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From the Fort Worth Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution

## *White Settlement Historical Society*

*Director Emeritus Jimmie E. Weaver*

*Presented with Community Service Award*



Members of the Fort Worth Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution attended the board meeting of the White Settlement Historical Museum on Saturday, Jan. 7 to present a DAR Community Service Award to the society's Director Emeritus, **Jimmie E. Weaver**. Recipients of the DAR Community Service Award have contributed to the community in an outstanding manner. This can be through voluntary heroic, civic, or benevolent service, or by organizing or participating in community activities.

Weaver, a veteran of the United States Army, has served the local community for several decades. He has been involved with the White Settlement Historical Society and Museum since 1975 and has filled various positions over the years. In addition to his position of Director Emeritus for the historical society, he is serving as Director of the White Settlement Historical

Museum.

Over the years, Weaver has volunteered his time mowing and edging several local historic cemeteries and has volunteered his time with several museum projects.

"Jim Weaver is a perfect recipient of the award given his years of service to the preservation of our local community history and service to the museum," Carol Davis, museum manager.

Most recently he served as an invaluable resource for the Fort Worth Chapter, NSDAR as it worked to obtain a State of Texas Historical Marker for Thompson Public Cemetery in Westworth Village. His expertise and participation was greatly appreciated during negotiations with the property owner, and he was present at the celebration.

During the meeting, Fort Worth Chapter Historian, Hilda Kachmar, spoke about Weaver's achievements. He was presented a Community Service Certificate by Fort Worth Chapter Regent, **Sarah Fezio** and a Community Service Pin..

If you are interested pursuing membership in DAR, please email [fortworthchapternsdar@gmail.com](mailto:fortworthchapternsdar@gmail.com).

From White Settlement ISD

## **Application Period**

**Begins Jan. 18 for**

**Place on WSISD**

## **School Board Ballot**

The Board of Trustees consists of seven members elected to serve, without compensation, for overlapping terms of three years each. Elections are conducted annually in May. Following the election, the board elects a president, vice president, and secretary to serve for one-year terms.

The next board of trustee general election is scheduled for May 6, 2023. Places available for elec- (continued on page 2)

From the City of White Settlement

## *City Hall to be*

*Closed for Holiday*

*Monday, Jan. 16*

White Settlement City Hall, located at 214 Meadow Park Drive will be closed all day on Monday, Jan. 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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Candidate filing period to file an application for place on the ballot is Jan. 18, 2023 to Feb. 17, 2023. All applications filed are public records and open to inspection upon request.

Completed forms must be filed at the White Settlement ISD Administration Building at 401 S. Cherry Lane, White Settlement, Texas, 76108. Applications may be returned during these hours: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18, 2022.

**Election Highlights**

First day to file for place on the ballot: Jan. 18, 2023

Last day to file for place on the ballot: Feb. 17, 2023

Early voting begins: April 24, 2023

Last day of early voting: May 2, 2023

Election date: May 6, 2023

Polling location: WSISD Administration Building, 401 S. Cherry Lane, White Settlement, Texas 76108.

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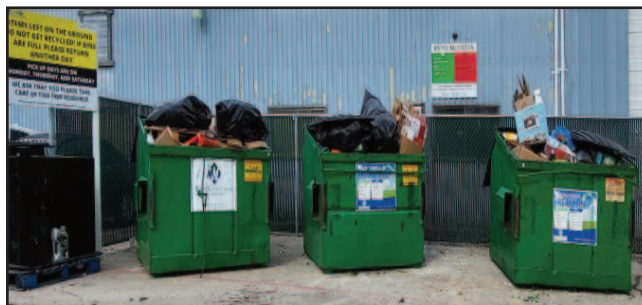
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From the City of White Settlement

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If you have bulk items and would like to dispose of them, please place them at the curb of bulk week. If you missed bulk week, then you can bring them to the Community Cleanup weekend.

Community Cleanup is where we have

four dumpsters located on Melrose specifically for bulk items.

A reminder to all residents that the Recycle drop off station on Albert Street is for recycle materials only.

If the Recycle drop off Station is full, please wait to place your items inside.

The Recycle drop off station gets picked up four times a week and there will be another opportunity for drop off.

We encourage residents to inform the city if they witness dumping of illegal items at the Recycle Drop off Station, this way we can continue to provide these services for the residents.

