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From Brewer High School

Winter Guard Takes First Place at NTCA Competition, Successful Honeycomb Drill Team Competition Season Ends



The Brewer High School Winter Guard won first place at the NTCA Round 3 competition! BHS will compete for the 2026 NTCA Championships on March 28 and 29 at Coppell High School.

Captains are Evelyn Quezada, Meghan Johnson and Kaydence Dixon. Members are: Lauryn Ballard, Serenity Bowers, Angelica Bueno, Lyia Danley, Sarah Garcia, Madison Hatfield, Lauren Mallory, Alyssa Mondragon, Victoria Pacheco, Sophia Richardson, Adelyn Rubio, Elicity Serrano, Elizabeth Standerfer, Isaiah Stephens, Julianne Windham and Avaleigh Lopez. Director is Nathanael Esparza.



The Brewer High School Honeycomb Drill Team has had an amazing competition season! The team earned the highest score, a Division 1 rating, at the Texas Dance Educators Association (UIL) competition.

Crowd Pleasers Dance Competition

- HS Classic Extra Large Officer Pom – 1st Place
- HS Classic Extra Large Officer Contemporary - 2nd Runner Up
- HS Classic Extra Large Officer Jazz - 4th Runner Up
- Classic Extra Large High School Varsity (31+ members) - 4th Runner Up
- Overall Classic Placement (Classic Team) Officers - 5 out of 12
- HS Classic Extra Large Team Novelty - 1st Runner Up
- HS Classic Extra Large Team Hip Hop - 2nd Runner Up
- HS Classic Extra Large Team Jazz - 2nd Runner Up
- HS Classic Extra Large Team Pom - 3rd Runner Up
- Classic Extra Large High School Varsity

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From Tarrant Regional Water District Register Today for the 2026 Trash Bash

Volunteers across Tarrant County are gearing up to make a difference as the Tarrant Regional Water District invites the community to roll up their sleeves for the annual Trash Bash cleanup events.

The initiative brings together thousands of volunteers each year to remove litter from local waterways and surrounding areas, helping protect the environment while keeping North Texas beautiful.

This year, volunteers can lend a hand at two upcoming cleanup events!

The first will take place from 8 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 28, at Marine Creek Lake.

A second cleanup is scheduled from 8 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, along the Trinity River.

Participants of all ages are encouraged to join the effort.

Volunteers will work together to collect trash and debris from shorelines and surrounding areas, making an immediate impact on the health of local waterways.

Trash Bash reflects TRWD's ongoing commitment to litter prevention and environmental stewardship.

By organizing community cleanups, the district hopes to inspire residents to take pride in their local water resources and keep them clean for future generations.

TRWD Trash Bash T-Shirt Deadlines

- Marine Creek Lake: Register by March 13
- Trinity River locations: Register by April 3

Those interested in participating can [register online](#) for a cleanup event.

Bomber News Staff Writers

Vendor Village Bazaar Saturday!

Shoppers looking for unique finds and springtime fun will have plenty to explore March 14 at the Vendor Village Bazaar.

The outdoor market is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of Splash Dayz Water Park, conveniently located next to the city's Farmers Market. Organizers say the setup makes it easy for visitors to browse both events in one stop.

The bazaar will feature a variety of vendors offering one-of-a-kind items, handmade goods and specialty products. Food trucks will also be on site, serving up a range of options for hungry patrons.

From North Central Texas Council of Governments

NCTCOG Rallies Communities for Cleaner Air as Ozone Season Arrives

Longer days and rising temperatures mark the return of spring and the start of ozone season in North Texas.

With ozone season officially underway, NCTCOG is kicking off community air quality outreach efforts across the region.

On Saturday, March 28, NCTCOG will take part in Earth Party at Trinity Park. Hosted by Keep Fort Worth Beautiful, the event follows the 2026 Cowtown Great American Cleanup and is aimed at bringing together residents to celebrate caring for the community.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about local air quality initiatives and simple steps they can take to make a difference.

