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From the City of White Settlement

## Maricela & Friends Puppet Show Friday

Get ready for this week's Summer Show featuring "Maricela & Friends" Puppet Show!

Join us for a delightful afternoon with Maricela, on Friday, June 28 at 1 p.m. She brings her joyful puppets to life in a heartwarming performance that will entertain and inspire audiences of all ages at the White Settlement Recreation Center Gym, located at 8213 White Settlement Road.

Don't miss out on this extraordinary opportunity to witness Maricela & Friends in action. It's sure to be an unforgettable event that will leave everyone smiling!

See you there for a fantastic afternoon of puppetry and fun!

From the City of White Settlement

## Bulk Trash Service Reminder: Week F July 1-5

As we head into the weekend, please remember that on Monday it will be bulk week F. If you live in the highlighted area, this weekend is your opportunity to place bulk along your curb for pickup next week.

Bulk piles must be in place by 8 a.m. on Monday morning. Bulk piles can be seven cubic yards in size, or about eight feet long, six feet deep, and four feet tall.

Piles should be placed along your front yard curb line away from obstructions like mailboxes, fences, trees, or parked vehicles.

To view the full bulk calendar or learn more about your trash, recycling, and bulk service, visit <https://www.wstx.us/1540/Waste-Collection>.

From the White Settlement Public Library

## Monday Summer Movies at the Library

Beat the summer heat and join us for Summer Movies at the White Settlement Public Library! Every Monday at 1 p.m. now through July 29, gather your family and friends for an afternoon of family-friendly films on the big projector screen in the Library's storytime room.

Enjoy the comfort of our air-conditioned space while you immerse yourself in the magic of cinema!

Upcoming movies include:

