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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Lady Lions Lose District Game



The CHS girls soccer team hosted Lake Dallas on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at W.O. Barnes Stadium. This was the fourth district game for each squad.

The Lady Lions came in with a 1-0-2 record in district (2-4-2 overall). The Lady Falcons entered the contest 3-0 in district (7-6-2 overall). They also came in riding a five-game winning streak. Their last two games were shut out victories over Lake Worth (4-0) and Springtown (5-0). These were also the last two opponents the Lady Lions had played as well. However, the CHS games against the Lady Bullfrogs and Lady Porcupines both ended in ties in regulation by the identical 1-1 scores.

It looked like the girls might have their hands full on this cold damp night against the Lady Falcons who were seeking not only their sixth consecutive win, but also their fifth consecutive shutout. Sadly, for the Lady Lions, Lake Dallas would get both of these before the night was over.

As the match began it was apparent that the Lady Falcons were not only more aggressive than the Lady Lions, they were also much faster. In the first four minutes, they quickly got a couple of shots on goal. One was high and the other was deflected by

CHS junior goalie Victoria Flores. However, their next shot on goal found the back of the net at the 35:20 mark of the first half to give Lake Dallas a 1-0 lead.

After a couple of more shots on goal the Lady Falcons eventually scored again. This time it was on a free kick from about 20 yards away that also found paydirt. This took place at the 16:44 mark and gave the visitors a 2-0 lead. About six minutes later, a Lady Falcon broke free with the ball and had a one-on-one which she converted to another goal. The 3-0 lead at the 10:01 mark carried through till halftime.

The second half was not any nicer to the Lady Lions. In the first few minutes the Lady Falcons continued to keep the pressure on the Lady Lions. They managed three more shots on goal, but none scored. At the 29:22 mark they did score another goal for a 4-0 lead. They closed out the scoring at the 11:22 mark with one last goal to complete the 5-0 shutout victory over the Lady Lions.

Castleberry will return to W.O. Barnes Stadium on Friday, Feb. 21 to play a district match with Collegiate Academy at 5:30 p.m.

Go Lady Lions!

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From Castleberry ISD

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Change on Skyline Drive

Parents, guardians and students are requested to be aware of an upcoming construction project in Sansom Park that may impact your commute.

Beginning next Monday, Feb. 24, Skyline Drive between Buchanan and Highway 199 (Jacksboro Highway) will be restricted to one-way southbound traffic for the duration of construction.

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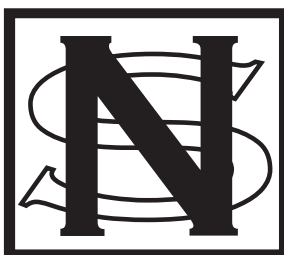
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Help Keep Kids Safe From Lithium Coin Batteries

About 7,000 children in the United States visit emergency rooms for battery-related injuries each year, according to the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System. Lithium coin batteries, those small, disc-shaped batteries about the size of a nickel, are particularly dangerous. The exact right size to get lodged in a child's throat if accidentally swallowed, they can turn deadly, burning a hole in an esophagus in as little as two hours. And, they're everywhere, in key fobs, key finders, flameless candles, remote controls, thermometers and many common home devices.

Despite parents' thirst for knowledge on how to keep their children safe, the potential dangers of lithium coin batteries are not widely discussed. It's no surprise then that 55 percent of parents with children ages 6 and under don't realize that lithium coin batteries are more dangerous than button batteries, in fact 45% think there is no difference. That's according to a 2023 Duracell survey conducted by Wakefield Research. This is why the brand is reminding parents that when it comes to lithium coin batteries, #BitterIsBetter.

As part of the #BitterIsBetter campaign, Duracell is sharing these simple tips to help keep you and your family safe:

- One in four parents with kids aged 6 and under don't know how many devices in their homes require lithium coin batteries to operate. Do a survey of your devices, and move those that contain lithium coin batteries away from and out-of-reach of children. Examples of common devices include flameless LED tealight candles, key fobs and thermometers.
- Get down to your child's eye level to see what they see. Look for loose lithium coin batteries in couch cushions, on low tables and shelves or any other areas that a child can reach.
- Inspect devices and secure lithium coin battery compartments by tightening

the screws or securing them with tape for an extra layer of protection.

- Keep all new lithium coin batteries in a secure compartment, up high and out of children's reach. Remove expired batteries from devices, and place them away safely out of reach of children until you can recycle them properly.