If you have any questions about what items can be placed at the Recycle Station or question regarding disposal of other materials, email [kwsb@wstx.us](mailto:kwsb@wstx.us) or call 817-246-5012 Ext 859.



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Students will not attend classes on Monday, Jan. 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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From the Sports Desk with John English

# Brewer Boys and Girls Beat Aledo

The Brewer girl's basketball team improved to 19-3 on the season with a victory over Aledo on Friday night and remain tied for first place in the district 5-5A standings.

Coach Teranie Lewis said that Eryn McKinzie and Aolani Woldai "played well," but added that it was truly a team effort.

"The team did well against Aledo," Lewis said. "I'm proud of how the things we are working on are coming together in games."

Within one victory of the 20-win mark heading into tomorrow night's game with Azle, Lewis said this is a big deal for her team.

"I think it's an amazing accomplishment and one that these ladies and our staff have worked hard for," Lewis said. "But our main focus is winning one game at a time."

The Lady Bears are currently ranked 12th in the state among girls 5A teams according to Max Preps, but Lewis said that has not changed the focus.

"The atmosphere is the same," Lewis said. "We are humble and hungry. We focus on the things we need to focus on to win that next game. Yes, these are great accomplishments, don't get me wrong. But I like for us to stay focused on getting better every day and winning that next game."

On the boy's side, the Bears also defeated Aledo last Friday, and coach Jason Porostovsky said

"We had a good start to the game leading 12-4, but had a couple of turnovers that allowed them to close the gap in the first half," Porostovsky said. "We went into halftime leading 17-15. The second half was much like the first, and we dug ourselves a 7-point deficit with about 4 minutes to go into the game. Some great defense and timely shots allowed us to hit a shot at the buzzer to win the game."

Julian Perez led all scorers with 21 points, Carron Gibson had 7 points, which included the buzzer beater, and Javier Espino pitched in 6 points against the Bearcats.

Brewer picked up its 20th victory in the Aledo game, and Porostovsky said, while it was a big win for his team, his players are still focused on something bigger.

"Twenty wins is always a milestone in basketball," Porostovsky said. "However, I am not sure our kids care much about that. They want to make a run in the playoffs this year. They seem focused more on that task."

The Bears will play Azle tomorrow night, and Porostovsky said he expects a good contest.

From the City of White Settlement

# 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program is a nationwide challenge that encourages parents and caregivers to regularly read aloud to their children.

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Readers can log their reading on paper reading logs that can be picked up at the library or online at [wstxreads.read-squared.org](http://wstxreads.read-squared.org).

**The White Settlement Bomber News supports our Brewer Bears!**

# Keep White Settlement Beautiful Art Contest Deadline March 3

The Keep White Settlement Beautiful Art Contest opened registration Jan. 1. Artists of all ages may submit their Waterways litter prevention/Earth friendly artwork to the Recreation Center, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All entries must be submitted by March 3.

Artists will be judged by age groups on creativity and theme. All winners and runners-up will be showcased on the City's website and the contest will culminate with an art exhibit on March 11 at the Pecan Grove Convention Center. All entries will be displayed at the art exhibit and winners will be announced at the event. There will be raffles and prizes, storytime, crafts and guests from the North Chapter Native Plant Society and more. For more details on the format, size, and materials of the art pieces and to register [visit the website](#).

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also help train more than 4.6 million people in Red Cross lifesaving skills; help provide nearly 550,000 services to military members, veterans and their families; and to reconnect almost 9,000 families separated by war or disaster around the world.

“Our Red Cross volunteers step up to help our neighbors here in the North Texas Region each and every day,” said Shelley Vanlaningham, Interim Regional Volunteer Services Officer, Red Cross North Texas Region. “In the last year, volunteers responded to more than 2,000 disasters, installed more than 6,000 smoke alarms in homes and provided care for nearly 10,000 individuals. Just imagine the impact you could make in 2023 by joining us as a volunteer.”

Volunteering is good for you and our community. The top five benefits of resolving to volunteer in 2023 include:

- Meeting new people. Our volunteers are amazing individuals with diverse backgrounds that are inspired to give back, just like you.
- Learning new skills. Red Cross volunteer positions include free training and provide an opportunity to experience new adventures.
- Being part of something larger. Become a vital part of the Red Cross and our mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering.
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# Army Cartographer, General William Emory *by Dr. Ken Bridges*

The borders of the United States have expanded considerably since independence was declared. As the nation grew, newer and more detailed maps were needed so the country could plan ahead and utilize the landscape and resources available. Gen. William Emory, an army cartographer, was a vital part of this process. Emory's diligent studies and attention to detail not only shaped the borders of the United States but also shaped the borders of Texas and revealed the great wonders of the Upper Rio Grande.

