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*From the Sports Desk with John Loven*

## ***Lions Football Offense Fuels 2-1 Start as Volleyball Battles Through Tough Stretch***



Coach Silva has his football team off to a good start to the 2025 football season. After falling in a very close game to Benbrook (47-45) to start the season, the Lions have rebounded to win their next two games. They shut out South Hills 43-0, and then defeated Bridgeport in another offensive slugfest 58-44. Currently the Lions are 2-1 and are averaging a little over 48 points a game! They will play Diamond-Hill (1-2) on Friday, Sept. 19 at Handley Field. Kick-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Here is a brief summary of the Lions first three games.

### **Benbrook Game**

The Bobcats jumped out to a 13-7 first quarter lead. The Lions turned that around and outscored Benbrook 21-7 in the second quarter to take a 28-20 lead into halftime. Both teams put on an offensive display in this game. CHS took a 39-34 lead into the final quarter. Unfortunately, the Bobcats



outscored the Lions 13-6 in the fourth quarter for a 47-45 victory.

Outstanding performances included senior quarterback Ethan Chappell who was 8 for 18 passing for 275 yards and three touchdowns. Most of those passes were completed to junior Bryan Cenicerros. Cenicerros had six receptions for 196 yards and three touchdowns. One of those touchdowns covered 69 yards.

### **South Hills Game**

CHS scored quickly and often on South Hills and took a 22-0 lead in the first quarter. The Lions extended that lead to 36-0 into halftime. The scoring slowed down a little in the second half. CHS scored one more touchdown and secured a 43-0 victory.

As good as the offense was, the defense was suffocating. They limited the Scorpions to just 117 yards of total offense. Offensively, quarterback (continued on page 3)

*From Castleberry ISD*

## **Castleberry ISD Seeks Volunteers for Lion Pals Reading Program**

Castleberry ISD is calling on community members to make a difference in the lives of young learners by volunteering for its Lion Pals Reading Program.

The program asks volunteers to commit just one hour per week to help students strengthen their reading skills. No teaching experience is required, and the district says the support of volunteers can leave a lasting impact on student success.

To get started, interested participants can attend one of two upcoming training and orientation sessions: Wednesday, Sept. 24, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., or Thursday, Sept. 25, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. (continued on page 3)

*From the City of River Oaks*

## **River Oaks to Host National Night Out Oct. 7**

The City of River Oaks will join communities nationwide in celebrating National Night Out (NNO) on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

The event will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. at the River Oaks Event Center, 5300 Blackstone Drive. Organized in partnership with the River Oaks Police Department, the evening is part of a nationwide effort to strengthen relationships between police and the community. (continued on page 3)



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# Sports Desk (continued from page 1)

Chappell had another great night throwing the ball. His stat line was 12-15 for 154 yards, five touchdowns and no interceptions. Cenicerros had a career night with 11 receptions for 134 yards and five touchdowns. Senior running back Jaydin Locks had a good night rushing with 96 yards on just 11 carries (8.7 yards/rush) and one touchdown.

## Bridgeport Game

If you are a fan of watching teams put up lots of points, this was the game for you. The Lions led after the first quarter 8-6. In what would prove to be the quarter that won the game, CHS shut out the Bulls in the second quarter, while putting up 15 more points themselves, and gave the Lions a 23-6 halftime lead. But the scoring was just beginning for both teams. The Bulls put up 38 second-half points to the Lions 35 points. But this was not enough to catch CHS as they cruised to a 58-44 victory.

This game was dominated by the Lions’ rushing attack. They amassed an amazing 511 yards rushing, averaging just under 10 yards per rushing attempt (9.3) for the game. Cenicerros put up 151 of those yards and two touchdowns. But this was senior Isaiah Ford’s night, as he rushed for and incredible 324 yards on 31 carries and scored four touchdowns.

## Lady Lions Volleyball

The CHS volleyball team has hit a rough streak recently. After defeating South Hills 3-2 in an exciting match back on Sept. 2, they have lost four matches in a row. They fell to Carter Riverside, 0-3, on Sept. 5. The Lady Lions then began district play with a loss to rival Lake Worth, 1-3 on Sept. 9. This was followed by losses to traditional powerhouse Decatur on Sept. 12 (0-3) and to Krum (1-3) on Sept. 16.

Unfortunately, the district schedule does not get any easier. Their next two games will be at against Eagle Mountain on Sept.19 and back at home against Springtown (currently 29-7) on Sept. 23.

Good Luck Lady Lions!

