

AM - Sunny; high near 84. S wind 5-10mph increasing to 10-15mph in the afternoon.
Winds could gust as high as 25mph.
PM - Mostly clear; low around 60.



Sunday, April 10:

AM - Sunny; high near 87.
PM - Partly cloudy; low around 64.

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