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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Lions Fall to Undefeated Alvarado but Remain in Playoff Contention



the lead to 14-0 (point-after-touchdown good) with 6:58 left in the first quarter. Shortly after that, on their next possession, the Alvarado quarterback was forced to scramble by the CHS defense. But just before he crossed the line of scrimmage, he found a receiver for a 48-yard touchdown pass with 4:43 left in the first quarter. That quarter came to an end and saw Alvarado with a 21-0 lead.

As good as the Alvarado offense was, their defense completely overwhelmed the CHS offense. The result of this was the fact that the Lions were constantly turning the ball back over to Alvarado after going 3-and-out, time after time. The Indian defense held star running back senior Isaiah Ford to just 23 yards rushing (on 20 carries for 1.2 yards/rush). Likewise, star receiver junior Bryan Cenicerros was held to just two receptions for 18 yards. Senior quarterback Ethan Chappell had a tough night against a relentless Alvarado defense. Chappell completed just 3 of 15 passes for a total of 15 yards. He was sacked multiple times for a loss of 51 yards in the game.

Early in the second quarter, the Indians scored again. This time on a 7-yard touchdown run to push their lead to 27-0 (point-after-touchdown failed). They took that lead into the locker room at halftime.

Then, in the third quarter, the Indians found the end zone once again. They scored on a 5-yard touchdown run at the 8:33 mark of the third quarter, growing their lead to 34-0. A long pass completion by Alvarado set up another touchdown. This time it was another short touch- (continued on page 4)

The Castleberry Lions squared off against a very powerful district opponent last Friday, Oct. 31. They traveled down I-35 to Charles Head Stadium in Alvarado.

The Indians came into the game undefeated and averaging close to 70 points per game. The Lions did manage to slow down the Indians offense a little bit, and held Alvarado to their lowest point total of the season. However, Castleberry could not move the ball at all against a very stingy Indians defense and eventually lost 48-0 to the Indians.

It did not take long for Alvarado to display their offensive firepower. Their first drive ended in a 7-yard run for a touchdown with 9:48 left in the first quarter. The point-after-touchdown gave the Indians a quick 7-0 lead. Less than 3 minutes later they scored on a long 64-yard pass completion to extend

From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

Unofficial River Oaks City Council Election Results

Voters in River Oaks went to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 4, to decide two City Council seats, according to [unofficial Tarrant County election results](#).

In the race for Council Member Place 1, John Claridge received 361 votes, capturing 66.12% of the total ballots cast. His opponent, Dan Dagel, earned 185 votes for 33.88%. A total of 546 votes were cast in the contest.

For Council Member Place 3, Leigh Ann Turner led the four-candidate field with 276 votes, or 49.64%. Sherrie Uptmore Dast followed with 163 votes (29.32%), while Matthew Tatarko received 62 votes (11.15%) and Virginia A. Baffico received 55 votes (9.89%). Voter turnout for the Place 3 race totaled 556 ballots.

According to the [City of River Oaks website](#), “once provisional and overseas votes are counted, the end result could be a runoff for Place 3 City Council between Leigh Ann Turner and Sherrie Uptmore Dast on Dec. 13.”

All precincts have reported, and the results remain unofficial until canvassed and certified by the City of River Oaks.

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From the River Oaks Police Department

River Oaks Crime Report

The River Oaks Police Department made several arrests and investigated multiple incidents between Oct. 28 and Nov. 1.

On Oct. 28, officers arrested one person on narcotics charges in the 5600 block of River Oaks Boulevard.

The following day, Oct. 29, police arrested a suspect in the 1800 block of Ephriham Avenue on charges of theft of a firearm and unlawful carrying of a weapon by a felon.

On Nov. 1, officers arrested one person for criminal trespass in the 2600 block of Jacksboro Highway and investigated a theft in the 1100 block of Roberts Cut-Off Road.



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From Senior Expo USA

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The city will welcome seniors and their families on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the Fort Worth Fall Senior Expo, set to take place rain or shine inside the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, located at 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd., Fort Worth.

Organizers say the free-admission event will feature dozens of local organizations dedicated to serving seniors and their loved ones across the Fort Worth area.

Attendees will be able to connect with experts on a wide range of topics including Medicare coverage, assisted living, mobility solutions, veterans' benefits, independent living, and more.

Additional offerings include:

- Free health screenings
- Free refreshments
- Giveaways and prizes

Educational displays on aging-in-place home improvements, audiology, physical therapy, eye care, legal assistance and other senior-focused services.

While no cost is required to attend, registration is requested to obtain a free entry ticket.

This annual expo provides a valuable opportunity for seniors and their families to access resources, ask questions and explore options in a single, convenient setting. Organizers encourage anyone interested in staying informed about senior services and community support to attend.

For more information or to register, visit the event's [online registration page](#).

