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From White Settlement ISD

## White Settlement Mayor Declares March: *Theatre in Our Schools Month*

White Settlement Mayor Faron Young recently issued a proclamation declaring March as Theatre in Our Schools Month.

Brewer High School senior and Theatre Thespian Troupe President, Bronwyn Wright, invited the mayor to present the proclamation during a recent after-school practice for the group's UIL One-Act Play Competition.

"Educational theatre is pertinent to students today. It not only gives an outlet for unique expression, but also builds skills such as public speaking, critical thinking, and collaboration. I, as well as many others, have found a home in Aja Jones' classroom. It is a place free of judgement and full of optimism. We cultivate a community full of kindness, and most importantly, unconditional (continued on page 7)



From the Sports Desk with John English

## Brewer Soccer Teams to Compete in Bi-District Playoffs



Varsity girls soccer players are: Leslie Salazar, Emma Reese, Claire Simons, Peyton LeonGuerrero, Naila Vega, Bella Finch, Trinity Corrales, Maetzin Cortez, Morgan Hagood, Jamilyeigh Herring, Sabrina Pupalakis, Dayanara Martinez, Isabella Sanchez, Lucy Beard, Isabella Vasquez, Heidi Moncivais, Hannah Vera, Brennan Maitlen, Daniela Estrada, Audrey Valderas, Amy Parada and Sierra Kaspar.

Head Coach is Nathan Hamilton and assistants are Faith Morrow and Meagan Clark.



Varsity boys soccer players are: Braedyn Lunt, Cuauhtemoc Luna, Jonathan Cortez, Christian Copeland, Pablo Llanos, Santiago Romero, Joaquin Cedillo, Jordan Coon, Elio Garcia, Timoteo Nava, Josue Muco, Guadalupe Diaz, Leonel Torres, Ulises Montero, Lucas Cousin, Ignacio Silva, Angel Cardona, Helio Flores. Matthew Medina, Brandon Gutierrez, Damian Merida and Matthew Maya. Managers are: Cheikh Ndye, Fatima Diaz, Shania Cruz, Alitza Salas, Liliana Avelar and José Suárez.

Head Coach is Rafael Franco and assistants are Sinisa Vrvilo and Marcelo Hernández. (story continued on page 3)

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# Four BHS Culinary Arts Students Advance to State FCCLA Competition



Four Brewer High School FCCLA students will advance to the state FCCLA Conference after placing at the Region II Conference.

Cheyenne Rushing won third place in Competitive Events. Mia Bautista earned fourth place in Serving Up Success; Gabriel Perez, fifth, Culinary Arts; and Tayla Fattori, fifth, Baking and Pastry.

Advisors are Paul Gardner and Kaycee Blevins.

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## Sports Desk (continued from page 1)

The Brewer boy's soccer team is playoff bound and got a good challenge in a warm up game against North Crowley on Friday.

The Bears played to a 1-1 draw in the warm up match and coach Rafael Franco said it was a good challenge for his team before the playoffs get underway.

Brewer eventually won the game on penalty kicks.

"North Crowley had a very dynamic team," Franco said. "Fast and strong players. Our team performed very well against them. Sadly, our left Ignacio Silva back was injured and will be missing the playoff game."

Franco said he did have one player have an exceptionally strong match.

"Our keeper, Cuauhtémoc Luna, saved two penalty kicks which made us win the game," Franco said.

Brewer opens the playoffs with Argyle at Azle High School on Friday, March 21 at 8 p.m.

On the girl's side, the Lady Bears soccer team defeated Azle by a score of 2-1 in their season finale on March 5.

Brewer finished 5-2-5 in district competition this season.

Brewer opened the playoffs with Trimble Tech on Tuesday night after the paper had already gone to press.

