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From the City of White Settlement

Tire Recycle Event **Saturday**

The City of White Settlement will host a Resident Tire Recycle Event on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the municipal parking lot located at 8211 White Settlement Rd. White Settlement residents may bring four tires (no rims) to be disposed of free of charge.

Participants must have a White Settlement water bill, only four tires per car load, and no semi or trailer or tractor tires will be permitted. Limited space is available.

For questions, call 817-246-5012, ext 859.

From White Settlement ISD

BHS Art Club Completes Mural at Fine Arts Academy



date, located in the Fine Arts Academy WSISD cafeteria.

"We knew we had an amazing opportu-

The Brewer High School Art Club "Our students were excited to watch the recently completed its largest mural to progress of the art as our high schoolers worked on this project and to see our campus love of literacy come alive."

The mural, spanning over 60 feet wide nity to build a connection of literacy and and 7 feet tall, displays a collection of chilthe arts," said Principal Kerry Cooper. dren's books the (continued on page 5)

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From the Sports Desk with John English

Brewer Cross Country Runner Advances to State



competed in the regional meet this past week, and finished 13th out of 24 teams.

"The kids ran well," coach Kathi Olson said. "Our region is definitely a tough one and known for the level of competition."

Junior **Ki Rendon** placed 16th overall and was seventh place in individual standings, which advanced her to the UIL 5A State meet next weekend.

"She is only the second athlete in school history to advance to state and the first one

The Brewer girls cross country team since 2017. She is only a junior and this is only her second year of competition, her freshman year she was completely virtual."

> Olson said she believes this is a great opportunity for Rendon.

> "Ki is a great kid," Olson said. "She works so hard and does everything asked of her. I couldn't ask for anything more in that one. Being a state qualifier, this will be great momentum to take into track season this next spring."

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Hello Fellow District 99 Residents,

My name is Mimi Coffey and I am running to be your State Representative. I have spent most of my entire life in District 99. I have raised my 4 children here. As a defense attorney of 27 years, I am used to fighting uphill battles and negotiating. I will fight hard for the needs of our northwest Tarrant County residents

Our property taxes are too high. Women's reproductive rights have been taken away. Our public schools are in a crisis with a shortage of teachers. It is getting harder for the majority of northwest Texans to make ends meet with rising costs. As a small business owner of 22 years, I know what it takes to run a successful business and take care of your people. The pandemic has taught us that to survive we must embrace change. I am ready to serve both Democrats and Republicans alike. District 99 is military and defense industry heavy. I understand and respect this as my father served in the Army and retired from Lockheed-Martin (General Dynamics). I have the utmost respect for our incumbent representative and if elected, plan to continue his tradition of excellent service to the community.

I invite you to visit my website, mimicof-feyfordistrict99.com for more information. I'm asking for your vote so that we can put PEO-PLE OVER POLITICS. Feel free to text or call me direct at **817-205-4861**.

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From the City of White Settlement

Light the Night Christmas Parade

The Light the Night Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m.

Sign ups are now open to be in the parade, to be a food vendor, or to be a vendor in our Christmas Market. This year, all vendor fees will go to the PAWS animal community center. To sign up, **click here**.





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From StatePoint

Why Experts Say Plastic Recycling Won't Save the Planet

In the last two years, the global plastic pollution crisis has gotten worse, with more plastic being produced and an even smaller percentage of it being recycled, according to a new report.

While a 2020 Greenpeace USA report anticipated that the declining cost of plastic production would lead to declining rates of recycling, its follow-up report, "Circular Claims Fall Flat Again: 2022 Update," not only proves this prediction true, but highlights additional barriers to plastic recycling that make it an untenable solution.

As the report notes, the high recycling rates of paper, cardboard, and metals in the United States show that recycling can be an effective way to reclaim valuable natural material resources. However, unlike these other materials, plastic waste is extremely difficult to collect, virtually impossible to sort, environmentally harmful to reprocess, and often made of and contaminated by toxic materials.

Complicating matters is the fact that the self-reported data of corporations is often misleading, as it relies on the theoretical possibility of recycling a plastic item rather than actual plastic waste processing rates. In reality, of the 51 million tons of plastic waste generated by Americans in 2021, only 5-6 percent was recycled.

"The plastics and consumer goods industries have worked with industry front groups to promote plastic recycling as the solution to plastic waste for decades. Today, as plastic waste mounts, chokes our planet, and pollutes our communities, it is clear: most plastic simply cannot be recycled," says Lisa Ramsden, senior plastics campaigner, Greenpeace.

