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Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

Quilts of Valor Honors Veterans at VFW Ceremony

Warmth, gratitude, and patriotism filled the room as Fort Worth Quilts of Valor (QOV) representative Cecelia Buckholtz presented four handcrafted quilts to local veterans during a recent ceremony at VFW Post 5617.

Each quilt begins its journey with a nomination, followed by hours of meticulous stitching by skilled members of local quilting clubs. Once completed, the quilts are presented in heartfelt ceremonies throughout the year.

The mission of Quilts of Valor is to offer comfort and healing to service members and veterans touched by the visible and invisible wounds of war. Each quilt serves as a tangible expression of appreciation, a reminder that their service and sacrifice are never forgotten.

This year marks the organization's 24th anniversary of wrapping veterans in warmth and gratitude. Congratulations to the recipients, and thank you for your service.

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MSgt Ken Vickers, Air Force, 1973-1993. Vickers also received a Commemoration Pin and a Proclamation for his service in Vietnam.

SSgt Jonathan Ives, Army, 2001-2012 with Cecelia Burkholtz.

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From the White Settlement Historical Museum

Public Invited to 'Voices of the Land' Native American Heritage Celebration

The White Settlement Historical Museum will host *Voices of the Land: Celebrating Native American Heritage* on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon. The free, family-friendly event welcomes the community to honor and experience Native American culture through music, dance, art, and education.

Presented in partnership with the Indigenous Institute of the Americas, the celebration will feature Southern Drum Buffalo Medicine with head singer Michael Tongkeamha of the Kiowa Nation. Guests can enjoy live dance exhibitions, local Native artists, educational displays, food, and children's activities throughout the morning.

Organizers invite residents of all ages to learn about Native traditions, history, and contributions while connecting with the spirit and stories of the land.

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From the City of White Settlement

Voucher Required to Participate in Nov. 15 Community Clean Up Event

The City of White Settlement updated procedures for the 2025 Residential Community Cleanup program, designed to help residents dispose of bulky waste and unwanted items safely and efficiently.

The final Community Cleanup date for 2025 is Saturday, Nov. 15. The deadline to apply for the voucher is Monday, Nov. 10 at 5 p.m. In a change from previous years, all drop-offs will now take place at a new location: 8212 Albert Street, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Voucher Required for Participation

Residents must complete the 2025 Community Cleanup voucher form online prior to participating. The form is available at WSTX.US/VOUCHER. After submission, each form will be verified and a finalized voucher will be issued to eligible residents.

The voucher is valid for one single drop-off at the selected Community Cleanup date. A new voucher is required for each event. Only one voucher per household per cleanup is permitted.

Eligibility Requirements

The program is open to White Settlement residents only. A valid driver's license or ID must be presented at drop-off. The address on the ID must match the one on file for the associated water utility bill.

The name on the voucher must match the individual dropping off the materials. If a third party is dropping off on behalf of a resident, they must call 817-470-2525 in advance to make special arrangements.

Prohibited Items

The following items will not be accepted at any Community Cleanup event: Appliances containing freon, Tires, Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste.

For questions about the Community Cleanup or the voucher process, residents can contact White Settlement Customer Service at 817-470-2525. Residents may visit WSTX.US/VOUCHER for more details.

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Facility address: **8460 Boat Club Rd, Fort Worth, Texas 76179.**

Tennant Name: Porsha Jackson

General Description of Property: Sofa, mattress, furniture, fish aquarium with stand, electronic keyboard, autographed guitar, speakers, stove, microwave, bicycle, artificial tree, misc. totes and boxes.

From the Sports Desk with John English

Bears Fight for Playoff Berth; Lady Bears Make History

The Brewer football team struggled against Denton Ryan on Friday night in a 41-7 loss and now have to win the season finale against Granbury to guarantee a spot in the playoffs.

Coach Marte Amrine, Jr. said that his feelings about the game against the Raiders was somewhat mixed.

"I felt like we played well at times but made too many mistakes against a good team," Amrine said. "They have a good defense and that is how they win games. We just need to keep getting better and we will be moving in the right direction."

The season finale against Granbury will be played at 7 p.m. tomorrow evening in White Settlement, and Amrine, Jr. said he expects a tough contest.

"I expect a physical game between Granbury and us," Amrine said. "They have a big physical team and we need to be ready to match that all game long."

On the court, the season came to an end last week for the Brewer volleyball team with a 3-0 loss in the bi-district round to Argyle.