Additional outreach events are planned throughout April, providing more opportunities for North Texans to celebrate and learn more about cleaner air.

These events coincide with a critical time for the region.

Ozone season runs annually from March 1 through Nov. 30. With higher temperatures, sunlight and heat interact with precu-

sor pollutants, creating favorable conditions for the formation of ground-level ozone, a harmful air pollutant that negatively affects air quality and public health.

The 2025 season ended with a design value of 83 ppb at two regulatory monitors and as a result, the region remains in non-attainment of both the 2008 and 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone – classified as “severe” and “serious,” respectively – with a deadline to reach compliance by 2027.

Improving air quality is a shared responsibility. NCTCOG offers various online resources to help individuals, businesses and local governments stay informed and take action.

The 2025 Air Quality Handbook provides a full breakdown of the region's air quality and air quality initiatives, and individuals and businesses can stay informed about daily air quality initiatives and strategies to reduce emissions by signing up for air quality alerts at AirNorthTexas.org/sign-up-for-alerts.

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From the Sports Desk with John English

Brewer Boys Shut Out Granbury in Key District Win

The Brewer boys soccer team picked up a crucial win last Friday over Granbury to help with its post-season aspirations, and coach Ben Buentello said his team was playing well on both sides of the ball.

“Although we had already mathematically clinched a playoff spot, we were still in a position to finish as the No. 1 seed in Division II for the playoffs,” Buentello said. “The focus for the Granbury game was simple: play to our standard regardless of the opponent, the previous result, or whether or not we could control the outcome of other games between other teams.”

And that focus paid off in the form of a 2-0 victory for the Bears.

“Granbury has been a tough team at home, holding most opponents to very few goals,” Buentello said. “The first half was scoreless for both teams and we knew in order to leave with a win, we needed to increase the tempo and play with more urgency in the final third to get goals. In the second half, we made the most of a corner kick opportunity, and followed that up with a penetrating pass from the midfield which led to a rocket of a shot by senior Damian Merida.”

Merida and Jair Montano scored Brewer’s two goals and Merida and Angel Cardona earned the assists.

Buentello also gave credit to his back line (Dominic Caldera, Matthew Medina, Helio Flores, Pablo Llanos) and keeper Braedyn Lunt for the shut out. **Editor’s note:* The Bears beat the Azle Hornets at home on Monday, March 9 by a score of 4-0.

Brewer will open the playoffs with Grapevine at a time and date to be determined.

On the girl’s side, Brewer lost by a score of 1-0 to Granbury on Thursday night.

On the diamond, the Lady Bears softball team defeated Chisholm Trail by a score of 17-0 on Thursday and coach Joshua Richards said his

team was also firing on all cylinders.

“I thought our girls came out with great energy and focus,” Richards said. “District games carry a little extra intensity, and our team did a good job of attacking early and playing with confidence. We were aggressive at the plate, worked quality at-bats, and did a nice job taking advantage of opportunities when they were there. Defensively, we were clean and played a complete game, which is always something we emphasize.”

Richards said he had a couple of stand out performances in the game as well.

“(Samantha) Aguirre had a big night for us, driving in five runs including a three-run home run in the first inning and a two-RBI single later in the game,” Richards said. “Avery Welch also had a strong swing with a three-run homer that helped set the tone early. In the circle, we did a solid job setting the pace, and finished things off with a clean inning. Overall it was a really balanced effort, we had multiple players contributing offensively and the team did a great job being disciplined at the plate, drawing nine walks.”

Richards said he believes the non-district schedule was perfect for his team.

“We played some very competitive teams and saw a variety of pitching and game situations, which helped prepare our girls for district play,” Richards said. “Those early games gave us a chance to challenge ourselves, learn where we needed to improve, and build confidence. I think it helped our team settle in and understand the level of focus it takes to compete consistently once district starts.”

