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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Castleberry Boys Basketball Opens Season with a Victory

the 2023-24 regular season on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at home against Diamond Hill. The game was somewhat close in the first half. However, the Lions slowly pulled away in the third quarter before pouring it on in the fourth quarter. The end result was a 68-45 win.

four buckets of the game and took a 10-0 lead barely halfway through the opening quarter. The Eagles finally got on the scoreboard by scoring three buckets in one-and-a-half minutes and closed the deficit to 12-8 with 2:45 left in the quarter. However, the Lions then scored 9 unanswered points until the Eagles sank a 3-pointer at the buzzer. The Lions had great balance in their scoring attack as all five starters scored in the quarter. They were led by juniors Demetrius Valadez (#3) and Amori Dobbins (#21) each with 6 points.

The Lions took a 21-11 lead into the second quarter. The Eagles tried to stay close, but midway through the quarter they pulled to within 5 points but still trailed 25-20 (3:48/2nd). The Lions again closed the quarter with a strong surge. They outscored the Eagles 12-4 and took a 37-24 lead at halftime.

The Eagles scored the first two baskets to open the third quarter. This brought their deficit down to single digits as they trailed by nine, 37-28. But junior Manny Romero (#1) responded with a 3-pointer to push the lead back up over double digits (40-28). With under 2 minutes left in the third quarter, the Eagles again managed to close the gap back down to 9 points River Oaks Code of Ordinances under Chapter 13 "Utilities" by (45-36). But Dobbins' (#21) bucket just before the buzzer pushed the Lion lead back up to 11 (47-36) as they entered the final quarter.

The Castleberry High School boys basketball team opened ladez (#3), Dobbins (#21) hit a lay-up. Valadez then followed that with a 3-pointer to put CHS up 55-39 just a couple of minutes into the final quarter. That was pretty much the game. The lead would fluctuate between 15-22 points for the rest of the quarter before the final buzzer.

The Lions were led in scoring by Valadez (#3) with 19 points, The Lions opened the game with a blitz. They scored the first followed by Dobbins (#21) with 18 points and junior Everitt Arellano (#12) with 10 points. Romero (#1) had 8 points and Hernandez (#11) scored 4 points.

> The CHS bench chipped in with some scoring as well. Senior Riley Bentley (#10) had 5 points and junior Khalil Alverio (#23) had 4 points. Both scored all their points in the fourth quarter.

> The Lions next games are Tuesday, Nov. 21 at home against Quinlan Ford at 1:30 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 25 at North Side High School at 12:30 p.m. Go Lions!

From the City of River Oaks

Public Hearing for Drainage Fees Scheduled for Nov. 28

A Public Hearing is scheduled before the River Oaks City Council on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd. in River Oaks.

The Council will receive citizen comments on amending the revising the stormwater utility fees as set forth in Chapter 13 "Utilities" of the River Oaks Code of Ordinances (2020) as amended, specifically in Section 13.12.012 "Storm Water Utility The fourth quarter was all Lions. On a nice assist from Va- Fees" for Residential and Non-Residential customers.

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Brewer Honeycomb Holiday Market Saturday

The Brewer High School Honeycomb Drill Team will host a Holiday Market on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Brewer High School cafeteria, located at 1025 W. Loop 820 in Fort Worth, 76108. Admission fee is one canned food item.

They will have over 130 vendors for all of your holiday shopping needs. Santa and the Grinch will also be there from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for holiday photos. There will also be a silent auction from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

From White Settlement ISD

Paw Pantry Saturday

Families in need can get a free box of food at the WSISD Paw Pantry on Saturday, Nov. 18. The drive-thru distribution will be on the east side of Brewer High School from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

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Last President of the Republic of Texas, Anson Jones

Texas is one of four states to once have been an independent nation. Though only a short period in its long history, it has become a source of curiosity and pride for many. The last man to serve as president for the Republic of Texas was Dr. Anson Jones. While he guided Texas to statehood, his life was one of successes and failures.

Jones was born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, in January 1798. His education was sporadic, but he possessed a great intelligence and a strong sense of curiosity. As a teenager, he lived in Seneca Falls, New York. He hoped to become a printer, but he soon decided to become a physician. He apprenticed under a local doctor and was soon licensed by the Medical Society of Oneida, New York. His practice, however, struggled and he ran up large debts. He moved to Philadelphia to open a new practice and began operating a school. However, his money problems grew worse and was arrested for non-payment of his debts in 1824. He fled for Venezuela and eventually returned to Philadelphia. He received a formal medical degree at Jefferson Medical College in 1827.