July 1 - *Craig Before the Creek*

July 8 - *The Chipmunk Adventure*

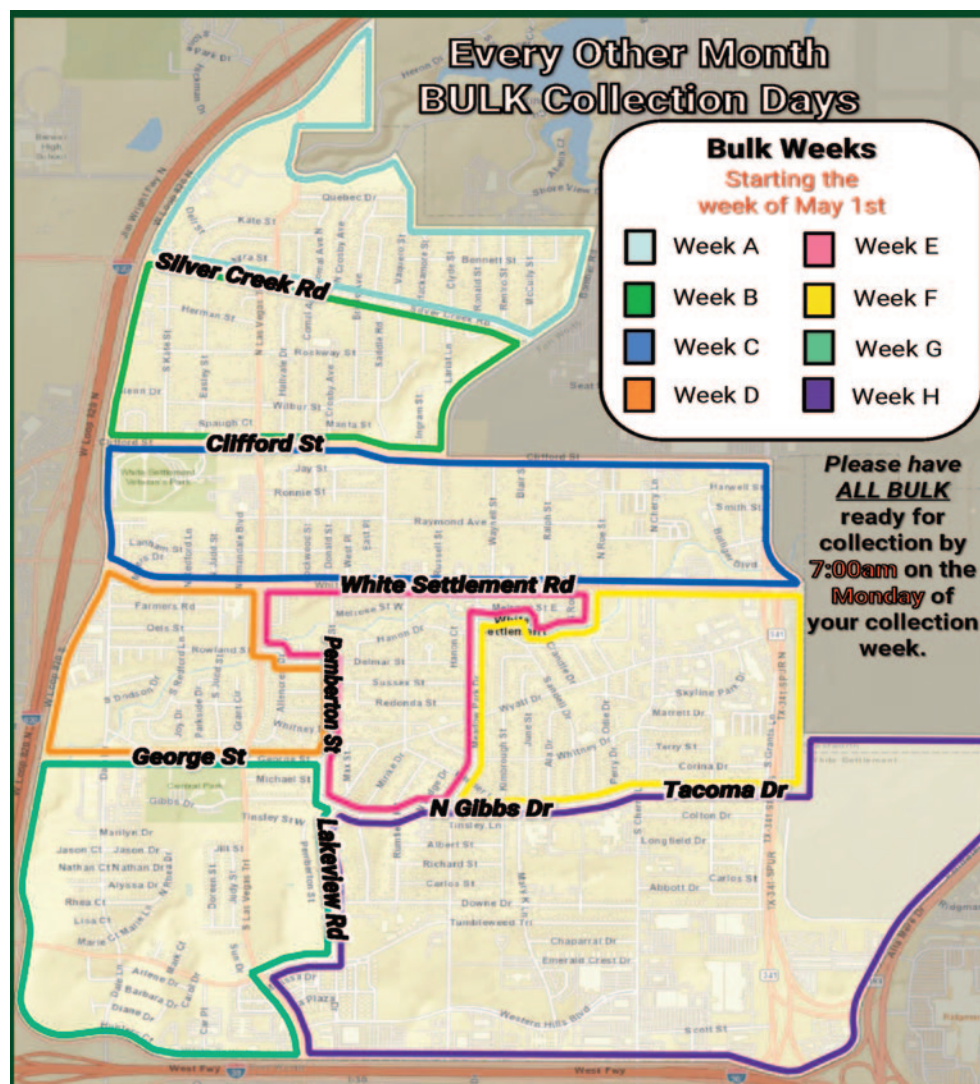
July 15 - *Despicable Me*

July 22 - *The Tiger's Apprentice*

July 29 - *The Incredibles*

Summer Celebration June 29

6 p.m. Veterans Park  
8901 Clifford St.





From the Sports Desk with John English

# Brewer Bear Athlete Spotlight: Joaquin Cedillo



Joaquin Cedillo is one of the best defensive players in District 5-5A and Brewer boy's soccer coach Rafael Franco said the incoming senior made the most out of his time on the pitch in 2024.

Cedillo missed the first part of the non-district schedule due to injury but made an immediate impact upon his return to the lineup.

"Joaquin had a very productive and positive season," Franco said. "It started with a quadricep injury that kept him off the field the first five games of the season. He was able to recover, play every single game, score, assist, win the district championship and win the All-District defensive MVP for the third time in a row."

Franco said his senior defender contributes a lot to the Bears squad both on and off the field.

"Joaquin brings lots of security to our defense and midfield lines," Franco said. "His

work ethic never goes unnoticed, academics are always As and Bs, but more importantly, his humbleness is what makes him a great player."

Cedillo, 17, said his feelings about the 2023-24 season are somewhat mixed.

"I was pretty happy we won district back to back," Cedillo said. "I'm a little bit upset though we didn't go far in playoffs."

Heading into the season, Cedillo said his goals were to win a second straight district championship and "improving my left foot more," said his goals for next season are to get "stronger in the gym and improving my heading ability."

Despite the success the Bears enjoyed in district competition, Cedillo said his favorite moment in the season came during the non-district schedule.

"It was going to San Antonio for a soccer tournament and for our first time doing actually pretty good," Cedillo said.

The Brewer senior said he plans to keep "on waking up early in the mornings, working twice as hard" this offseason and Franco said he is impressed with the efforts Cedillo has made.

"Joaquin is already working during off-season," Franco said. "He is lifting and training already in Brewer summer pride.

He along with other Brewer boys created a summer league team and are competing against other local high schools from the area. Lastly, he is also practicing and playing for his soccer club."

For next season, Franco said he has a couple of objectives for Cedillo as well.

"My goals for Joaquin are to help him become our center back leader, continue to improve his defensive skills and more importantly finding the college that best fits him," Franco said.

### Cedillo's Favorites

- Favorite Athlete: Lionel Messi
- Favorite Sports Team: Barcelona
- Favorite Food: Chicken Alfredo
- Favorite Movie: *Infinity War*
- Favorite TV Show: *Cobra Kai*
- Last Book Read: "*The Great Gatsby*"
- Favorite Musical Group or Performer: Drake



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From the Project Linus Blanketeers

## First Monday Quilt Club: Project Linus Volunteers Needed

Come join the fun and fellowship with the Quilt Club volunteers while you make a difference in our community and bless others by making quilts for Project Linus.

The First Monday Quilt Club meets on the first Monday of each month at Bethany Christian Church, located at 1500 Meadow Park Drive in White Settlement from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Instead of a pot-luck lunch, ladies are asked to bring brunch or snack items. Their next meeting is on Monday, July 1.

Project Linus is a non-profit service organization, and 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.