### From Texas Coalition for Animal Protection

## Free Feline Fix Day March 26

TCAP is hosting a Free Fix Day on Wednesday, March 26. During our Free Fix Days, TCAP offers free sterilization and rabies vaccines for feral and community cats. This event will take place at seven TCAP clinics located in Allen, Arlington, Denton, Fort Worth, Garland, Hurst, and Joshua! Up to 75 cats will be seen at each location on a first-come, first-served basis, and there are no residency restrictions. There's also no limit on the number of cats per caregiver, and no appointment is required.

Cats must arrive in individual live traps or pet carriers, and all cats will receive an ear tip. Each cat accepted will receive a voucher for a free spay/neuter for another cat at a future date. You will be able to make an appointment for a free feral spay or neuter at a future date using the voucher you receive. This voucher also includes a rabies vaccine.

Any additional fees for in-heat, cryptorchid, or pregnancy procedures will be covered by TCAP. Caretakers will be responsible for any additional elective services such as vaccines, pain medication, or viral testing at the time of service. Again, cats must be presented in live traps or pet carriers.

Please stay in line if you are outside of the first 75 cats. Our team will provide one voucher per cat present for sterilization vaccine for the next 75 cats in line. You will be able to make an appointment for a free feral spay or neuter and rabies vaccine at a future date using the voucher you receive. Only those already in line with cats will receive the voucher.

The line will cut off promptly at 9 a.m.

On the diamond, the Brewer baseball team went 0-2 against Aledo last week.

In game one last Tuesday, Jesse Orozco went 1-3 with a run scored for the Bears, while Troy Griffin went 2-3 in the game.

Alex Chavez scored the other run for the Bears and Sergio Aguirre went 1-2.

In game two on Friday, Orozco went 2-4 while Aguirre went 1-3 with an RBI.

Brayden Squires went 1-3 and Lucas Cantu and Khyler Farris scored Brewer's two runs in the game.

In softball, the Bears defeated Saginaw by a score of 18-2 last Friday.

Kamren Pride went 2-4 with a double and four RBI in the game for the Bears, while Cozette Tyson was 2-3 with a home run and 2 RBI.

C. Johnson went 1-2 with a double and two RBI and Khloe Winn went 1-1 with a double in the game.

S. Aguirre went 1-1 with a triple and two RBI for the Bears and Haylie Jimenez was 1-4 with an RBI and three runs scored.

Lilly Meller finished the game with three runs scored and an RBI for Brewer and Parker Pride was 1-3 with a run scored.

Aleana Urias had an RBI and two runs scored and Alyssa Wilson went 1-3 with a run scored.

### From the White Settlement Historical Museum

## Bomber News Archives Added to the Portal to Texas History!

Two additional years, 1958 and 1959, of the *White Settlement Bomber News* have been digitized and are online on the [Portal to Texas History](#), thanks to a grant from the Tarrant County Historical Society and the work performed by UNT Libraries.

The article pictured below is from the [March 27, 1958](#) edition of *The White Settlement News Edition*, then combined with *The Bomber News*.

### Staley McBrayer Announces Sale Of News to Boyden Underwood

Announcement was made Wednesday by Staley McBrayer that The News has been sold to Boyden Underwood, effective April 1.

The sale included The West Side News, The River Oaks News, the Bomber News and the Forty - Eight Year Old North Fort Worth News, and The Sunday News.

McBrayer became publisher of the Northwest Tarrant County group of newspapers 17 years ago.

Underwood, a veteran newspaperman, has had wide experience in the newspaper field and has been with United Press and United Features for 20 years. He recently resigned as Southern business representative of United Features.

Underwood, his wife Janice and one-year-old son, Robert Boyden, will move into the area next week.

McBrayer expressed appreciation to the subscribers, advertisers and friends of The

News for their long and loyal support. He also expressed appreciation of the capable staff who have helped build these newspapers.

There will be no change in personnel or publication policy, Underwood said. Headquarters for the newspapers will be at 2135 Jacksboro Highway.

