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From the Sports Desk with John English

Brewer Basketball: Bears and Lady Bears Hooping it Up!

The Brewer boy's basketball team improved to 6-0 in district competition on Friday night with a 45-22 victory over Wichita Falls Rider and remain in sole possession of first place in the 5-5A district standings.

Coach Jason Porostovsky said it was a strong effort from this team from the start.

"We set the tone early in the game with our defensive pressure, holding them to six points at halftime," Porostovsky said. "We cruised to a nice road win to end the first half of district."

Julian Perez led the Bears in scoring with 16 points, while Carron Gibson had 12 points and Javier Espino had 10 points in the game.

Brewer reached the midway point of the district season with the victory over Rider on Friday night, and Porostovsky said he is pretty pleased with how things are unfolding.

"Being undefeated at this point is great considering that the other district teams have multiple losses at this point," Porostovsky said.

Brewer moved to No. 11 in the Max Prep state rankings among 5A schools this past week, and Porostovsky said this may be a first.

"I know we have some other teams in the past that were really good as well," Porostovsky said. "but I'm not certain we were 11."

The Bears will take on the Saginaw Rough Riders Friday, Jan. 27 at Rough Riders Gymnasium, located at 800 N. Blue Mound Road, Fort Worth, TX 76131.

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From White Settlement ISD

WSISD School Board Ballot Application Deadline Feb. 17

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 election will be Places 6 and 7.

Application Process

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, 2023.

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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Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater North Texas

Scholarship Applications Accepted Through April 1

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater North Texas (RMHCNTX) announced the opening of applications for its Scholarship Program, which grants more than \$60,000 to 30 local high school seniors each year. Funded by North Texas McDonald's owner/operators and donations from the community, the annual scholarships recognize students for their outstanding academic achievements and community involvement.

Applications are open online at rmhcntx.org/scholarships and must be submitted by April 1, 2023. All students can apply regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability, or national origin. To qualify for an RMHC Scholarship, students must:

- be a high school senior
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- be a legal U.S. resident
- live in the geographic areas of the RMHC of Greater North Texas Chapter
- and submit a complete application and all required documentation by the deadline.

"Each year, we're proud to support high school seniors in our community as they pursue their education," said David Floyd, local McDonald's Owner/Operator and Board Treasurer of RMHCNTX. "We hope this scholarship allows students to focus on their academics without having to worry about finances."

Since the Scholarship Program was founded in 1988, more than \$2.5 million has been awarded to more than 1,500 North Texas high school seniors. For more information and to apply, visit rmhcntx.org/scholarships.

About RMHC of Greater North Texas

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater North Texas (RMHC of Greater North Texas), a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families. Our programs are grassroots-driven to enable us to offer help where children and families need it most – right in their own communities. RMHC of Greater North Texas is part of a global network of Chapters making a positive impact on the lives of children and families in 65 countries and regions around the world.

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From the City of White Settlement

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From White Settlement ISD

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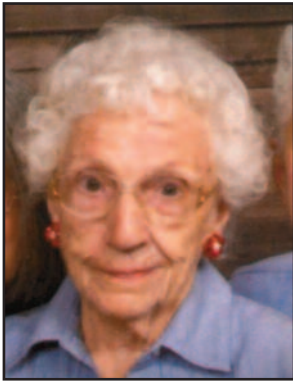
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Obituary



Bessie Christine Kuhn Harding

Bessie Christine Kuhn Harding, 99, departed this life Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023. Funeral services will be held cryptside on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, in Greenwood Mausoleum.

Bessie was born Dec. 25, 1923, to James and Ella Kuhn in Three Sands, Okla. She graduated from Rodessa High School in Rodessa, La., in 1940. Her family moved to Bossier City, La., in 1941. She met her future husband, S/Sgt. Carrel L. Harding, while he was stationed at Barksdale AFB, La., before deployment to the EJO during WWII. When he returned from a three year tour, they were married Oct. 13, 1945. Their union was blessed with two loving daughters, Patty Jane and Linda Kay.

Her husband, retired from the Air Force in September 1962 and they decided to make their home in the Fort Worth Area. Mrs. Harding never worked outside the home after marriage, except for volunteer work. She liked to refer to herself as a self-employed home economist. She found being a full-time wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother to be life's greatest reward. Her hobby was sewing and spoiling her five grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 63 years; her father; mother; step-father, Alvis Cook; brother, Hugh, Jr., and wife, Mary Kuhn; her beloved Aunt Bessie Raynes; son-in-law, John LeJeune; and granddaughter, Dawne Pettigrew.