Coach Jill Barkey said she could not be more happy with the effort her players game in the team's first playoff appearance in more than 25 years.

"The Lady Bears played well," Barkey said. "I was proud of how we performed. We left our nerves at home and just went out and played."

Reflecting on 2025 as a whole, Barkey said she is pleased with what her team was able to achieve.

"This was a season for the history books in the Bears' archive," Barkey said. "I'm very proud of what these ladies did and am looking forward to watching the legacy they left carry onto the future Bears."

Barkey said she does hope her players take away a few things from the season as well.

"Hard work and having fun on the court pays off," Barkey said. "We all worked towards the same goal. I hope they walk away with incredible memories of the season, the bonds that were built and the tradition they started."

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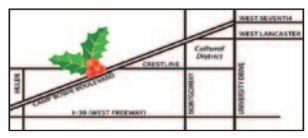

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Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

White Settlement Celebrates Storybook Pumpkin Contest Winners with Festive Fall Fun

Pictured right: Library staff (l-r) Kathryn King, Sandra Gillock, Jennifer James, Tammie Lasater and Kat McGee.

The White Settlement Public Library was filled with creativity and community spirit on Thursday, Oct. 30, as Mayor Faron Young announced the winners of the 12th Annual Friends of the Library Storybook Pumpkin Contest.

The event transformed the library into a lively fall festival, with guests arriving in colorful costumes and children proudly showcasing their imaginative pumpkin creations inspired by beloved storybook characters.

Families enjoyed an afternoon packed with activities, including arts and crafts, story time with Sandra Smith, a classic cake walk, and plenty of games and prizes.

Grady Waterman "zaps" his creation.

Mason Hinkle (aka Harry Potter) points to his pumpkin.

River, Rayne and Rowan Ramsey enjoyed their afternoon at the White Settlement Public Library.

Lucas Bidwell dressed for the occasion.

Imperial Cartagena-Dueno and Ylime Cartagena-Dueno pose by their designs.

12th Annual Storybook Pumpkin Contest Winners!

PreK–2nd Grade Winner: Julia O., "Elsa" • Runner-Up: Thomas F., "Thomas the Tank Engine"

3rd-5th Grade Winner: Ferin L., "The Hobbit" • Runner-Up: Mason H., "Harry Potter"

6th-8th Grade Winner: Anthony R., "Pokémon Battle" • Runner-Up: Abbi H., "Scooby-Doo"

9th-12th Grade Winner: Claire S., "Wall-E" • Runner-Up: Martha S., "Fly Guy"

Adult Winner: Bekah B., "Jekyll & Hyde" • Runner-Up: Ines L., "Hocus Pocus Cauldron"

Mayor's Choice Award: Reanna G., "Witch"

Quilts of Valor (continued from page 1)

Pictured are: CMSgt Victoria Lemke, SSgt Jonathan Ives, Sgt James Hall and MSgt Ken Vickers wrapped in their quilts.

CMSgt Victoria Lemke, Air Force, 1993-2025.

Sgt James Hall, Marines, 2007-2015. Hall is the Senior Vice Commander at VFW Post 5617.

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From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

Unofficial White Settlement City Council Election Results

Voters in White Settlement went to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 4, to cast ballots in the city's municipal election, returning two familiar faces to leadership roles on the City Council, according to unofficial results.

According to the Tarrant County Elections website, the Place 2 race, incumbent Alan Price received 961 votes, or 98.06%, defeating challenger Adam Evans, who earned 19 votes, or 1.94%. A total of 980 ballots were cast in the contest, with all precincts reporting.

In the Place 3 election, incumbent Amber M. Munoz secured a decisive victory with 859 votes, or 76.36%, over Robin Evans, who received 266 votes, or 23.64%. Voter turnout in that race totaled 1,125 ballots.

The results are unofficial until canvassed and certified by the White Settlement City Council.

City of White Settlement, Place 2 (Vote For 1)

Precincts Reporting **100%**	Votes
Alan Price	**961**
	98.06%
Adam Evans	**19**
	1.94%
Vote Cast	**980**

City of White Settlement, Place 3 (Vote For 1)

Precincts Reporting **100%**	Votes
Amber M. Munoz	**859**
	76.36%
Robin Evans	**266**
	23.64%
Vote Cast	**1,125**

From Keep White Settlement Beautiful

Community Food Drive to Support Local Seniors

In a continued effort to support families in need, the City of White Settlement has launched its annual food drive, running now through Nov. 30.