In baseball, Brewer beat Everman by a score of 5-4 on Friday night.

Evan Montalvo was 1-2 with 2 RBI, Colton Plemons was 1-2 with a double and RBI, Ethan Maddy was 1-3 with a double and RBI and David Ellington was 1-3 with a triple.

BHS Honeycombs (continued from page 1)

(31+ members) - 4th Runner Up

- Overall Classic Placement (Classic Team) Team - 6 out of 18

ShowTime International Dance Competition

- Officer Platinum - Brewer HS
- Large Jazz - Runner Up
- Large Pom - Winner
- Large Contemporary - Winner
- Team Platinum - Brewer High School
- Large Jazz - Runner Up
- Large Novelty - Winner

- Large Pom - Runner-Up
- Large Hip Hop - Winner
- Student Choreography Winner Brewer Officer Pom
- Champions Circle Officers
- Champions Circle Team

Officers are: Captain Blakely Hooten, 1st Lt. Kaylee Osterman, Sr. Lt. Janiah Franklin, Jr. Lts. Mariah Jordan and Emma Bragan and Sophomore Lieutenant Julianna McNeely.

Director is Lillian Miller, and Assistant is Chandler Freehill.

White Settlement ISD School Board Meeting
Monday, March 23 • 5:30 pm
WSISD Administration Building 8224 White Settlement Rd.

From White Settlement ISD

2026-2027 Academic Calendar Adopted

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26|27 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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AUGUST 2026						
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Aug. 3-12 Staff Development						
Aug. 13 First Day of School/1st 9 Weeks						

SEPTEMBER 2026						
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Sept. 7 Holiday						
Sept. 28 Staff Development/ Student Holiday						

OCTOBER 2026						
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Oct. 9 Staff Development						
Oct. 12 Holiday						
Oct. 13 2nd 9 Weeks Period Begins						

NOVEMBER 2026						
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Nov. 2 Holiday						
Nov. 3 Staff Development/ Student Holiday						
Nov. 23-27 Thanksgiving Break						

DECEMBER 2026						
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Nov. 30-Dec. 11 STAAR/EOC Testing						
Dec. 17 2nd 9 Weeks Ends						
Dec. 18 Staff Development/ Student Holiday						
Dec. 21-31 Winter Break						

JANUARY 2027						
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Jan. 1 Winter Break						
Jan. 4 & 5 Staff Development Student Holidays						
Jan. 6 3rd 9 Weeks Begins						
Jan. 18 Holiday						

FEBRUARY 2027						
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March 11 3rd 9 Weeks Ends						
March 12 Staff Development						
March 15-19 Spring Break						
March 15-April 16 STAAR ALT2 Testing						
March 22 4th 9 Weeks Begins						
March 26 Holiday						

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April 5-29 STAAR/EOC Testing Window						
April 30 Inclement Weather Day						

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May 21 4th 9 Weeks Ends/Last Day						
May 24-25 Staff Development						
May 31 Holiday						

JUNE 2027						
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June 14-17 STAAR Retesting						

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July 5-9 Offices Closed						

From Texas Parks and Wildlife

Options Abound at Texas State Parks for Spring Break!

For many Texans, spring break is around the corner, and those planning their travel routes and trips should take a gander at the happenings at the more than 89 Texas State Parks.

During busy seasons, many of the most popular Texas State Parks are expected to reach capacity quickly. Park staff strongly encourage anyone planning a trip to reserve a day pass in advance. Reserve day passes online through the TPWD reservation website or by calling the Customer Service Center during regular business hours at 512-389-8900.

If you need a pit stop on your way through the middle of the state to stretch your legs, try Mother Neff State Park right off I-35 outside of Temple and Waco. With six different easy to moderate trails under a mile long, it's the perfect way to get your blood flowing after a long car ride.