From Castleberry ISD

# Castleberry Calls All Lions: Homecoming Parade Sept. 25

Castleberry ISD will host the annual homecoming festivities the week of Sept. 22.

The district encourages current students, families, alumni, and community to participate in this year's event.

Community members are invited to join the Castleberry tradition and participate in the homecoming parade on Thursday, Sept. 25. [Click here to register.](#)

Registration for this year's parade is due by Friday, Sept. 19.

Community floats including local Police and Firefighters, area business owners, church organizations, student clubs/athletes, marching band, homecoming court, and others are all encouraged to participate in this long standing Castleberry tradition.

## NNO (continued from page 1)

National Night Out events are held annually on the first Tuesday in October across Texas and several other states. The gatherings are designed to promote public safety, encourage neighborhood camaraderie and build trust between residents and law enforcement.

The 2025 program in River Oaks will feature family-friendly activities, opportunities to meet local officers and information about community safety initiatives.

## Lion Pals (continued from page 1)

Both sessions will take place at the Gary S. Jones Administration Building, 5228 Ohio Garden Road in Fort Worth.

The district emphasizes that even a small investment of time can have a big payoff for students.

For more information or to register, visit [Castleberry ISD’s website.](#)

# LION PALS

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From Texas Department of Transportation

# Travel Surveys Help TxDOT Understand Transportation Needs

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is looking to create a more efficient transportation system tailored to the unique needs of the Dallas-Fort Worth region, and residents and businesses can help make that happen by taking a travel survey.

TxDOT is conducting household, workplace and commercial vehicle travel surveys in collaboration with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) across several regional metropolitan areas. These surveys will provide data about local travel patterns and will assist TxDOT and their partners in deciding which transportation projects will enhance the regional transportation system.

- Household surveys: TxDOT’s contractor will send postcards in the mail to targeted households to sign up at [texastravelsurvey.com](http://texastravelsurvey.com), with a goal of obtaining 12,000 households.

Residents selected to participate will record travel for an assigned weekday, using a downloaded smartphone app or by enter-

ing travel online or verbally reporting their travel over the phone. For further information on this process, please go to [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov).

- Workplace surveys: TxDOT’s contractor will mail letters directly to businesses in the region to recruit participants. If the business agrees to participate, the survey will deploy counting equipment to capture the amount of traffic at the site. Employees and visitors will be invited to participate in interviews at selected workplace locations.

- Commercial vehicle surveys: TxDOT’s contractor will mail letters directly to businesses in the region to recruit participants. If the business agrees to participate, commercial vehicle and trip information will be collected using a smartphone app or by verbal reporting travel over the phone.

The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, maritime, rail and public transportation across the state.

From the City River Oaks

## River Oaks to Host Citywide Garage Sale Sept. 27

The City of River Oaks will open its streets to bargain hunters Saturday, Sept. 27, during its annual Citywide Garage Sale.

Residents across the city will set up shop from their homes, offering a wide variety of items including clothing, books, toys, furniture and more. The one-day event is expected to draw both locals and visitors looking for unique finds at discounted prices.

The Citywide Garage Sale has become a tradition in River Oaks, giving neighbors an opportunity to clean out their homes while connecting with the community. Shoppers can browse dozens of sales throughout the city, with offerings ranging from everyday household items to hidden treasures.

City officials encourage participants to shop responsibly and drive carefully through neighborhoods, as increased pedestrian traffic is expected during the event.

For more information, residents may contact [River Oaks City Hall](#) at 817-626-5421.



*From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers*

# New Online Fraud Scheme Uses Phishing and Fake Websites to Spread Malware

A new wave of online fraud is targeting internet users through a mix of phishing emails and convincing fake websites, cybersecurity experts warn. The scheme is designed to trick people into downloading information-stealing malware, raising concerns about identity theft, financial losses and compromised personal data.

The attack often begins with a phishing message delivered by email, text or social media. The message typically impersonates a trusted institution such as a bank, delivery service or government agency, urging the recipient to act quickly on an urgent matter. Common hooks include overdue bills, package delivery issues, suspicious account activity or tax-related notifications.

Clicking the link in the message redirects the victim to a fraudulent website. These sites are engineered to look nearly identical to legitimate portals, complete with logos, customer support information and security seals. The goal is to convince the user that they are dealing with a genuine service provider.

Unlike traditional phishing campaigns, which focus on harvesting login credentials, this new method takes the deception further. The fake websites prompt visitors to download what appears to be a legitimate document, browser update or mobile application. Hidden within the download is malware that installs itself on the device.