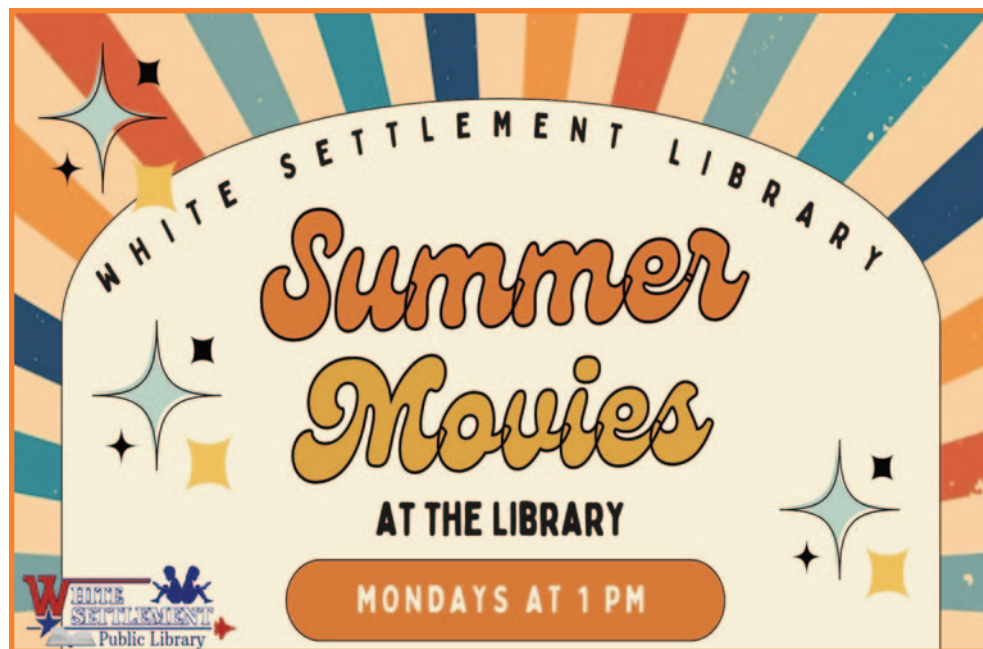
Volunteers also make coverlets for veterans, nursing home residents, and the homeless. Unfortunately, the need for these blankets increases each month. They desperately need volunteers with portable sewing machines to help assemble the quilts.

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.

For more information about the mission of Project Linus, visit [www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org).

For more information about the First Monday Quilt Club, call Virginia Biela at 817-244-1263.



From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

## Summer Safety: Home Burglary Prevention

Protecting your home from burglary is essential for your safety and peace of mind. Here are some effective tips to help prevent burglaries:

- **Secure All Entry Points:** Ensure all doors, windows, and other entry points are equipped with sturdy locks. Consider upgrading to smart locks or deadbolts for added security.

- **Install a Security System:** A monitored security system with cameras and alarms can deter burglars. Display signs indicating your home is protected to further discourage intruders.

- **Outdoor Lighting:** Keep your home well-lit at night, especially around entryways and dark corners. Motion-sensor lights are effective in alerting you to any movement outside.

- **Secure Garage and Shed:** Don't overlook other structures on your property. Keep garage doors closed and locked, and secure tools and ladders that could be used to access upper floors.

- **Be Cautious with Keys:** Never hide spare keys in obvious places like under doormats or flower pots. Instead, leave them with a trusted neighbor or invest in a keyless entry system.

- **Use Timers for Interior Lights:** When away, use timers to switch lights on and off to create the illusion of occupancy. Remember to pause newspaper subscriptions and mail deliveries to avoid accumulation.

- **Get to Know Your Neighbors:** Building a good relationship with your neighbors increases the chances they'll notice and report suspicious activity when you're not around.

- **Neighborhood Watch:** Get involved in or start a neighborhood watch program. Look out for each other and report suspicious activities to law enforcement promptly.

- **Secure Valuables:** Keep expensive items, important documents, and jewelry in a locked safe. Avoid leaving valuables in plain sight through windows.

- **Trim Landscaping:** Overgrown bushes and trees provide cover for burglars. Keep landscaping well-maintained, particularly near windows and doors.

- **Social Media Caution:** Refrain from posting travel plans or being away from home on social media. This information can be used by criminals looking for easy targets.

- **Home Insurance Review:** Ensure your home insurance policy adequately covers theft and burglary. Document valuables with photographs and keep an inventory.

By implementing these burglary prevention tips, you can significantly reduce the risk of your home being targeted by intruders. Taking proactive steps to secure your home ensures a safer and more secure living environment for you and your family.

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From National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Mary Isham Keith Chapter

# Tree Dedication at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden

Mary Isham Keith Chapter members conducted a dedication ceremony for their second America 250! Liberty Tree at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden on Wednesday, June 12.

The tree is a Bloodgood Japanese Maple and was planted along with a brass plaque near the Rose Garden Shelter. It was placed in honor of American ancestors who gave service during the American Revolutionary War. At the closing, members passed by the tree and said the name of one of their patriot-ancestors.

This project was made possible by the America 250! Committee (Chair Laura Tausel, Cathy Schmersahl, Lisa Evans, and Betty Coe Manuel), which seeks to bring visibility to our nation's upcoming 250th birthday.

The first tree was purchased with the aid of a one-time \$500

grant from the National Society, and was part of Regent Charlseay Holler's project Liberty Trees Times Two.