The initiative, organized in part by Keep White Settlement Beautiful, invites community members to donate non-perishable food items at three designated locations: the Recreation Center, the Library and the Senior Center.

Organizers have released a list of the most requested food items to help guide donations. High-priority items include: oatmeal, snacks, juice, coffee, ramen, Jello or pudding, cake mix, rice, pasta and canned goods.

All donations will go toward helping local families and individuals facing food insecurity during the holiday season.

"Every item donated makes a difference," said a spokesperson from Keep White Settlement Beautiful. "This is a time for our community to come together and support one another."

For more information on the food drive or how to get involved, visit www.wstx.us.

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Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges

John Wesley Hardin:
Texas' Deadliest Gunman and the Turbulent Life He Lived

The violence of the western frontier has alternately fascinated and repelled readers for generations. Gunfights between the law, outlaws, and even in-laws have since become tales retold for decades. Notorious gunman John Wesley Hardin was one of the bloodiest of all. In his short forty-two years, Hardin killed more than two dozen people across Texas.

John Wesley Hardin was the second son of 10 children born to a Methodist preacher and his wife. Hardin was born in the North Texas community of Bonham in May 1853. His father, Rev. James Hardin, was a circuit rider preacher, having to ride from one church to the next to deliver services on successive Sundays. It was a difficult life for a man of faith as well as difficult on the family because of the long distances and sometimes long absences, but the family always had all the necessities.

By 1859, the elder Hardin had settled in Sumter in East Texas to establish a school and finally enjoy a quiet life, something that the younger Hardin would make extraordinarily complicated. All of his children would eventually attend this school.

However, from a young age, Hardin was always in trouble of some kind. At the age of nine in 1862, he attempted to run away from home to join the Confederate Army. At the age of 14 in 1867, he got into a knife fight at his father's school, nearly killing a fellow student. His father had no choice but to expel him. The next year, at age 15, he killed for the first time when he shot and killed a former slave named Maje Holshousen following a fight.

Following the death of Holshousen, Hardin hid out at his older brother's house some thirty miles to the North, supposedly at his father's behest. He later claimed to have shot and killed three Union troops on their way to arrest him as they approached the home. However, no military records exist of the incident.

Other records at the time suggest that a murder may have occurred in the area around that time. Because of poor records, conflicting accounts, and Hardin's own tall tales and exaggerations, his exact record is shrouded in mystery. He denied some deaths for which there was considerable evidence but bragged about the deaths of others for which no evidence existed.

Regardless, Hardin was on the run again, scrambling from place to place and picking up a variety of jobs for money. At one point, he taught school in Navarro County. He also traveled with another wanted man briefly before his capture.

As he grew older, a mixture of alcohol, a quick temper, and a surly disposition landed him in a series of knife fights and gun fights that left a trail of bodies across Texas. He turned to gambling, which only deepened his problems with the law. He allegedly shot out the eye of a man to win a bet at the age of 16. In January 1870, he got into another gun fight with a man named Ben Bradley who had accused him of cheating at cards at a local saloon. He killed Bradley in the streets of Towash in Hill County; and Bradley's associate, a man known only as Judge Moore, disappeared shortly afterward. Hardin later claimed to have killed Moore. Several other fistfights and gunfights followed.

In January 1871, he was arrested in Harrison County on four charges of murder and one charge of horse theft. One of the charges was allegedly for the murder of Waco Town Marshal L. J. Hoffman. As he was being brought from East Texas to Waco for the trial, Hardin escaped, killing a state policeman in the process. He was arrested in Bell County some weeks later and killed three more men, escaping once again. Before he even turned 18, Hardin had killed at least eight men and possibly more.

He found work as a hand on a cattle drive on the Chisolm Trail shortly afterward. While Hardin managed to escape authorities in Texas for the time being, he still found himself in gunfights on the way to Kansas. Hardin's deadly career was just starting.

It was August 1871 that saw one of his most notorious killings. He was in Abilene, Kansas, then a notoriously riotous trailhead town. He had fallen into a drunken stupor after a night of gambling and retired to a hotel room for the night. A neighbor in the room next door started snoring loudly, the noise reverberating through the thin walls. Hardin started shouting at the man about his snoring, to no avail. Still drunk, Hardin pulled out his guns and started firing through the walls, shooting the snoring man in the head, killing him instantly. Hardin then jumped out of his second-story window to avoid arrest, stole a horse, and then rode back to Texas.