“Once the malware is running, it can quietly capture everything from saved passwords to banking details,” said Ryan Fields, a cybersecurity researcher with Dallas-based firm NetSecure Solutions. “It’s not just about tricking you into entering your credentials anymore. They’re installing tools that can monitor your activity for weeks or even months.”

The malware operates by logging keystrokes, scanning browser-stored information and capturing screenshots. Some versions are even capable of exfiltrating two-factor authentication codes by intercepting text messages or push notifications. That makes the attack particularly dangerous, as it undermines one of the most widely used protections against online fraud.

The scheme is being distributed globally, but experts say U.S. users have been among the most frequently targeted in recent weeks. Attackers are believed to be operating from abroad, using rotating servers and anonymization tools to conceal their origins.

Federal agencies and private security groups are urging caution. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released an advisory earlier this month, warning the public to avoid downloading files from unfamiliar sources and to double-check website addresses before entering personal information.

“This is a sophisticated twist on a familiar scam,” said CISA spokesperson Amanda Lewis. “People need to be on guard against unexpected download prompts, especially when those prompts come from links in unsolicited messages. Even if the site looks legitimate, it may be designed to compromise your device.”

Security analysts say the attackers are leveraging trust in major brands. Fake websites have been discovered mimicking companies such as Microsoft, Apple, UPS and Wells Fargo. In some cases, the fraudulent domains use subtle misspellings, like swapping a lowercase “l” with a capital “I,” to trick users who are scanning quickly.

The campaign is also being spread through malicious advertisements, known as “malvertising.” Attackers purchase ad space on search engines and social media platforms, leading unsuspecting users to counterfeit download sites when they click on sponsored results.

“The blending of phishing, fake domains and malvertising is making this harder to spot than the typical email scam,” Fields said. “Users are encountering these fraudulent sites even when they’re actively searching for a product or service online.”

Victims who install the malware may not notice immediate signs of compromise. Unlike ransomware, which locks files and demands payment, information-stealing malware typically works silently. Stolen data is sent back to the attacker’s server, where it can be used for identity theft, drained bank accounts or sold on criminal marketplaces.

Experts recommend several steps to reduce the risk of infection. Users should keep operating systems and antivirus software updated, avoid clicking links in unsolicited emails and verify web addresses carefully before entering credentials. Multifactor authentication, while not foolproof, still provides an added layer of defense.

“If you receive a message urging you to download something quickly, treat it as a red flag,” Lewis said. “Go directly to the company’s official website instead of following the link provided.”

Law enforcement agencies are investigating the campaign, but officials acknowledge that prosecuting cybercriminals abroad is challenging. Many groups operate from jurisdictions with limited cooperation on cybercrime.

For now, the burden of protection rests largely on individuals and businesses. Small organizations without robust IT support are considered especially vulnerable, as employees may not have the training to recognize fraudulent sites.

“Education is one of the best defenses,” Fields said. “If people learn how to identify phishing attempts and avoid suspicious downloads, they can avoid becoming the next victim.”

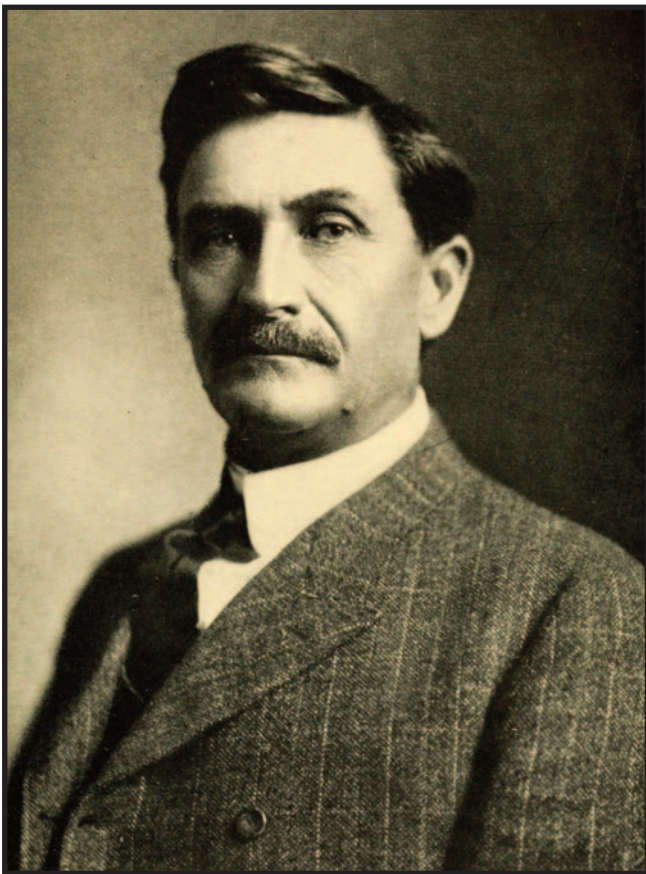
As online services continue to expand, experts say attackers will keep refining their methods. For everyday users, vigilance remains the most reliable safeguard against schemes that increasingly blur the line between authentic and fraudulent.