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From the White Settlement Museum

Public Invited to 'Voices of the Land' Native American Heritage Celebration Nov. 15

The White Settlement Historical Museum will host *Voices of the Land: Celebrating Native American Heritage* on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon. The free, family-friendly event welcomes the community to honor and experience Native American culture through music, dance, art, and education.

Presented in partnership with the Indigenous Institute of the Americas, the celebration will feature Southern Drum Buffalo Medicine with head singer Michael Tongkeamha of the Kiowa Nation. Guests can enjoy live dance exhibitions, local Native artists, educational displays, food, and children's activities throughout the morning.

Organizers invite residents of all ages to learn about Native traditions, history, and contributions while connecting with the spirit and stories of the land.

The White Settlement Historical Museum is located at 8320 Hanon Drive in White Settlement. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Sale of property to satisfy a landlord's lien.
Sale to be held online at www.selfstorageauction.com beginning **Nov.7th, 2025 at 8:00am** and will conclude **Nov. 21st, 2025 at 3:00pm**.
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down run and saw the lead balloon to 41-0 with 3:42 left in the third quarter. The final score came with 11:36 left in the game on a 15-yard pass for the last touchdown of the night. This resulted in the final score, a 48-0 victory for the Indians.

Despite the loss, the Lions (5-4/2-2 in district) are in great shape for the playoffs. They sit in sole possession of third place in district (and remember the first four teams advance to the playoffs).

The Lions sit behind Alvarado and Kennedale, both 4-0, who play each other in this week's final district game to determine first and second place in district.

The teams sitting behind CHS have both been defeated by the Lions (Lake Worth and Carrollton Ranchview).

Castleberry will play Life Waxahachie in their final district game, also Senior Night, in W.O. Barnes Stadium on Friday, Nov. 7. With a win, the Lions will assure themselves of a winning season, which would be the first one since 2018, Head Coach Juan Silva's first year at CHS.

Come out and support our Lions on their way to the 2025 UIL football playoffs!

Go Lions!

From the City of Fort Worth I-30 Westbound Overnight Closure Scheduled

Drivers traveling westbound on Interstate 30 should plan for an overnight closure near Spur 580 and West Camp Bowie Boulevard this week, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

The westbound lanes of I-30 will be closed from 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, to 5 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7. During the closure, all westbound traffic will exit at Spur 580, continue along the frontage road, and re-enter I-30 after Linkcrest Drive.

TxDOT officials said the two-way crossover under I-30 between the frontage roads will also be closed during this time.

Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead, expect delays, and use caution in the area while crews perform the overnight work.

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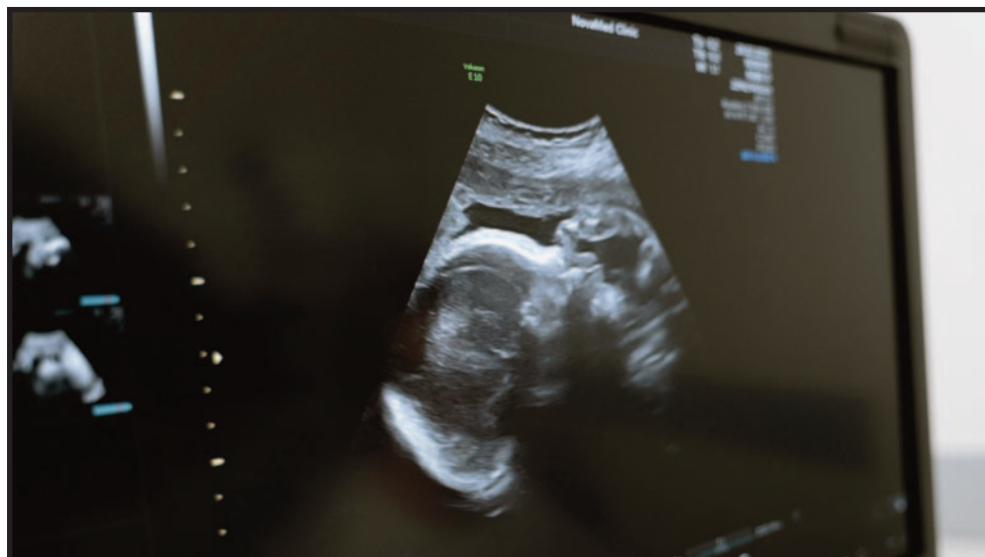
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From Tarrant County Public Health

Tarrant County Launches Initiative to Educate Expectant Parents on Stillbirth Prevention



Tarrant County Public Health and Wellpoint Texas are partnering with Count the Kicks, an evidence-based stillbirth prevention program, to educate expectant parents in the county about the importance of paying attention to their baby's movements in the third trimester of pregnancy.