His financial fortunes did not improve, so he left Philadelphia for New Orleans in 1832, hoping to become a merchant in the growing port city. However, his situation did not improve, and he grew increasingly frustrated. In 1833, friends persuaded him to move to Texas, and he settled in Brazoria. By the next year, he had a thriving medical practice and became increasingly involved Lodge and Odd Fellow society.

The relationship between Texas settlers and Mexico became increasingly belligerent as the Mexican government became increasingly heavy-handed in its dealings with its critics. Jones began to openly call for Texas independence. In December 1835, after fighting had begun between settlers and the Mexican Army, a number of settlers met in Columbia for a meeting called the Consultation, to help decide the next move by settlers. Jones led a call for a convention to declare independence by the following spring, but he would not put his name in contention to be a delegate.

1836, he was serving in the Second Regiment as a judge advocate and a surgeon. He soon rose to become anothecary general of the army. After Texas won the war, he returned to Brazoria to resume his medical career. He was elected to the Texas Congress and a national university. He pushed for medical regulations and opposed the creation of a state-run bank and railroad company.

President Sam Houston appointed him as Texas ambassador to the United States in 1838. Both men saw that the effort to annex Texas to the United States was faltering and agreed to withdraw the request for the time being. In the meantime, he attempted to work with Europe and the United States to improve trade. Houston could not run for re-election, and Mirabeau B. Lamar was elected president.

Lamar replaced Jones as ambassador, and Jones returned to Texas to serve in Congress once again. Jones became increasingly critical of Lamar's policies and spending. Lamar was extremely unpopular as his term ended in 1841. Houston announced he would run for president once again. Jones declined to run for vice-president. Voters returned Sam Houston to the presidency by a wide margin.

Houston was determined to make Texas part of the United States. He hoped to make Texas look too valuable economically and too important strategically for the United States to ignore, and Jones agreed. Houston appointed Jones as his secretary of state, and the two began negotiations with the United States for annexation once again. As progress began to be made on annexation, this put Jones on track to be Texas's president with the 1844 election.

Part II

In one of the most delicate moments in the history of Texas, Anson Jones stood at the center. When Sam Houston became president of the Texas Republic a second time in December 1841, he quickly named Jones as secretary of state. Looking at continuing skirmishes with Mexico and failing finances, Houston hoped to try annexation a second time. Jones, a physician by training, had to navigate the chaotic diplomatic waters.

The entire question of Texas's fate hinged on the increasingly in local politics. He also became involved with the local Masonic tense debate over slavery in the United States. Slavery was still legal in Texas. Northern abolitionists were horrified at the prospect of admitting such a large slave territory into the Union, one that they feared would wreck the delicate political balance in the country. Talk of splitting Texas into smaller states, expanding the South's Senate influence even further, frightened abolitionist politicians. President Andrew Jackson favored annexation, but with his term in office ending in 1837 and Mexico threatening war with the United States over the issue, he decided not to pursue it. Jackson would not enter a fight he could not finish. His successor, President Martin Van Buren of New York, increasingly moved against As warfare spread, Jones joined the fight. By the spring of slavery and saw interest in Texas annexation fading. President William Henry Harrison of Indiana never had time to weigh in on the Texas question in his one month in office in 1841. All this had left Texas alone in the wilderness.

By 1842, President John Tyler of Virginia began expressing inpushed for legislation to encourage education and the creation of terest in Texas again. Houston and Jones knew annexation was not assured. Both worked to maintain healthy trade relations with Europe, hoping that expanding them might make the U. S. more inclined to bring in Texas. On April 12, 1844, an annexation treaty was signed, but it faced ratification in the U. S. Senate. On June 8, it failed by a vote of 16-35. Tyler pursued a simple bill to admit Texas, which would require both houses of Congress. But 1844 meant presidential elections in the U. S. and in Texas. In the U. S., James K. Polk of Tennessee won a close contest where Texas an-(continued on page 6) nexation figured prominently.

2023 Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade

The Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade started from Panther Island, and marched down Forest Park Blvd. as hundred of spectators lined the street to pay gratitude to Veterans. Saluting TCU Warriors was this year's theme and marks TCU's 150th anniversary. In unison with the commemoration, the Tarrant County Veterans Council saluted the university's military legacy, it's Army and Air Force ROTC programs, while also honoring TCU alum and Medal of Honor recipient Major Horace S. Carswell, Jr., the Carswell Air Force Base namesake. Parade Marshall Ret. Col. Joseph Campbell made his appearance in an antique car; he is also the VFW District 21 Commander.