# Lawman Pat Garrett: The Sheriff Who Brought Down Billy the Kid and Lived a Life of Turmoil

Pat Garrett is another of the legendary figures of the Old West. He always had a taste for adventure and had a career as a distinguished law officer in a time when little law and order was to be found. Wherever Garrett went, trouble always seemed to follow.

Patrick Floyd Jarvis Garrett was born in Alabama in 1850 to a farming family. In 1853, they moved to northern Louisiana when his father



bought a plantation there. However, everything fell apart after the Civil War. His father went bankrupt, his mother died in 1867, and his father died the following year. Barely 18 and with nothing left to hold him back, Garrett rode west into Texas.

For the next several years, Garrett made a modest living as a buffalo hunter in Texas before finding work on a ranch in Lincoln County in the center of the New Mexico Territory. He eventually came to own a local ranch of his own.

However, tensions between rival ranching factions exploded into the notorious Lincoln County War in 1878. A series of gunfights across the area left perhaps two dozen dead. The chaos thrust Garrett out of the shadows and into the middle of the bloodshed.

By 1880, residents enraged over the continuing violence pushed Sheriff George Kimball out of office in favor of Garrett by a nearly two-to-one margin. The chaos continued as Garrett and his posse captured William Bonney, more famously known as gunman Billy the Kid, in December after a shootout at Stinking Springs.

Four months later, Billy the Kid escaped just after his conviction for murder. Garrett would encounter him again in July 1881, apparently killing him in a nighttime shootout. However, questions over the details persisted with some suggesting that Billy the Kid escaped and never died at all. Garrett, however, killed several men in gunfights throughout his life including his years as a lawman.

Nevertheless, this incident ended the Lincoln County War once and for all. Garrett became known across the country for his role. However, he stepped down from his position as sheriff in 1882 and returned to Texas. While Billy the Kid grew into folk hero status, Garrett attempted to publicize his own version of events with his book *The Authentic Life of Billy, The Kid*, which became one of the most

famous accounts of the outlaw’s life and death.

Garrett continued his career in law enforcement. In 1884, Garrett was made a Texas Ranger but resigned his appointment a year later. He attempted an irrigation business in West Texas, which failed miserably. By 1892, he settled in Uvalde on the Rio Grande to resume ranching.

In 1896, he was appointed sheriff of Dona Ana County in New Mexico after a prominent citizen and his son disappeared in the desert. Garrett pinpointed four men for murder, and he and his deputies killed two of the suspects in a blaze of gunfire in 1898. The remaining two surrendered several months later.

In 1901, President Theodore Roosevelt appointed Garrett as the US customs collector for El Paso. However, after a fistfight with one employee and a number of political missteps, he was replaced by 1906.

Garrett, however, had massive debts by this time and lost his Uvalde ranch. He and his son attempted to lease a ranch in New Mexico, but a dispute erupted with the owner, Jesse Brazel, and his partners about the terms.

In March 1908, Garrett rode out to meet with Brazel to discuss the matter further when he was shot dead. Brazel confessed to the shooting but was acquitted of murder.

In the years after Garrett’s death, his character appeared in many novels and movies, including the first *Billy the Kid* movie in 1925. Controversy and debate surrounding the life of Garrett only grew after his death. A small memorial marking the spot of his death near what is now US 70 was placed by his son in the 1930s.

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### Friday, Sept. 19

**AM** - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1pm.  
Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. S/SE wind around 5 mph.  
**PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 70. Southeast wind around 5 mph.



### Saturday, Sept. 20:

**AM** - Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. South wind around 5 mph.  
**PM** - Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. S/SE wind around 5 mph.



### Sunday, Sept. 21:

**AM** - A slight chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible. Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. South wind 5 to 10-20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.  
**PM** - A 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind around 10 mph.

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