Research shows nearly 30 percent of stillbirths can be prevented when expectant parents are educated on how to monitor their baby's movements daily starting at 28 weeks. The organizations involved in the collaboration have set a goal to save 43 babies in Tarrant County annually.

"Supporting the health of mothers and babies is one of the department's top priorities," said Brian Byrd, the Tarrant County Public Health Director. "Count the Kicks is a valuable tool that helps educate expectant mothers and has proven to prevent stillbirths. We are delighted to see this resource become available to families across the County."

The health of a mom and the health of her baby are intrinsically connected. The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) lists a change in a baby's movements as one of its 15 urgent maternal warning signs. Research shows a change in a baby's normal movement pattern is sometimes the first or only indication there may be an issue developing during the pregnancy.

After a few days using the free Count the Kicks mobile app (available in 20+ languages), web-based counting platform or counting on a paper chart, expectant parents will begin to see a pattern, a normal amount of time it takes their baby to get to 10 movements. If their baby's 'normal' changes during the third trimester, this could be a sign of potential problems and is an indication that the expectant parent should call their health care provider right away.

Wellpoint helps improve health care access and quality for Texans who participate in the state's Medicaid programs. Thanks to their partnership, maternal health educators and providers in Tarrant County can order Count the Kicks educational materials at no cost to help their work with expectant parents.

These materials are available in English and Spanish and can be

found at CountTheKicks.org. Momentum is already building for the program. Earlier this month more than 70 health care providers and community educators participated in the inaugural training on Count the Kicks.

"Wellpoint is honored to collaborate with Count the Kicks and the Tarrant County Public Health to expand access to vital maternal health education across North Texas," said Cealee Thomas, MD, medical director, Wellpoint Texas. "Through provider training and public awareness efforts, we're empowering healthcare professionals and expectant parents with tools to recognize early warning signs and help prevent stillbirth. This partnership reflects our mutual commitment to improving maternal and child health outcomes for families across North Texas."

Stillbirth is commonly defined as the loss of a baby at 20 weeks or greater gestation during pregnancy. It is a national public health crisis that impacts more than 20,000 families in the U.S. every year, according to the CDC. Every year 135 families in Tarrant County experience the tragedy of stillbirth.

For expectant parents in Tarrant County, one in every 209 pregnancies ends in stillbirth. Differences in stillbirth outcomes persist, and data shows that a disproportionate number of babies are born still to Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, Black, and American Indian or Alaska Native families.

Expectant parents in some age groups, geographic locations, and those expecting multiples also face an increased risk of stillbirth.

Research published in *BJOG: An International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* shows a more than 30 percent reduction in Iowa's stillbirth rate in the first 10 years of the Count the Kicks program at a time when America's stillbirth rate remained stagnant. The results have led researchers to call for urgent action to address the stillbirth crisis in the U.S. and to study Count the Kicks on a national level.

Through this collaboration, Wellpoint is hoping to bring the same success to Tarrant County, which would save approximately 43 babies in the state each year.

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*Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges***John Wesley Hardin:****Texas' Deadliest Gunman and the Turbulent Life He Lived**

The violence of the western frontier has alternately fascinated and repelled readers for generations. Gunfights between the law, outlaws, and even in-laws have since become tales retold for decades. Notorious gunman John Wesley Hardin was one of the bloodiest of all. In his short forty-two years, Hardin killed more than two dozen people across Texas.

John Wesley Hardin was the second son of 10 children born to a Methodist preacher and his wife. Hardin was born in the North Texas community of Bonham in May 1853. His father, Rev. James Hardin, was a circuit rider preacher, having to ride from one church to the next to deliver services on successive Sundays. It was a difficult life for a man of faith as well as difficult on the family because of the long distances and sometimes long absences, but the family always had all the necessities.

By 1859, the elder Hardin had settled in Sumter in East Texas to establish a school and finally enjoy a quiet life, something that the younger Hardin would make extraordinarily complicated. All of his children would eventually attend this school.

However, from a young age, Hardin was always in trouble of some kind. At the age of nine in 1862, he attempted to run away from home to join the Confederate Army. At the age of 14 in 1867, he got into a knife fight at his father's school, nearly killing a fellow student. His father had no choice but to expel him. The next year, at age 15, he killed for the first time when he shot and killed a former slave named Maje Holshousen following a fight.

Following the death of Holshousen, Hardin hid out at his older brother's house some thirty miles to the North, supposedly at his father's behest. He later claimed to have shot and killed three Union troops on their way to arrest him as they approached the home. However, no military records exist of the incident.

Other records at the time suggest that a murder may have occurred in the area around that time. Because of poor records, conflicting accounts, and Hardin's own tall tales and exaggerations, his exact record is shrouded in mystery. He denied some deaths for which there was considerable evidence but bragged about the deaths of others for which no evidence existed.

Regardless, Hardin was on the run again, scrambling from place to place and picking up a variety of jobs for money. At one point, he taught school in Navarro County. He also traveled with another wanted man briefly before his capture.