Additionally, in celebration of Flag Day, Regent Charlseay Holler presented a flag and certificate that had flown over NSDAR Headquarters on April 15, 2024 in honor of our patriots to Caroline Jones, a representative of the Botanic Garden. The flag will be raised on the flagpole which was donated to the Garden by Mary Isham Keith Chapter in 1938.

The location of the two trees and flagpole resemble the pattern of a tricorn hat worn during the Revolution.

If you are interested in learning more about DAR membership, email [mikregent2023@gmail.com](mailto:mikregent2023@gmail.com).



Pictured are: (l-r, front) **Betty Coe Manuel, Katrina Lorenzen, Regent Charlseay Holler**; (middle) **Debbie Murray, Elizabeth Harvey, Laura Tausel**; (back) **Dawn Needles, Trish Watson, Cathy Schmersahl and Lisa Evans**.



Pictured are: Curator **Katrina Lorenzen**, Botanic Garden Representative **Caroline Jones** and Regent **Charlseay Holler**.

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## July 4 Safety Tips to Keep Pets Calm and Secure

Fireworks and festivities are synonymous with July 4, but for many pets, the loud noises and chaotic atmosphere of this holiday can cause them stress and anxiety. Thrive Pet Healthcare, a leading veterinary service community, provides some practical solutions for pet owners to help ensure their pets' safety and well-being during this festive holiday.

"Dogs and cats have a heightened sense of hearing, making the booming sounds of fireworks incredibly intense for them," says Dr. Anthony Coronado, Thrive Pet Healthcare's Vice President of Emergency Medicine. "Unfamiliar and loud noises trigger their fight-or-flight response, leading to anxiety and confusion."

To help alleviate the stress caused by fireworks, Dr. Coronado encourages pet owners to take the following precautions.

- **Microchip your pet:** Fireworks can be scary for pets and their instinct to run puts them at risk of getting lost. Microchipping is a safe and effective procedure that provides a unique identification code for your pet. By registering your pet in a microchip database, you can ensure easy identification and a higher chance of reunion if they become lost.

- **Remove potential escape routes:** Check your fencing for any openings or weaknesses that could allow your pet to escape. Secure collars and harnesses properly to prevent slipping away. Ensure the barriers are free of sharp edges that could harm your pet. Limit access to windows and glass doors to prevent your pet from breaking through the glass in an attempt to escape.

- **Stick to routine:** Maintain your pet's daily routine leading up to the fireworks event. Dogs and cats thrive on consistency, and sticking to their regular care schedule helps reduce anxiety.

- **Natural remedies for anxious pets:** Explore natural or herbal-based products such as chewable supplements, herbal sprays or anxiety jackets to help ease your pet's stress. Consult your veterinarian before using any supplements to ensure their safety and effectiveness.

- **Tire them out:** Engage your pet in additional exercise and playtime throughout the cooler parts of the day to help drain their energy before the fireworks begin. This can be particularly effective for pets that tend to get amped-up around fireworks.

- **Anxiety medications:** If your pet's anxiety becomes a significant issue, consult with your veterinarian about anxiety medications that can be prescribed to improve their well-being. Discuss the pros and cons of these medications in advance of the fireworks event.

- **Have a plan for unexpected illness or injury:** Since your family veterinarian may be closed over the holiday, keep a list of nearby urgent care and emergency veterinary hospitals in case your pet becomes sick or injured.

To help comfort your pet during fireworks, Dr. Coronado recommends providing a safe space in a dark, secluded area of your home, minimizing outside sounds and lighting, and offering positive reinforcement for calm behavior. Additionally, leading by ex-

ample and remaining calm yourself can help reassure your pet that fireworks are not a threat.

"It's important to create a safe and comforting environment for our pets during the Independence Day holiday," says Dr. Coronado. "Our pets are part of the family, and it's vital to be proactive about addressing their anxiety. Consulting with your veterinarian for personalized advice can make a significant difference."

Dr. Coronado adds, "The 4th of July can be an enjoyable time for everyone, including our pets, if we take the necessary steps to keep them safe and comfortable throughout the celebrations."

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From White Settlement ISD

## Free Breakfast and Lunch at North Elementary and Brewer High School

All children can get free breakfast and lunch at the North Elementary STEAM Academy and Brewer High School Monday through Thursday.

Meals are from 7 to 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Shout out to the Child Nutrition Department team members for their hard work this summer!

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## UNT Microbiology Professor - Dr. Roland Vela



Many historical figures make an impact in multiple fields. For Dr. **Roland Vela**, an intense curiosity about the world as well as a drive to serve others became the defining characteristics of his life. He spent a decades-long career making important discoveries in science and helping to make his community a better place for all.