Many parks across the state have fishing equipment to rent for anyone who wants to wet a line and take a break. If you're traveling I-30 in the northeast corner of the state, stop at Lake Bob Sandlin State Park and try your hand at East Texas' famous bass fishing.

Coming in or out of Texas in the westernmost part of the state? Take a load off at Monahans Sandhills State Park near Odessa off I-20. You can even rent a sand disc to take on the dunes!

Travel close to the southernmost part of Texas to reach a semi-tropical oasis in the Rio Grande Valley at Resaca de la Palma State Park. This site is the perfect spot for bird watchers as it's a World Birding Site with all kinds of species to find. Visitors can rent or buy a pair of binoculars at the Sabal Gift Shop within the park..

Come for the wetlands and meet the sea at Sea Rim State Park! Kayak at Sea Rim in southeast Texas where you'll experience birds galore. Walk along the Gambusia Nature Trail Boardwalk or the beach. Crabbing and fishing are also popular at this park.

Experience the spring-fed Blanco River at Blanco State Park. Hang out in the sun, swim, tube or paddle. This park is an easy trip for those in Austin or San Antonio.

Most Texas State Parks have nature trails where visitors can meander through the flora and fauna parks have to offer. Find a nature walk or hike near you.

Honey Creek State Natural Area is a haven for protected wildlife species like the golden-cheeked warbler that visitors can explore during guided tours. Access tours through Guadalupe River State Park and enjoy a different side of the river at your own pace.

If you're headed to Garner State Park, pull off to Kickapoo Cavern State Park on Friday through Monday. The park has multiple easy to moderate trails under a mile long. Check out the Stuart Bat Cave close to the entrance of the park off of Ranch Road 674.

Make a point of visiting one of the 50 parks designed and built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s. Mission Tejas, Blanco and Abilene State Parks show great examples of their craftsmanship.

Out near the West Texas town of El Paso, you can stop to look at the hollow basins at Hueco Tanks! There are more than 2,000 pictographs at this site for you to discover. Request a tour ahead of time

and make a reservation as visitors are limited to protect the site.

Travel to Seminole Canyon to see more pictographs in the natural rock shelters carved into the canyon walls. Guided tours are available, and the limestone terrain is great for hiking!

If you're planning on seeing Big Bend Ranch, stop off at Fort Leaton! The historic trading post is the western Visitor Center of the state park and is a great reprieve from the heat, offering a museum, programs, tours and events.

No matter what you do, we recommend you start from the beginning: Are you new to Texas State Parks? Check out the [State Parks for Beginners site](#) with many tips and tricks for the newcomer.

You can reserve day passes and campsites in advance for most parks through the TPWD website. Through the online portal, you can narrow your search by city, activity and even by site. If you want to bike, hike or fish, look for parks with day passes available (up to 30 days in advance). For overnight camping, search the "Camping This Weekend" tab to see which parks have sites open for the upcoming Friday and Saturday.

Texas is notorious for wacky weather, so be sure to check the forecast before hitting the road. Spring storms can sweep in unexpectedly. We recommend having a backup plan in case Mother Nature throws a wrench into your outdoor plans.

Wear proper clothing: Flip-flops may be comfortable, but they aren't the best option for long walks on the trail. Rangers recommend wearing sneakers or boots for hikes. Don't forget the sunscreen, insect repellent and plenty of water. It's important to drink at least 16 ounces of water every hour to prevent dehydration. Bring enough for your four-legged family members, too!

Park staff will be hosting many guided activities during spring break, including bird walks, kayaking tours, archery 101 classes, arts and crafts, yoga in the park and cooking demos, just to name a few. A complete list of activities can be found on the TPWD calendar page. Looking for a specific activity? Check the "Activities" page for recommendations. Visitors will also have many other activities to choose from outside of the scheduled programs, including geocaching, the Junior Ranger Program and strolls on the trails. Whether you're a seasoned angler or want to try fishing for the first time, we encourage you to take advantage of the free fishing from the shore at state parks (no license required). And what better time to do that than when the white-bass run is going strong.