As these realities are becoming more difficult to ignore, discussions about what to do regarding single-use plastics and plastic packaging are underway at the global level through the United Nations Environment Programme's plastics treaty, in the U.S. Congress, in city halls and state capitals across the country, and in corporate boardrooms.



Advocates say there is a way forward. In addition to calling for a Global Plastics Treaty to set international standards, Greenpeace is also calling on companies to take the following steps:

- Urgently move to reuse systems and packaging-free approaches. Set targets to have at least 50 percent reusable packaging by 2030.
- Commit to collaborating with others to standardize reusable packaging and build shared reuse systems and infrastructure.
 - Phase out all single-use packaging and products.
- Be transparent. Annually release verified data about the company's single-use packaging footprint. Disclose where plastic originates and report on the full lifetime climate footprint of packaging production, use and disposal.
- Advocate for political action to drive industry-wide transformation.

Ramsden notes that consumers can also get informed and foster change by contacting their political representatives and their retailers. To read the full report, visit www.greenpeace.org.

"We cannot rely on the recycling myth to solve the plastic crisis. It is time to accept that plastic recycling is a failed concept and turn to reuse and refill solutions," says Ramsden.

Sports Desk (continued from page 1)

While the Brewer football team was on the losing end of ing running back Mehki Elmore's effort. Friday night's game against Denton Ryan, coach Jason Wheeler said his team did a lot of things right.

The Bears lost 31-6 against Ryan, but Wheeler said it was a lot closer throughout much of the game.

"They fought their butts off," Wheeler said. "We didn't get the win, but when you look at things like trying to build, there were a lot of positive things that came out of that game. We're playing one of the top programs in the state, and our kids came out fighting from the get go."

"We created five turnovers on defense and were only down 10-0 at half time. We got down 17-0 early in the third quarter and could have given up, but they never stopped fighting."

Wheeler said he had a number of strong performances includ-

"That kid, over the last five weeks, has been phenomenal," Wheeler said. "Against Ryan he rushed for more than 150 yards and a touchdown. He broke off a run of about 40 yards in the first half and he makes the tough runs. I'm really proud of him."

Brewer faces Aledo tomorrow night in it's season finale, and Wheeler said he is more focused on what his team does than Aledo.

"It's the same type of deal for us," Wheeler said. "It doesn't matter who it is. You have to line up and play the game. You can't back down. It doesn't matter who we play, whether it's Aledo, Denton Ryan or any other team you can name. You have to prepare the same—have the same intent and focus, and that is the approach we're going to take."

The 1914 WWI Christmas Truce by Dr. Ken Bridges

one moment in 1914, there came a Christmas miracle. The soldiers in the trenches stopped fighting, and for a moment, there was peace on the battlefield. This came to be called the Christmas Truce.

The governments of both sides had enticed their young men to sign up and head for the front lines, promising glorious victories in no time at all. Instead, the casualties mounted, and the battles became increasingly brutal. Pleas for peace from President Woodrow Wilson, the pope, and millions around the world were ignored by the warring government. The war that was supposed to be over in a few months was now mired in a stalemate with no end in sight.

France had been dug into trenches for months. Their German counterparts across the fields of barbed wire, shrapnel and artillery craters of no-man's land were in the same shape. It was cold. Dustings of snow covered the shivering troops. They were all tired, they were hurting, and they were far from home. The madness of the summer and fall months had become a Christmas Eve sitting in the mud with cold food, longing for the simple Christmases of the past with friends, family, warmth, and laughter.

Then the stillness of the night on that Christmas Eve was broken. Some of the soldiers began singing Christmas carols. Other units up and down the front line began picking up the tune and singing it, from one army to another. And then the troops on the other side of no-man's land began singing with them. The songs were the same, whether they were sung in Belgian, French, English or German. The meaning was the same. The memories of past Christmases were suddenly not so far away.

The soldiers shouted Christmas greetings to one another. Eventually, informal truces were arranged, and they agreed to come out of the trenches to greet one another in the spirit of Christmas. They did not wait for orders, they simply followed their hearts and their consciences. The troops walked toward each other, shook hands, and wished each other well. They put aside their arms and exchanged drinks, food, and small gifts of tobacco and chocolates from home. As dawn broke, the truce continued. Troops arranged soccer games between the units and between the opposing armies. German troops allowed French and Belgian troops across the lines to send Christmas letters to their families in occupied territories. The singing and laughter continued through the day. Small gestures of human decency marked Christmas between the throngs of troops that had been at each other's throats just days earlier. It has been estimated by historians that perhaps 100,000 troops participated in the Christmas Truce.