William Hemsley Emory was born in September 1811 in Eastern Maryland. He was extremely bright and as a young man earned an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

He graduated from West Point in 1831 as a lieutenant and was assigned to an artillery unit.

Looking for other opportunities to satisfy his curiosity and imagination, he resigned from the service in 1836 to pursue civil engineering. The army, however, lured him back two years later with a unique new program, the Corps of Topographical Engineers. This new unit was in charge of surveying resources and infrastructure for both potential military use and civilian development. He spent the next few years engaged in careful surveys of harbors and rivers on the East Coast. Also in 1838, he married Matilda Bache in Philadelphia. Bache was the great-granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin and the daughter of later Texas State Senator Richard Bache, Jr.

In 1844, Emory arrived in Texas. Though Texas was still independent, Texas was working with the United States in pursuit of annexation and invited the Corps of Topographical Engineers into the republic to examine what Texas had to offer. He spent months studying the Upper Rio Grande Valley, producing maps that were invaluable to American forces during the Mexican War two years later and much more accurate than had been produced up to that point. His survey of the American-Canadian border between 1844 and 1846 were also a valuable part of the negotiations over the resolution of the Oregon Country dispute and helped finalize the border between the two nations.

When war erupted against Mexico in 1846, he was assigned to join Col. Stephen Kearney in his trek from Kansas to New Mexico and then to California to strip the lightly populated and almost undefended area away from Mexico. The mission was a tremendous success, and the northern third of Mexico was in American hand in a matter of months.

Along the way, Emory continued to make careful surveys and notes of the regions the army marched through. In the course of the war, Mexican troops never again entered Texas. When the war was won in 1848, the Texas border at the Rio Grande was unquestioned, thanks to Emory's maps.

His efforts would reap huge dividends again in 1853 when the United States finalized the Gadsden Purchase from Mexico. The United States had won what is now the southwestern quarter of

the country as a result of the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo in 1848. Mexico surrendered the lands from the Rio Grande in central New Mexico (what was then West Texas) across to California and the Pacific.

Because of Emory's surveys, federal officials realized some of the unique features of the area. Just south of the Gila River was a break in the Rocky Mountains, an area where the land was relatively smooth. The area was ideal for railroad construction as the concept and ultimate route of the transcontinental railroad began to be discussed. As a result, Ambassador James Gadsden negotiated a new treaty with Mexico, paying \$10 million for the land that became the southern edges of Arizona and New Mexico. Emory's correspondence with U.S. Senator Thomas Rusk of Texas helped secure the treaty ratification in the Senate.

In 1855, Emory was named head of the International Boundary Commission. His reputation as a scientist and a map-maker was growing. His two major reports on the geography and wildlife of the Southwest, *Notes of a Military Reconnaissance from Fort Leavenworth to San Diego* (1846) and *Report of the United States and Mexico Boundary Commission* (1859) were major foundations in the later scientific study of the area.

During the Civil War, Emory served with distinction, rising to the rank of general and taking command of the Nineteenth Corps during the Shenandoah Campaign of 1864. He commanded the Department of the Gulf during Reconstruction, which served in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi. In 1874, as the terroristic White League overthrew the elected government of Louisiana, Emory resorted to diplomacy to convince the coup plotters to restore the elected government and to peacefully disband. What could easily have escalated ended without further bloodshed.

Emory retired from the army in 1876 and moved east. He died in Washington, DC, in 1887 at age 76. He continued to be widely respected by geographers and cartographers in the years after his passing.

Emory Peak in the Big Bend area was named in his honor as well as New Mexico's Emory Pass. Astronauts also named a crater on the Moon after him during the 1972 Apollo 17 mission.

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Three Day Weekend Forecast



Friday, Jan. 13:

AM - Sunny; high near 61. Northwest wind around 5mph.  
PM - Clear; low around 39. E/NE wind around 5mph becoming south after midnight.



Saturday, Jan. 14:

AM - Sunny; high near 67. S wind 5-15mph, with gusts as high as 20mph.  
PM - Partly cloudy; low around 49.



Sunday, Jan. 15:

AM - Partly sunny; high near 71.  
PM - A 20% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, low around 56.

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