- Power your devices with batteries that have child safety features. When it comes to lithium coin batteries, Duracell is the only brand on the market to offer a non-toxic bitter coating that helps discourage children from accidentally swallowing them. Look for the "Bitter Taste" icon on the packaging. The batteries also come in child-secure packaging, which is nearly impossible to open without scissors, making sure little hands, and mouths, cannot access them.

- Keep a watchful eye. Toddlers and young children are curious by nature so close supervision is key.

- If you suspect that your child has ingested a lithium coin battery, act fast. Take them immediately to an emergency room. If you aren't able to drive, call 911 for help.

- Team up with friends and family to spread this information.

For more resources and tips, visit Duracell.com/BitterIsBetter and follow @Duracell on social media.

A battery-related accident can happen in an instant. By being vigilant and by choosing products wisely, you can help keep your family safe.



From Tarrant Regional Water District

Register Today for 2025 Trash Bash

Join the Tarrant Regional Water District and thousands of volunteers to remove litter throughout the community and its local waterways.



Registrants will help cleanup from 8 to 10 a.m. at Marine Creek Lake on Saturday, March 29 and at the Trinity River on Saturday, April 26. [Click here to register.](#)

Trash Bash is TRWD's commitment to fostering litter prevention within the communities we serve by providing various opportunities to volunteer in organized cleanups of our waterways.

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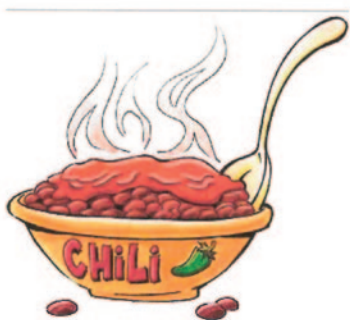


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From the Tarrant Regional Water District

TRWD Annual Flyfest Returns March 8

TRWD Flyfest, an annual celebration of urban trout fishing, will be held on March 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the River Park Trailhead 3100 Bryant Irvin Rd. Fort Worth, TX 76109. This family-friendly event, sponsored by the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD), will take place in and along the Clear Fork of the Trinity in southwest Fort Worth. Admission is free.

To create an optimal experience for anglers, TRWD will stock the river with 1,800 pounds of rainbow trout prior to the event, in addition to the nearly 3,000 Texas native fish stocked annually.

Whether you are an experienced angler or have never touched a fly rod, this fun-filled event will have something to hook the whole family. Anglers will compete in the contest to catch the biggest trout or the most fish in the time allotted. Patrons can also learn new tricks and methods from professional fly tiers. Open fishing for fly and bait fishing will also be available in designated areas.

Parking will be available for \$10 at the River Park Trailhead, 3100 Bryant Irvin Road, on the day of the event.

For other important event information, visit the [Trinity Flyfest website.](#)



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From the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth

NAS JRB Fort Worth Honored with Prestigious Installation Excellence Award

The Naval Air Station (NAS) Joint Reserve Base (JRB) Fort Worth has been awarded the 2024/2025 Installation Excellence Award (IEA) - Small Category, recognizing outstanding performance and contributions to military readiness.

This accolade is part of the Navy's annual installation excellence award program, which honors the top installations based on their performance aligned with the command's strategic goals and criteria set by the Office of the Secretary of De-

fense.

NAS JRB Fort Worth Commanding Officer, Captain Beau Hufstetler said, "Winning this excellence award acknowledges the tireless dedication of our military and civilian personnel who consistently support our warfighters and execute the mission of our base."

"While we continue to strive for further improvements, this achievement is a testament to the remarkable progress made by our teams," said Hufstetler. "It's a moment to celebrate and thank every individual in our departments, our partner tenant commands, and our local communities for this historic success."

NAS JRB Fort Worth excelled within the Navy Region Southeast before advancing to win at the Commander, Navy Installation Command enterprise level, securing the top spot among small installations.

Installation Program Integrator Michael Dale, said, "The effort and successes of the installation team have made NAS JRB Fort Worth the best small base in the Navy, supporting the Fleet, Fighter and Family. Winning this excellence award means that NAS JRB Fort Worth maintains the highest standards across all naval installations."

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Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges

The Ambitious Rise and Tragic Fall of Confederate Leader

Louis Wigfall



Many men in history are brought high by their ambitions, only to fall from their vices.