McBrayer will remain publisher of newspapers in Haltom City, Hurst-Euless, Arlington, Grand Prairie and Irving.

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# Pedestrians, Bicyclists Most Vulnerable on Texas Roads

On his 10th birthday in 2020, Victor Peterzen received a brand-new bicycle. Just three months later, his life was tragically cut short in a crash while riding his bike through his northwest Houston neighborhood.



Sadly, similar tragedies continue to plague our state. In 2023, 914 bicyclists and pedestrians died in traffic crashes in Texas. It's part of a rising trend in recent years as pedestrian deaths went up 22 percent and bicyclist fatalities increased 58 percent from 2019-2023.

Nearly five years after his death, Peterzen's family is working with TxDOT's Be Safe. Drive Smart. campaign this spring to remind Texans to follow traffic laws and share the road safely with people walking and biking.

"Pedestrians and cyclists are among our most at-risk road users, and too many of them are killed or injured in our communities each year," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. "If everyone looks out for each other and follows the rules of the road, we can help prevent these terrible crashes."

TxDOT's campaign aims to raise awareness among all Texans—drivers, pedestrians and cyclists alike—of the shared responsibility to help everyone get where they're going safely. To support this goal, the Be Safe. Drive Smart. campaign is sending teams of "walking billboards" around the state to share vital safety messages in crash-prone areas.

Know the rules. Save a life.

If you're driving:

- Stop and yield for pedestrians, bicyclists and other vulnerable road users in crosswalks.
- Give bikes space and pass at a safe distance.

- Yield when turning and always check for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Follow the speed limit and adjust for conditions.

If you're walking:

- Use crosswalks and obey traffic signals.
- Stick to sidewalks, but if none exist, walk facing traffic on the left side unless it is obstructed or unsafe.

If you're biking:

- Follow traffic laws and stop at red lights and stop signs.
- Ride in the same direction as traffic and use bike lanes or ride as near as possible to the right-hand curb.
- Use hand signals for turns or stops.
- Equip your bike with lights at night, using a white light on the front and a red light or reflector on the back.

Be Safe. Drive Smart. is an important part of TxDOT's Drive like a Texan: Kind. Courteous. Safe. initiative. Drive like a Texan is about embracing the pride, camaraderie and responsibility of being a Texan on the road. By making thoughtful choices, we can all help keep each other safe. Learn more at [DriveLikeATexan.com](http://DriveLikeATexan.com).

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## Official Statement on Federal Reductions to USDA Programs & Impact on Hunger Relief Efforts

The recent USDA announcement regarding the cancellation of state agreements for the 2025 Local Food Purchase Assistance Program (LFPA) and the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) supplemental food purchases has created a substantial challenge for the Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB). With a loss of \$1.9 million in funding, equivalent to 1.3 million meals from LFPA reductions and the cancellation of 39 truckloads of food from CCC, TAFB now faces a significant shortfall of 2.5 million meals or \$4.2 million. These reductions affect the food available to food insecure families and place a strain on TAFB's resources as it works to continue supporting families, children, and seniors facing hunger.

Despite these challenges, TAFB remains steadfast in its commitment to securing more food and ensuring families in need continue receiving support. TAFB is actively advocating for a strong Farm Bill in September 2025 to help local farmers and growers, while providing ongoing assistance to families struggling with food insecurity. Our advocacy includes:

1. Continue Partnerships between U.S. Agriculture & Tarrant Area Food Bank while Investing in Local and Regional Food Systems

• Support for Local Agriculture & Sustainable Food Systems: Encouraging policies that promote local farming and sustainable food production can reduce dependency on imported goods, stabilize food prices, and enhance food security.

• Rescue Surplus Commodities: TAFB is working to recover surplus commodities from trade negotiations, ensuring they are distributed through food banks and hubs like the Sid W. Richardson Foundation Agricultural Hub.

