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From White Settlement ISD

Brewer High School TAFE Members Compete at Teach Tomorrow Summit



Brewer High School Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) members competed at the Teach Tomorrow Summit and State Conference, and four students will advance to the Educators Rising National Competition in Orlando, Fla. this summer.

They are: Kailyn Flores, Public Speaking; Alyssa Gavrel and Andrew Poff, Inside Our Schools; and Grayson Peterman, Lesson Planning and Delivery (Arts). Peterman also earned a \$100 Judge's Choice Scholarship.

Other contestants were: D'Lisa (DJ) Keller and Felicity Carlson, who earned silver in Project Visualize, and Rebekah Bright and Hailee Deter.

From White Settlement ISD

Spring Break March 13-17; **Staff Development Day** March 20

White Settlement ISD students and teachers will not attend classes Monday, March 13 through Friday, March 17 for the spring break holiday.

Students will also not attend classes on Monday, March 20, as a staff development day will be held for WSISD district staff.

Students will return to classes at regularly scheduled times on Tuesday, March 21.

From the Sports Desk with John English

Bear Baseball and Lady Bear Softball Teams Compete in Weekend Tournaments

The Brewer Bear baseball team had a solid showing at the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw tournament this past weekend, and coach Gilbert Ramirez said he was impressed with what he saw from his team.

The Bears are getting contributions from a number of players early on, and Ramirez said he is feeling pretty good about the way things are shaping up.

"We went 2-2-1 at the EMS Tournament this weekend with two, 1-run losses," Ramirez said. "We pitched well and played great defense, all weekend, and started to get the timely hits on Saturday."

On the mound, Ramirez said he had a number of standout performances including Trey Ramirez (7IP, 4H, 0R, 3Ks), Jayden Ayala-Hinojosa (6IP, 5H, 2R, 7Ks), (continued on page 2)

Advisor is **Maggie Howard**.

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Sports Desk (continued from page 1)

Andrew Moralez (6IP, 6H, 1ER, 8Ks), girls what they are capable of when they Johnson (2IP, 0H, 0R, 2 saves).

the tournament.

district schedule so far.

year, and I love the fight that our team has," Ramirez said. "They are giving it their all, playing hard and playing for each other."

In softball, the Lady Bears competed in row in Justin. the Turf Wars Tournament this past weekend, where they went 3-3 overall and gained some valuable experience.

team is competing well as district competitor remain in first place in the district 5-5A tion approached.

"I think that this weekend showed the

Roman Storm (6IP, 1 H, 0R, 2Ks) and Nick compete as a team. I am very happy with the level in which they are competing and chal-At the plate, Brayden Squires went 6-14, lenging their opponents going into the rest with a .429 batting average, while Trey Ra- of district. They have battled through numirez was 5-16, with a .313 batting average merous team injuries and obstacles leading and Jake Ramirez went 5-17, hitting .294 for up to this point and we are excited to see what the rest of this season holds. Again, Ramirez said he is optimistic about what this weekend was great for the girls to see he has seen from his team during the non- what happens when they work towards a common goal and attack every inning to-"Our guys have been playing great degether. We always talk about playoffs never fense and pitching really well so far this being promised so we are taking it game by game.""

> Brewer opened up district competition with Wichita Falls Rider on Tuesday night and will take on Northwest at 7 p.m. tomor-

On the pitch, the Brewer boy's soccer team improved to 8-1-2 in district competi-Coach Amye Guin said that she feels her tion with a 4-1 victory over Aledo on Friday standings.



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Brewer Varsity and JV Boys Soccer Teams are the **5-5A District Champions**



For the first time in Brewer High School history, Brewer Boys Soccer won the District Championship! The team claimed the 5- ment Champion of District 5-5A. 5A District Championship with a 4-1 victory over Aledo.



Brewer Bears JV Boys Soccer Team is the undefeated Tourna-



From White Settlement ISD

Three Brewer High School FCCLA Members Advance to State at Region II Competition in Waco



Three Brewer High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members placed at the Region II competition in Waco, and they'll advance to state.

Cheyenne Rushing and Angel Tovilla won second place in Food Innovations, and Ashten Davenport took second in Serving Up Success.

Other competitors were: Jayden Shields, Uriel Olmos, Ada Ordiway-Thiem, Gage Hollingsworth, Elizabeth Hamor, Elizabeth Douglas, Mia Torres-Martinez, Bella Guajardo, Kyler Bass and Julissa De Lira Coronado.

Advisors are Kaylie McPherson, Kaycee Blevins and Paul Gardner.

>>> Obituary <>>



Greta Wade Vargas

Greta Wade Vargas passed on and went to be with the Lord on Feb. 26, 2023 after several weeks of illness. Greta was 73.

The family plans a private burial.

She was born on Jan. 18,1950 to Margaret and L.R. Winfrey at All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth.

Greta attended Central Elementary, Brewer Junior High and Brewer High School in White Settlement, graduating in 1968.

She was a lifelong resident of the Fort Worth/White Settlement area with the exception of a short period, 1971 and 1972, where she and her husband Walter Wade lived in Heilbronn Germany while he served in the army. They were able to travel to the French Riviera, Rome, Italy and London, England. They were married fourteen years. Greta lived in Texas, Fort Worth and White Settlement all her life.

She enjoyed roller skating, dancing and all kinds of music. She worked at John Peter Smith hospital in the Medical Records Department, as a Security Guard and a General Dynamics assembling circuit boards. and published the book, Northern Catchers.