Gerard Roland Vela was born in Eagle Pass in September 1927. While he was still young, the family moved to San Antonio. As a youngster, he was a voracious reader and sold newspapers. He later recounted how people swarmed around him to get the latest news after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

Like many young men of his generation, he was anxious to volunteer and to defend the country. At the age of 15, he volunteered for the Texas State Guard. In 1944, he was still 17 and still too young to enlist. However, he convinced his parents to sign the necessary release forms so he could sign up for the navy. He formally enlisted in June 1945. He was assigned to the naval base at Seal Beach, California, where he worked on a tugboat. Vela earned his GED while in the service. He was honorably discharged in July 1946, still just 18 years old.

Vela returned to San Antonio and noted in a 2007 interview that he tried to finish high school with a number of other returning young veterans. However, it was hard for a worldly navy veteran with salty stories from the service to fit in with students who were

still young teenagers. He was kicked out for behavioral issues. Wanting to continue his education, he enrolled at San Antonio College. He was initially on academic probation, but within a semester, he was on the honor roll.

In 1948, he earned his associates degree and transferred to the University of Texas. After taking a course in bacteriology, he decided to choose it as his major. He worked a series of jobs to support himself, including caddy, mechanic, and hospital orderly. He completed his bachelors degree in bacteriology with a minor in chemistry in 1950. He completed his masters degree in one year, a pace that left him studying and working from 7 AM to midnight every day, he recalled.

He met a nursing student, Emma Codina, while at UT. The two married in 1953. The couple would have four children together. After finishing his masters degree, Vela worked as a chemist in San Antonio.

Vela soon returned to graduate school and completed his doctorate in microbiology in 1963.

In 1965, North Texas State University (later the University of North Texas) hired him as a microbiology professor, and he moved to Denton. The small university was mostly known for its teaching and music programs, but Vela and his colleagues worked to expand its reputation for scientific research.

Vela quickly earned respect from his colleagues at the university and throughout the field. He secured a number of research grants to work with NASA, the National Institute of Health, and the National Science Foundation on a number of research projects. In 1975, colleagues elected him to the prestigious American Academy of Microbiology. In 1985, the university promoted him to associate dean.

Through his research, he discovered a new species of bacteria. It was named after him, given the scientific name of *Paenibacillus velai*. It is a type of bacteria found to help adjust nitrogen levels in the soil. The research of Vela and others showed that this particular species of bacteria could have many uses in the food and pharmaceutical industries. As it is not a disease-causing type

of bacteria, it is considered safe for any lab use, making it relatively easy for scientists to study.

Vela was in high demand from colleagues. He regularly traveled to deliver lectures and served as a visiting professor at universities across the United States and around the globe. He supervised dozens of graduate students, helping them complete their degrees and shaping the future leaders of the profession. He wrote two respected books on microbiology, including *Applied Food Microbiology* (1997).

Aside from his research in the lab, Vela was well-known for a multitude of other interests, driven by his intense curiosity about the world. He was fascinated by history and wrote two books on historical figures, including Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna and Spanish Viceroy Bernardo de Galvez. He enjoyed participating in historical re-enactments, particularly re-enacting battles from the American Revolution. For years, he led a group called the Denton Forum, a group of local intellectuals from many different walks of life who would periodically gather to discuss important questions of science, philosophy, and ethics.

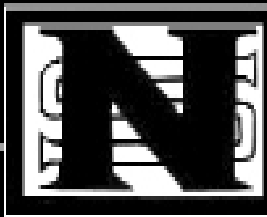
He became a fixture in the Denton community through the years, helping with programs to help minority students improve their academic performance at the middle-school and high school levels to prepare them for college. He served on the local airport advisory board, worked with a host of local charities, and served on the Board of Directors of the Texas Municipal Power Agency. He became the first Latino elected to the Denton City Council, serving two full terms.

By the time he retired from UNT in 2000, he had published four books and 75 scientific articles that had appeared in the leading scientific journals. He donated his extensive library of books, articles, bacteria slides, and research materials to the university.

In 2000, he was listed by *Latino Monthly* as one of the top Texas Latino scientists of the twentieth century. Vela passed away in January 2021 at the age of 93, widely respected among scientists and the Denton community.



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### Friday, June 28:

**AM** - Sunny and hot, with a high near 100. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.  
**PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 80. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.



### Saturday, June 29:

**AM** - Sunny and hot, with a high near 100. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
**PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 80. South wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



### Sunday, June 30:

**AM** - Sunny and hot, with a high near 100. South southwest wind around 5 mph.  
**PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 80.

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