Two months later, he found himself in another gunfight with two Texas state policemen, killing one and wounding another. He claimed to have killed three members of a posse near Austin. After several more gunfights, he injured another state policeman near Hemphill in July 1872. In August, he was shot after an argument over a poker hand in Trinity. Once his identity was confirmed by local authorities, he was arrested but accidentally shot while in custody. After recovering from his injuries, he escaped the county jail and was on the run again.

In May 1874, he killed Deputy Sheriff Charles Webb in a saloon in the central Texas town of Comanche. The killing enraged townspeople, resulting in the lynching of Hardin's own brother as he escaped from Brown County to Florida. Texas authorities set a large reward for his capture. Hardin was on the run for nearly three years before Texas Rangers captured him on a train in Pensacola in August 1877. Rangers knocked him unconscious and dragged him back to Texas for trial. This time, there would be no escape.

He was found guilty in June 1878 and sentenced to 25 years in prison, a surprisingly light sentence for the time. He served his time at the state prison in Huntsville, and tried and failed several times to escape. In spite of his crimes, he studied law and theology and eventually ran the prison Sunday School. In February 1894, he was released for good behavior, though he still had eight years left on his sentence.

After his release, he plotted his next career move and somehow decided that becoming an attorney was the best fit. He passed the bar exam and moved to Gonzales. He left shortly afterward when he shot a man on a $5 bet. His next move was to El Paso where he spent time scrambling for money in poker games and trying to find law clients.

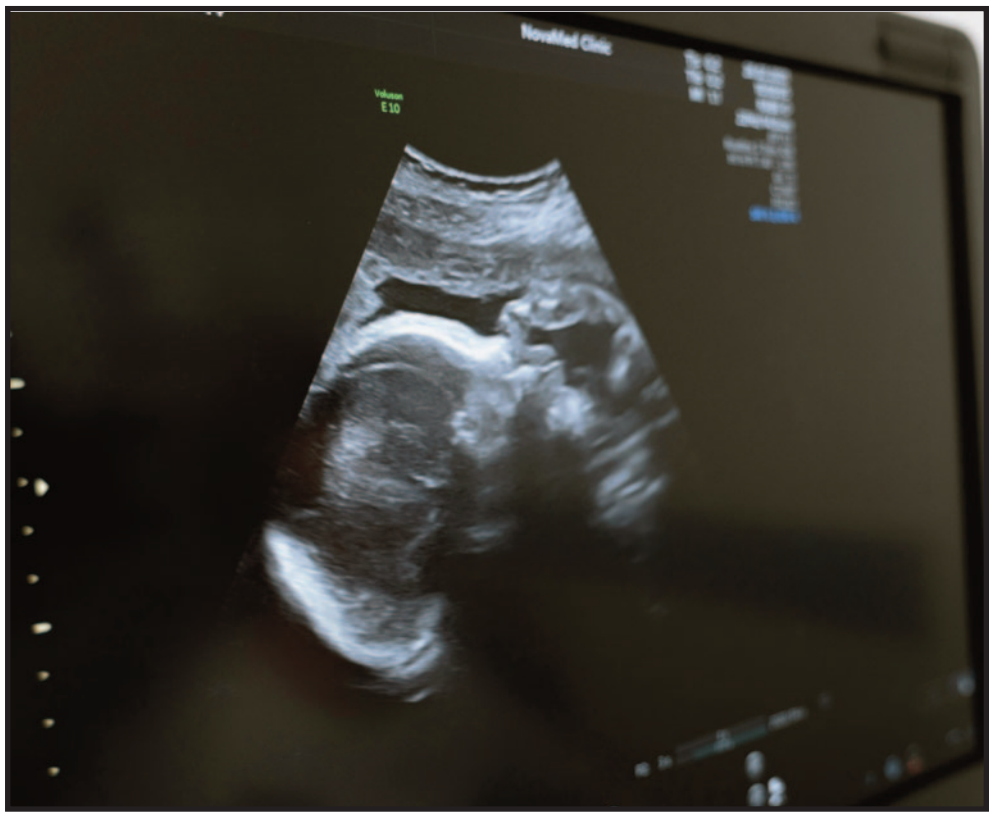
In August 1895, his girlfriend was arrested in El Paso by police officer John Selman, Jr., on a charge of possession of a firearm within the city limits. Hardin angrily confronted Selman and supposedly pistol-whipped him. The next day, Selman's father, John Selman, Sr., had his own argument with Hardin over the incident. The elder Selman had his own problems with the law and had killed a number of men in his own gunfights. Hours later, finding out that Hardin was gambling at the local Acme Saloon, Selman walked in and shot Hardin in the back of the head. He was quietly buried in El Paso the next day.