Greta loved the Lord and her family. She was kind to everyone, helping others whenever she could and was a faithful prayer warrior. She attended The Baptist Temple in White Settlement.

She is survived by her two children: son Jeff Wade and his wife Karin of Benbrook, Texas and daughter Darla Baughman, her husband Brian, and grandson Preston Baughman of Dover, Ohio, and her two brothers John Winfrey and his wife Marietta of Lawrence, Kansas and Steven Winfrey of White Settlement.

From the City of White Settlement

Bulk Trash Pick-Up Begins March 13

White Settlement residents may begin to set items out for bulk trash pick up on the Friday before the second full week of the month.

Residents should make sure the trash pile follows the guidelines so that it will be picked up:

- Make sure your items are placed clear of low-hanging limbs and wires, mailboxes, parked cars, or other obstructions.
- The total size of pile/area allowed is 10 cubic yards (8 feet long by 6 feet wide by 6 feet tall) or roughly the size of a Volkswagen Beetle.

The pile must be placed at an address with an active water account to be picked up and bulk piles are picked up by a truck utilizing a hydraulic claw.





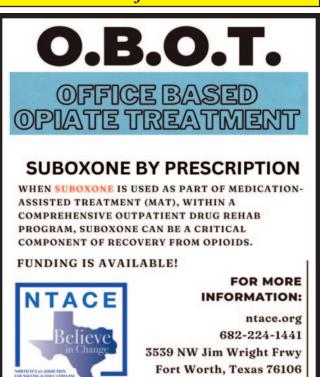
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White Settlement Police Department Hires Officer Haley Buck

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ting a good example she knows anything is possible with hard work. I'm passionate about serving and protecting others with integrity. I look forward to establishing a relationship with the community of White Settlement, and I hope to be a role model to all the children and young adults that I have the privilege to serve."

We are excited to welcome Officer Buck to our department and community

ment and community. She was one of three recent graduates of the police academy.

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19th-Century American Lawyer and Soldier - William Barret Travis by Dr. Ken Bridges



William Barret Travis is perhaps one of the most memorable figures from the Texas Revolution and the siege of the Alamo. His name has since been honored with the naming of Travis County, a park in San Antonio, and numerous schools across the state. Like many heroic figures, his life was one fraught with difficulty.

Travis was born in Saluda County, South Carolina, on Aug. 1, 1809. He was the first of 11 children born to farmer Mark and Jemima Travis. He came from a family of pioneers who had settled in Virginia as early as 1627. Eager for new opportunities, the family headed westward and settled in southern Alabama in 1817. He briefly became a school teacher before gaining his law license through an apprenticeship in 1828.

Everything in his life seemed to be going in his direction at this point. He was ambitious, becoming steadily more successful, and making himself an important part of the community. In 1829, his new wife gave birth to their first child. In addition to his law practice, he started a newspaper, the *Claiborne Herald*. He joined the local Masonic lodge and also joined the Alabama Militia. But in less than two years, he lost it all.

His weekly newspaper turned into a disaster as his continual typesetting mistakes, missed deadlines, and poor decisions pushed the oncepromising publication into insolvency. He found himself unable to attract any significant clients to his law firm. Of the few clients he had, he was unable to collect any legal fees or awards. The bills piled up, no money was coming in, and he now faced the suspected infidelity of his wife.

By early 1831, he owed \$834 to various creditors, an immense sum at the time. Unable to pay, he was taken to court and found liable. By March, an order for his arrest was made for the unpaid debts. Buried in debt and on the run from the law, Travis left Alabama in disgrace.

He went to Texas to recover his fortunes. He started a modest law firm at Anahuac, near modern-day Houston. In 1832, he was arrested following a legal dispute over three slaves who had escaped from Louisiana. The incident touched off a violent encounter with the Mexican

Army that left six dead.

In 1834, Travis moved his law practice to San Felipe as relations between Mexico and Texas settlers deteriorated. By 1835, he was made a lieutenant colonel in San Antonio and ordered to recruit volunteers for the defense of the city, but he found few people willing to join him. In early 1836, troops began reinforcing the old mission at the Alamo, which at that time was just outside San Antonio. By mid-February, Col. James Neill took a leave of absence to attend to his family, leaving Travis in command of about 50 men. One hundred more soon joined, under the command of Jim Bowie.

In spite of Gen. Sam Houston's orders that the mission be abandoned, Travis and the other men decided to make their stand. He sent urgent appeals for reinforcements. On Feb. 24, he sent an open letter addressed "To the People of Texas and All the Americans in the World," asking for troops "in the name of liberty, of patriotism, and everything dear to the American character." He proclaimed, "I shall never surrender or retreat."

By the time the final siege started, there were only 188 defenders at the Alamo, compared to the thousands of soldiers attacking the mission.

On March 6, the final attack started, and the men of the Alamo faced their destiny. Travis died at the Alamo on that fateful day. He lived a short 26 years, but in one fateful moment in history, he became a legend.



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Friday, March 10:

AM - Mostly sunny; high near 65. N/NE wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. **PM** - Partly cloudy; low around 55. E/NE wind 5 to 10 mph becoming S/SE after midnight.



Saturday, March 11:

AM - Partly sunny; high near 79. S wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
 PM - A 20% chance of showers before midnight. Partly cloudy; low around 59. S wind 15 to 20 mph becoming W/SW after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.



Sunday, March 12:

AM - Partly sunny; high near 70. **PM** - Mostly cloudy; low around 46.

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