For a few hours, it no longer mattered who was right or who

It was once called the War to End All Wars, but World War I was wrong or even who was winning. The ideologies and the coldragged on year after year. Governments were shattered, lives ors of the flags and the uniforms no longer mattered. What matwere destroyed, and many more wars came in its wake. But for tered for those few hours was their common humanity and the spirit of the holiday.

> The spirit of the truce would not last, unfortunately. By Christmas night and into Dec. 26, the troops had mostly returned to the trenches. In some areas, the truce would stretch on for a few more days. While the Christmas Truce was remembered by many on the front lines, commanders made sure there was no repeat of the informal cease-fire in 1915 or beyond as they ordered raids and artillery barrages on those Christmas Days. News of the informal truce was suppressed on both sides. In the months and years afterward, the world continued to disintegrate, dragging the United States into the war by 1917.

The war would continue for three more blood-stained years. And Christmas 1914 arrived. Allied troops in Belgium and In the end, more than 15 million people had died and much of Europe lay in tatters. But in the middle of the fighting, the armies stopped for a few hours to remember what Christmas meant. For that short time, they realized that even the harshest of differences could be put aside. They remembered that peace was always an option. For a few hours, they cast aside their fears in the pursuit of hope and joy and the dream that the spirit of the day did not have to end. They recognized what Christmas was about: a day of giving, of peace, and of brotherhood.

> In a world torn apart by division and fear today, the Christmas Truce is a gift for the world even more than a century later.



Mural (continued from page 1)







FAA staff enjoys reading to their classes.

Art teacher Jacki Bandy said art students used this experience to learn about painting from ladders, and the project helped several conquer their fear of working at elevated heights. Teacher Kayla Sarver also helped with the project.





From the Project Linus Blanketeers

First Monday Quilt Club - Project Linus Volunteers Needed

The First Monday Quilt Club will meet at Bethany Christian Church located at 1500 Meadow Park Drive in White Settlement from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 7. Ladies may bring snack foods to share with others if desired.

Project Linus is a non-profit service organization. The members of this group are Tarrant County Chapter Project Linus volunteers who create handmade quilts and blankets that provide love, warmth, and comfort for local children who have suffered trauma, tragedy, or illness. Volunteers also make coverlets for veterans, nursing home residents, and the homeless. Unfortunately, the need for these blankets increases each month. They desperately need volunteers with portable sewing machines to help assemble the quilts.

No experience is needed - there is a place for you. Anyone can help if you can follow instructions, sew, tie a knot, crochet a blanket, or tell a good joke. Volunteers have lots of fun and develop fantastic friendships. High school students can receive community service credits for participating. Materials (fabric, batting, thread, and yarn) are provided.

Donations of fabric, yarn, thread, sewing machines, sergers, or money to purchase materials are greatly appreciated.

Come join the fun and enjoy fellowship with the Quilt Club volunteers while you make a difference in our community by being a blessing to others.

For more information about the mission of Project Linus, visit www.projectlinus.org. For more information on this group and meetings, call Virginia Biela at 817-244-1263.

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Seven Brewer High School FFA Students Place at Virtual **Leadership Competition**

Seven Brewer High School FFA students placed at the first virtual leadership development contest of the season.

They are: Lila Strickland won first in Freshman English Creed, Madison Callan, fifth, and McKinley Foster, 12th.

Isabella Pluas won second in Senior Spanish Creed, and Zoe Fernandez, 12th.

Wendy Mejia took sixth in Freshman Spanish Creed.

Jocelyn Leach placed ninth in Senior English Creed.

Advisor is Cassidy Steenbock.



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Friday, Nov. 4

<u>AM</u> - A chance of showers, then showers and possibly a thunderstorm after 1 p.m. High near 78. South wind 15-20mph, gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation 80%.

PM - An 80% chance of showers before 1 a.m., then a chance thunderstorms after. Low around 53. South wind around 15mph becoming west after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.



Saturday, Nov. 5:

<u>AM</u> - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. West wind 10-15mph, with gusts as high as 30mph.

PM - Clear, with a low around 50.



Sunday, Nov. 6:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 75. **PM** - Clear, with a low around 55.

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