In the end, the man who lived by the gun died by the gun. As for Selman, he escaped conviction but was killed in a gunfight with a U. S. Marshal the next year.

Since Hardin's death, many studies have been done on his wild career. Hardin recounted his own life in a book that was published posthumously in 1895. As in life, so many details of his career were embellished or could never be verified. The 1956 film *The Lawless Breed* was loosely based on Hardin's autobiography. He was also featured in Texas writer Larry McMurtry's *The Streets of Laredo* in 1993. More than a century after Hardin's death, he still draws fascination over a life as a gunman that left more than two dozen people dead.

From Tarrant County Public Health

Tarrant County Launches Initiative to Educate Expectant Parents on Stillbirth Prevention



Tarrant County Public Health and Wellpoint Texas are partnering with Count the Kicks, an evidence-based stillbirth prevention program, to educate expectant parents in the county about the importance of paying attention to their baby's movements in the third trimester of pregnancy.

Research shows nearly 30 percent of stillbirths can be prevented when expectant parents are educated on how to monitor their baby's movements daily starting at 28 weeks. The organizations involved in the collaboration have set a goal to save 43 babies in Tarrant County annually.

"Supporting the health of mothers and babies is one of the department's top priorities," said Brian Byrd, the Tarrant County Public Health Director. "Count the Kicks is a valuable tool that helps educate expectant mothers and has proven to prevent stillbirths. We are delighted to see this resource become available to families across the County."

The health of a mom and the health of her baby are intrinsically connected. The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) lists a change in a baby's movements as one of its 15 urgent maternal warning signs. Research shows a change in a baby's normal movement pattern is sometimes the first or only indication there may be an issue developing during the pregnancy.

After a few days using the free Count the Kicks mobile app (available in 20+ languages), web-based counting platform or counting on a paper chart, expectant parents will begin to see a pattern, a normal amount of time it takes their baby to get to 10 movements. If their baby's 'normal' changes during the third trimester, this could be a sign of potential problems and is an indication that the expectant parent should call their health care provider right away.

Wellpoint helps improve health care access and quality for Texans who participate in the state's Medicaid programs. Thanks to their partnership, maternal health educators and providers in Tarrant County can order Count the Kicks educational materials at no cost to help their work with expectant parents.

These materials are available in English and Spanish and can be found at CountTheKicks.org. Momentum is already building for the program. Earlier this month more than 70 health care providers and community educators participated in the inaugural training on Count the Kicks.

"Wellpoint is honored to collaborate with Count the Kicks and the Tarrant County Public Health to expand access to vital maternal health education across North Texas," said Cealee Thomas, MD, medical director, Wellpoint Texas. "Through provider training and public awareness efforts, we're empowering healthcare professionals and expectant parents with tools to recognize early warning signs and help prevent stillbirth. This partnership reflects our mutual commitment to improving maternal and child health outcomes for families across North Texas."

Stillbirth is commonly defined as the loss of a baby at 20 weeks or greater gestation during pregnancy. It is a national public health crisis that impacts more than 20,000 families in the U.S. every year, according to the CDC. Every year 135 families in Tarrant County experience the tragedy of stillbirth.

For expectant parents in Tarrant County, one in every 209 pregnancies ends in stillbirth. Differences in stillbirth outcomes persist, and data shows that a disproportionate number of babies are born still to Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, Black, and American Indian or Alaska Native families.

Expectant parents in some age groups, geographic locations, and those expecting multiples also face an increased risk of stillbirth.

Research published in BJOG: An International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology shows a more than 30 percent reduction in Iowa's stillbirth rate in the first 10 years of the Count the Kicks program at a time when America's stillbirth rate remained stagnant. The results have led researchers to call for urgent action to address the stillbirth crisis in the U.S. and to study Count the Kicks on a national level.

Through this collaboration, Wellpoint is hoping to bring the same success to Tarrant County, which would save approximately 43 babies in the state each year.

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Friday, Nov. 7:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 81. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northeast in the afternoon.

PM - Clear, with a low around 52. North northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.

Saturday, Nov. 8:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 82. Calm wind becoming south southwest around 5 mph in the afternoon.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 47. North wind 5 to 15 mph.

Sunday, Nov. 9:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 58. North wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

PM - Clear, with a low around 35. North wind 5 to 10 mph.

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