With 87 Texas State Parks located throughout the state, there are plenty of things to see and do. Take a chance and explore a new park or part of the state you have yet to experience. Still looking for overnight reservations? Many unique state parks still have campsites available.

Did you know there is an app to help you enjoy all our state parks have to offer? Download the official Texas State Parks Guide app on the Apple App Store or from Google Play to access park maps, find events, check park alerts, and more.

For more information, visit the Texas State Parks website at [TexasStateParks.org](https://www.texasstateparks.org).

Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges

R.L. Thornton: The Mayor Who Helped Build Modern Dallas

Sometimes the men dismissed for their failures early in life can become the greatest successes.

The story of R. L. Thornton is the story of a man raised in poverty and with barely an eighth grade education became synonymous with the success of Dallas in the 1950s.

Robert Lee Thornton was born in 1880 in Hamilton County, just west of Waco. His parents were farmers.

In 1887, the family had their land stolen from them in a title dispute. As a result, they lost absolutely everything and were left in deep poverty.

They moved to Ennis, just south of Dallas, where the young Thornton helped the family by picking cotton and taking whatever work he could find. As a result, his education was sporadic, and he quit school after the eighth grade. He continued to work odd jobs until he was hired as a store clerk.

Determined to make something of his life, Thornton attempted to restart his education by taking a business course in Dallas. After one course, around 1904, he tried his hand at sales, becoming a traveling salesman in Oklahoma for a candy company. His success was lackluster, so he tried to start his own business. Thornton's first attempt, a stationery business, folded quickly. He quickly started a mortgage company, but it, too, failed.

Thornton tried again in 1916, starting a bank with two other partners. Thornton served as president of the Dallas County State Bank, later the Mercantile National Bank, for 30 years.

The bank found early success by capitalizing on a new type of



consumer loan for bankers – automobiles. America had fallen in love with the car by the 1920s, and Thornton became an immense success by becoming one of the first North Texas bankers to offer car loans. Soon, other businesses were asking him to serve as an executive with their businesses as well.

By 1933, the business community honored him by naming him president of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce. He was intensely active in Dallas civic affairs, serving with many charitable organizations.

He helped bring the 1936 Texas Centennial Exposition to Dallas's Fair Park area, adding permanent exhibits to the area.

From 1945 to 1960, he also served as president of the Texas State Fair.

In 1952, at the age of 72, Thornton was ready for new adventure as he ran for Dallas mayor. Already known as "Mr. Dallas" for his many accomplishments for the city, he won the election easily.

Though Dallas and neighboring Fort Worth were intense business rivals at this time, the need for a modern highway connecting the business districts of the two growing cities was clear.

Thornton pushed through the Dallas-Fort Worth Turnpike, which later became Interstate 30, which opened in 1957 and became an immediate success.

In 1957, the city also completed the new Dallas Memorial Auditorium, which eventually became one of the largest convention centers in the world. The city completed important renovations and expansions to Love Field.

Housing construction boomed while business leaders unveiled a string of ambitious development plans. "Keep the dirt flying" became Thornton's slogan for an ambitious city. Dallas's population increased dramatically, from just over 450,000 at the beginning of his term to nearly 700,000 by 1961.

In 1960, at the age of 80, he declined to seek another term as mayor. He entered into a quiet retirement in 1961 before his death three years later.

Thornton today is perhaps best remembered in the North Texas area as the namesake for the R. L. Thornton Freeway, a stretch of Interstate 35 East through Dallas as well as the city's R. L. Thornton Elementary School.

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Weekend Forecast



Friday, March 13:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 79. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
PM - Clear, with a low around 53. South wind around 10 mph.



Saturday, March 14:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 82. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 63. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.



Sunday, March 15:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. South southwest wind 15 to 20 mph becoming north in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.
PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 39.

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