Survivors include her daughters, Patty LeJeune and Kay Benton and husband, Larry; grandchildren, Lisa Collett (David), Robert Benton (Kristi), Patty Ann McGinnis (Justin), John LeJeune III (Katina) and Dawne Pettigrew (David), Rachel, Ashley, Elizabeth Collett, Madison, Macy and Matthew McGinnis, Brandon Benton, Paige and Julie Schwartz, Johnathan and Joshua LeJeune.

Sports Desk (continued from page 1)

On the girl's side, the Lady Bears reached No. 8 in the state rankings last week and defeated Rider on Friday night by a score of 77-18.

Coach Teranie Lewis said the victory gave her an opportunity to evaluate.

“The team played well versus Rider,” Lewis said. “We had the opportunity to work on a few things that we will need moving forward.”

Lewis said the win over rider was “a collective standout effort.”

The Lady Bears also avenged their only district loss last Tuesday with a convincing victory over Granbury, and Lewis said her team learned well from the previous match up.

“We didn’t play well in that first district game and got beat,” Lewis said. “It was a lesson learned. We have to come to each game prepared for every opponents best game.”

Breaking the top 10 in the state polls is a huge accomplishment for the Brewer girls, and Lewis said she is proud of her team's effort.

“It’s great for our program, school and community,” Lewis said. “I don’t talk about rankings with our team, as I want them to focus on each game. But our team works really hard and it’s awesome to be noticed.”

The Lady Bears will play at Saginaw at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27

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February is the month of love and one of the most popular times of year for couples to get engaged. According to a recent study, 36 percent of respondents said Valentine’s Day is the most romantic day to propose. If you’re about to get married or just walked down the aisle, here are five things to do to ensure your financial health.

1. Determine how you will handle finances. They say money can’t buy love and happiness, but talking about it in a marriage, or even beforehand, goes a long way. You’ll want to discuss whether you’ll have a joint bank account and credit cards, separate accounts or a combination of the two. It’s a personal decision,

so consider the pros and cons. It’s also a good idea to know the roles you will play. For example, will you or your partner pay the day-to-day bills? The other person may want to manage the monthly mortgage and auto expenses, or even the long-term investments and retirement funds. If you need help coming up with a plan, you may want to seek the advice of a financial counselor.

2. Get life insurance. You may not realize that February is also Insure Your Love Month, a time to think about protecting your loved ones if something unfortunate should happen. “If you have people who depend on you – including your new spouse – chances are you need life insurance,” said Lou Colaizzo, senior vice president, Erie Family Life. “While it’s hard to think about the possibility of not being there for a loved one, it’s so important to plan for.” Colaizzo added that some people may hesitate to seek out life insurance because they don’t want to go through the trouble of getting a medical exam, but that’s not always necessary. Colaizzo recommends people consult with their insurance agent to find the right life insurance policy and coverage amount that’s best for them.

3. Protect your bling. Chances are you spent a lot of time and money picking out rings you’ll love and wear every day. Unfortunately, burglaries are more common than you may think. According to the FBI, there were more than 1.1 million burglaries in 2019. Protect your wedding jewelry, and any other expensive jewelry, by adding these items to your homeowners or renters policy. It is advisable to have photos and documentation of the value of the ring and other valuable jewelry in the event of a theft or a loss.

4. Update your car insurance. Notify your agent to make sure you’re both covered to drive each other’s cars. You may also be eligible for savings, such as a multi-car discount or bundling your car insurance with homeowners and/or life insurance. Additionally, some insurance companies offer a lower rate for married couples.

5. Make updates to your records if you change your last name. It’s a big decision and takes a lot of work if one of you decides to change your name after marriage. It’s important to be patient and diligent as the entire process may take several months. Remember to update all the appropriate forms, including a new Social Security card, driver’s license, passport, bank accounts and credit cards, among other considerations. Additionally, notify your employer for payroll and health insurance coverage updates.

Getting married is an exciting, big life event. While you and your partner start your new life together, have an open conversation about financial considerations and double check to make sure you’re covered to protect the life you’re building.



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American Singer and Songwriter, Huddie “Leadbelly” Ledbetter

by Dr. Ken Bridges

Many Texas musicians have become legendary figures for not only their great talents as musicians but also for their colorful lives.