As he grew older, a mixture of alcohol, a quick temper, and a surly disposition landed him in a series of knife fights and gun fights that left a trail of bodies across Texas. He turned to gambling, which only deepened his problems with the law. He allegedly shot out the eye of a man to win a bet at the age of 16. In January 1870, he got into another gun fight with a man named Ben Bradley who had accused him of cheating at cards at a local saloon. He killed Bradley in the streets of Towash in Hill County; and Bradley's associate, a man known only as Judge Moore, disappeared shortly afterward. Hardin later claimed to have killed Moore. Several other fistfights and gunfights followed.

In January 1871, he was arrested in Harrison County on four charges of murder and one charge of horse theft. One of the charges was allegedly for the murder of Waco Town Marshal L. J. Hoffman. As he was being brought from East Texas to Waco for the trial, Hardin escaped, killing a state policeman in the process. He was arrested in Bell County some weeks later and killed three more men, escaping once again. Before he even turned 18, Hardin had killed at least eight men and possibly more.

He found work as a hand on a cattle drive on the Chisolm Trail shortly afterward. While Hardin managed to escape authorities in Texas for the time being, he still found himself in gunfights on the way to Kansas. Hardin's

deadly career was just starting.

It was August 1871 that saw one of his most notorious killings. He was in Abilene, Kansas, then a notoriously riotous trailhead town. He had fallen into a drunken stupor after a night of gambling and retired to a hotel room for the night. A neighbor in the room next door started snoring loudly, the noise reverberating through the thin walls. Hardin started shouting at the man about his snoring, to no avail. Still drunk, Hardin pulled out his guns and started firing through the walls, shooting the snoring man in the head, killing him instantly. Hardin then jumped out of his second-story window to avoid arrest, stole a horse, and then rode back to Texas.

Two months later, he found himself in another gunfight with two Texas state policemen, killing one and wounding another. He claimed to have killed three members of a posse near Austin. After several more gunfights, he injured another state policeman near Hemphill in July 1872. In August, he was shot after an argument over a poker hand in Trinity. Once his identity was confirmed by local authorities, he was arrested but accidentally shot while in custody. After recovering from his injuries, he escaped the county jail and was on the run again.

In May 1874, he killed Deputy Sheriff Charles Webb in a saloon in the central Texas town of Comanche. The killing enraged townspeople, resulting in the lynching of Hardin's own brother as he escaped from Brown County to Florida. Texas authorities set a large reward for his capture. Hardin was on the run for nearly three years before Texas Rangers captured him on a train in Pensacola in August 1877. Rangers knocked him unconscious and dragged him back to Texas for trial. This time, there would be no escape.

He was found guilty in June 1878 and sentenced to 25 years in prison, a surprisingly light sentence for the time. He served his time at the state prison in Huntsville, and tried and failed several times to escape. In spite of his crimes, he studied law and theology and eventually ran the prison Sunday School. In February 1894, he was released for good behavior, though he still had eight years left on his sentence.

After his release, he plotted his next career move and somehow decided that becoming an attorney was the best fit. He passed the bar exam and moved to Gonzales. He left shortly afterward when he shot a man on a \$5 bet. His next move was to El Paso where he spent time scrambling for money in poker games and trying to find law clients.

In August 1895, his girlfriend was arrested in El Paso by police officer John Selman, Jr., on a charge of possession of a firearm within the city limits. Hardin angrily confronted Selman and supposedly pistol-whipped him. The next day, Selman's father, John Selman, Sr., had his own argument with Hardin over the incident. The elder Selman had his own problems with the law and had killed a number of men in his own gunfights. Hours later, finding out that Hardin was gambling at the local Acme Saloon, Selman walked in and shot Hardin in the back of the head. He was quietly buried in El Paso the next day.

In the end, the man who lived by the gun died by the gun. As for Selman, he escaped conviction but was killed in a gunfight with a U. S. Marshal the next year.

Since Hardin's death, many studies have been done on his wild career. Hardin recounted his own life in a book that was published posthumously in 1895. As in life, so many details of his career were embellished or could never be verified. The 1956 film *The Lawless Breed* was loosely based on Hardin's autobiography. He was also featured in Texas writer Larry McMurtry's *The Streets of Laredo* in 1993. More than a century after Hardin's death, he still draws fascination over a life as a gunman that left more than two dozen people dead.

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Friday, Nov. 7:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 81. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north north-east in the afternoon.

PM - Clear, with a low around 52. North northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.



Saturday, Nov. 8:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 82. Calm wind becoming south southwest around 5 mph in the afternoon.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 47. North wind 5 to 15 mph.



Sunday, Nov. 9:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 58. North wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

PM - Clear, with a low around 35. North wind 5 to 10 mph.

[Extended Forecast Click Here](#)