Louis Wigfall, an attorney, legislator, and later U. S. Senator from Texas, had many advantages in his life. However, his short fuse and alcoholism eventually wrecked his own life and brought disaster for Texas during the Civil War.

Louis Trezevant Wigfall was born was born on his father's large estate in western South Carolina in 1816. Despite being born into a life of privilege, his youth was marred by death. His father died when he was two. His mother died when he was barely 13, followed by the death of his older brother in a duel.

Wigfall was ambitious but sharp-tempered. In 1835, he enrolled at the University of Virginia, and after an argument with another student, he challenged him to a duel. The challenge was dropped, but he left Virginia for South Carolina College (what is now the University of South Carolina).

He was known as a fierce debater but spent most of his off-hours away from campus drinking and gambling. It was in his college years that he served as a lieutenant in the Seminole Wars against the Native American tribes in the Florida Territory.

After graduation, he returned home to practice law. However, his gambling and lavish living soon put him deep in debt. He

became active in politics, and nearly lost his life in the 1840 governor's race. Though not a candidate, Wigfall campaigned feverishly for the more conciliatory candidate John Peter Richardson over the radical candidate James Henry Hammond. The divisive campaign led to Wigfall getting into numerous fistfights and at least two duels.

He found himself in a gunfight where he killed a politically-connected man but was not indicted. The man's cousin, an enraged Preston Brooks, a man known most notoriously as a later member of Congress who beat Sen. Charles Sumner nearly to death on the floor of the Senate in 1856 for his criticisms of slavery, challenged Wigfall to a duel. The two slipped across the state line into Georgia where Brooks shot him in the leg.

The incident crippled his political prospects. By 1848, Wigfall had lost a son to illness, his land and livelihood to debts, and his reputation. Left with nothing, he and his wife packed up what they had and left South Carolina.

They arrived in Nacogdoches in 1848, where he became a partner in a local law firm. He then moved to Marshall and rebuilt his political career. He was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1849 and then to the state senate in 1856. His fighting temperament returned, and Wigfall became an outspoken opponent of Sam Houston and his conciliatory approach to divisions between North and South. In the 1857 race for governor, Wigfall trailed Houston across the state, berating him at every stop. Houston narrowly lost the race, while secessionists like Wigfall were on the rise.

Wigfall steadily gained influence in the state. After the death of Sen. James Pinckney Henderson, the state legislature elected Wigfall to fill the remainder of his term. Increasingly, Wigfall advocated secession for the South, railing against the threats to slavery and any suggestion of equality of the races. With the election of Abraham Lin-

coln in 1860, he co-wrote the *Southern Manifesto*, which argued that Lincoln's election marked the end of any hope for the South remaining in the Union. He spent the next several months blocking any possible compromises between North and South and quietly sending weapons to the South.

He left the Senate in March 1861, just after Texas seceded. He traveled to South Carolina where southern forces attempted to expel the Union army from Fort Sumter.

In one well-publicized incident, Wigfall rowed to the fort and demanded their surrender though he had no authorization to do so. After the fall of Fort Sumter in April, he was named colonel of the First Texas Infantry Regiment and rose to general in November. That winter, he camped with his men in Virginia, but his behavior became increasingly erratic. He was often seen drunk in front of his men.

In February 1862, he resigned his commission and joined the Confederate Senate. He quarreled with both Confederate and Texas officials over military issues and organization of the Confederacy. Appeals from Texas for more military aid went unheeded. In 1865, after the Confederacy surrendered, and rather than surrender himself, he snuck away from the Confederate capital with a group of Texas troops, carrying a letter of parole that he forged.

With his vision of the Confederacy shattered, he left the United States in 1866. He lived He spent the next several years drifting from one place to the next, almost as if in a daze. Neither locale nor plan could satisfy him for long. For a few years, he lived in England. He went so far as to actually try to spark a war between Britain and the US, but he was ignored.

He returned to the United States and bought a mine in Colorado in 1870, only to abandon the project.

He returned to Texas by early 1874. He died of a massive stroke a month later at age 57.

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Weekend Forecast



Friday, Feb. 21:

AM - Mostly cloudy, with a high near 36. East wind around 5 mph.
PM - Cloudy, with a low around 29. East southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.



Saturday, Feb. 22:

AM - A 20% chance of rain after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 49. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph.
PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. South southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.



Sunday, Feb. 23:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. Calm wind becoming south southwest around 5 mph.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 43.

[Extended Forecast Click Here](#)