Huddie Ledbetter, known to his fans as “Leadbelly,” was a pioneer blues musician starting in East Texas in the early 1900s, just as rhythm and blues was starting to develop its own musical identity. His own life was one of many tragedies, which he incorporated into his music. Ledbetter’s music would far outlast his 1949 death, influencing performers from country to rock for decades afterward.



Huddie William Ledbetter was born in a tiny Louisiana community just northwest of Shreveport. The family moved often, and within a couple of years moved across the state line into Bowie County. He showed a great love of music from an early age, but his music training was sporadic. His first musical gift was an accordion given to him by an uncle. He soon mastered it and picked up other instruments, such as the harmonica, fiddle, and what became his favorite, the 12-string guitar. By the time he was 15, Ledbetter was performing at clubs and parties across the area.

Around 1910, Ledbetter was living in Harrison County when he took to the road to pursue a music career, leaving behind his wife and two children. Though he became increasingly popular with his early blues sound, he often found himself in trouble with the law. Increasing issues with alcohol only compounded his problems. Some time in the late 1910s, he picked up the nickname “Leadbelly,” but its origins are uncertain.

It was also in the 1910s that he began singing one of his most popular songs, “*Good Night, Irene*.” He went on to write hundreds of songs, some gospel but mostly blues. “*Black Snake Moan*,” and “*Cotton Fields*” were among many songs he wrote and performed by the 1920s. Many of his songs were never recorded or were lost over time.

In 1915, he was jailed in Harrison County on an illegal gun charge but soon escaped. Three years later, he was imprisoned after another fight turned deadly. He was sentenced to 35 years. However, Gov. Pat Neff, who once promised not to pardon any prisoners, pardoned Ledbetter in 1925 after hearing him sing for his release. Ledbetter resumed his performances, but he still had legal problems. He was convicted in 1930 in Louisiana following a knife fight and another conviction in New York in 1939. His time in prison became an inspiration for many of his songs.

He promoted himself as the “King of the 12-String Guitar,” but he was only able to begin recording his songs in the 1930s.

John Lomax, co-founder of the Texas Folklore Society and a former administrator at the University of Texas, recorded dozens of Ledbetter’s songs through a Works Progress Administration program to record oral histories and folk music across the nation.

On a tour of the Northeast, Ledbetter found an appreciative circle of musicians in the growing folk music community. He would record several songs with Woody Guthrie.

In the early 1940s, he was a regular radio performer on a nationwide folk music program, hosted by John Lomax’s son, Alan. By 1949, Ledbetter had his own radio show in New York, Folk Songs of America. That year, just as his career and life were back on track, he was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig’s Disease, a degenerative neuromuscular disorder. The condition progressed rapidly, but he was able to perform one last concert, a memorial concert for John Lomax at the University of Texas that summer.

He died quietly in New York City in December 1949 at the age of 61. His life was one of hard luck and little respect save for fellow musicians and a handful of blues fans who saw brilliance in his performances.

As the years passed, fellow musicians kept his memory alive through his music. Within a few years, his influences became much more pronounced as rock and roll saw its introduction by the mid-1950s and blues reached a new level of artistry. In the 1950s, folk musician Pete Seeger wrote a book on playing guitar that praised Ledbetter’s technique. By the 1960s, a flood of popular musicians began recording Ledbetter’s songs. “*Good Night, Irene*” was a favorite of country stars such as Ernest Tubb and Willie Nelson. Tubb’s version topped the charts in 1950. Creedence Clearwater Revival made Ledbetter’s “*Midnight Special*” one of their most famous songs when they recorded it in 1969. It was also covered by Gene Autry, Johnny Cash, Nat King Cole, and the Grateful Dead. Ledbetter was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1970.

In 1976, a movie was made about his life called simply, *Leadbelly*. In 1988, in the centennial year of his birth, he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, honored as one of the early major influences.

The popular grunge-rock band Nirvana introduced Ledbetter to a new generation with Kurt Cobain’s rendition of “*Where Did You Sleep Last Night*” in a televised performance in 1994. Many of his surviving recordings from the 1940s from the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Institution were released as albums in the 1990s.

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PM - Partly cloudy; ow around 44. South wind around 15mph, with gusts as high as 25mph.



Saturday, Jan. 28:

AM - A 20% chance of showers after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy; high near 62. S wind 15-20mph, gusts as high as 30mph.
PM - A 20% chance of showers before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy; low around 40.



Sunday, Jan. 29:

AM - Mostly sunny; high near 56.
PM - Mostly clear; low around 31.

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