After a military fly-over of F-18 attack fighters from the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, the parade began the route.

Entrants included marching bands from several schools and cheerleaders, a military band from Oklahoma and up to 4,000 JROTC cadets, motorcycles, Corvettes, the 1st Calvary Mounted Division from Fort Cavazos and various horse units.

Tarrant County's annual parade began more than 100 years ago



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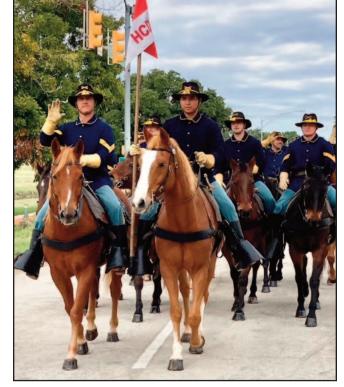
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was far from certain. Mexico still threatened Texas, Texas was near took his own life. He was 59. bankruptcy, and trade with Europe faltered as negotiations with the lighthouse as well as a hospital on Galveston Island. He pushed a in Houston. policy of peace with the Native American tribes, securing a peace treaty with the 11 major tribes of Texas by February.

In January 1845, the U. S. House passed an annexation bill, one that passed the U. S. Senate by a one-vote margin a month later. Tyler signed the bill on March 1, just before he left office.

Mexico tried to derail annexation by offering a peace treaty and recognition of Texas which attracted little interest in Texas. Jones pushed the Texas Congress to support annexation and a state constitutional convention. Congress approved the measures in June. His vice-president, San Augustine lawyer Kenneth Anderson, died suddenly in July 1845 at age 39. The office would never again be filled.

Texas statehood was made official on December 28. On February 19, 1846, statehood was made official. In a solemn ceremony, Jones turned over his office to the state's first governor, J. Pinckney Henderson. He told the gathering, "The final act in this great drama is performed. The Republic of Texas is no more."

After his presidency, Jones co-founded the Texas Medical Society in 1853. He bought a large plantation near Washington-onthe-Brazos, which he named Barrington, after his home town. While his plantation remained prosperous, he grew increasingly

From the Fort Worth Decorative Painters

Fort Worth Decorative Painters to Meet Nov. 20

The Fort Worth Decorative Painters will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m., at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center, located at 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd in Fort Worth.

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In Texas, the 1844 presidential election pitted Jones against frustrated and despondent that his political career had come to a Vice-President Edward Burleson. Texans were heavily in favor of halt. His attempts at a political comeback were repeatedly annexation. Burleson charged Jones with being against annexation thwarted, and he sank into depression. The state legislature, inbecause of his diplomatic overtures to Europe, a charge Jones de-creasingly frustrated with Houston's performance as a U. S. Senanied. In the close contest, Jones prevailed by a margin of 7,037 to tor, prepared to vote to replace him in January 1858. Jones hoped to secure the position but lost decisively. Despondent, Jones went When Jones assumed office in December, he knew annexation to the site of the old Texas capitol in Houston and, on January 9,

In 1884, the state legislature named Jones County in his honor. U. S. continued. Jones said nothing about annexation in his inau- Several schools across Texas have also been named for him. His gural address. Inflation had made the Texas currency all but worth- homestead in Washington County has since become a state historic less. Nevertheless, Jones pursued construction of a 75-foot park and acts as a historic living farm for tourists. Jones is buried

From the White Settlement Historical Society

Winter Meeting and **Christmas Party Dec. 9**

The White Settlement Historical Society will meet for their 48th winter quarterly meeting followed by a bring-a-shared-dish Christmas Party, holiday songs and a white elephant gift exchange game on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the White Settlement Senior Services Center, located at 8211 White Settlement Rd.

Attendees are requested to bring an unwrapped, small gift in a gift sack, bag or box to be exchanged by the drawing of numbers and share a plate of your favorite holiday food or dessert treat for the refreshments table.

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Friday, Nov. 17:

AM - Partly sunny, with a high near 70. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. North wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



Saturday, Nov. 18:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east in the afternoon. **PM** - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.



Sunday, Nov. 19:

AM - A slight chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 69. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

PM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low

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