• Excluding Staple Food Items from Tariffs: By removing tariffs on essential food items, TAFB seeks to reduce food costs and prevent additional strain on food assistance

programs.

2. Support Federal Nutrition Assistance Programs through passage of a strong Farm Bill and budget: Advocating for the passage of a strong Farm Bill and supporting key programs like TEFAP, SNAP, and CSFP that help offset food costs for low-income households.

• Reauthorize & Strengthen the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), securing funding for food purchases from local farmers, storage, distribution, and rural infrastructure to ensure ongoing support for food banks.

• Protect & Strengthen Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by maintaining the purchasing power of SNAP, improving enrollment processes, and connecting participants with employment and training opportunities.

• Reauthorize the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) for Seniors by ensuring seniors with low incomes continue receiving nutritious food support.

Impact of Partnerships Between Agriculture & Food Banks: By connecting local agriculture with food banks, TAFB is supporting both local farmers and producers, while also addressing food insecurity. These partnerships are essential for strengthening regional food systems, enhancing community support, and creating a positive feedback loop that benefits local economies.

### About Tarrant Area Food Bank:

*One of the largest charitable organizations in its 13-county service area, TAFB provides over 1 million nutritious meals weekly and food & nutrition education programs to those facing hunger through its network of 400+ partner agencies, volunteers, and donors. As a member of Feeding America, TAFB empowers communities to alleviate hunger and improve health. For more information, visit [www.tafb.org](http://www.tafb.org).*

## From the City of White Settlement Spring Kid Fish at Veterans Park Saturday

The City of White Settlement's semi-annual Kid Fish event will be held at Veteran's Park, located at 8901 Clifford Dr. on Saturday, March 22 at 9 a.m.

Children under 16 are invited to come out and drop a line during the free event!

Parents or guardians can register their child online at [www.wstx.us/recdesk](http://www.wstx.us/recdesk).

First 30 kids that are checked in at the table on site will get a t-shirt, sizes are first come first serve.

A limited number of fishing poles will be available for those who do not own one, but it is on a first-come, first-serve basis, or guests can bring their own.

Participating children must be registered in order to record each catch and/or receive an award.

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Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges

## *Measles Resurges in West Texas: A Grim Reminder of the Dangers of Declining Vaccination Rates*



Hospitals watch as children fill the wards. The diagnosis, numbering in the hundreds, would be the same: the dreaded measles. In what could be a scene from a century past is now the grim reality of communities across portions of West Texas and New Mexico with a new measles outbreak. Measles, a disease that once killed millions, is now roaring back with a new outbreak.

Measles is an airborne virus, and one of the most easily spread diseases known. Up to 90 percent of people who are not immune will become infected if exposed. Measles symptoms appear 10-14 days after infection. It causes a high fever, sore throat, dry cough, and the characteristic red, splotchy rash all over the body. Serious complications can include pneumonia and encephalitis. Symptoms usually last 7-10 days. Measles can also be fatal. Antibiotics only treat bacterial infections and can do little if anything for a viral infection like measles.

The virus overpowers the immune system, in many cases damaging it beyond repair in survivors. Many people who have had measles have lifelong health issues afterward. Most people who have had measles are immune to it afterward, but a large number can have suppressed immune systems afterward. The virus can cause blindness. Measles has also left patients deaf or with serious hearing problems. In more severe cases, brain damage is possible.

The disease first emerged in Europe around the fifth century AD. The first description of measles comes from the Middle East about 400 years later. Serious measles epidemics were recorded in the 11th and 12th centuries. Because many children encountered it, measles was often described as a “childhood disease,” but the effects were hardly child’s play. A measles outbreak in 1531 left millions of Native Americans dead in Honduras and Mexico, at least half the population. A Hawaii outbreak left one-fifth of the islanders dead in the 1850s. From 1850 to 2000, the disease left an estimated 200 million dead worldwide, including millions of children dead each year.

In 1963, Dr. Maurice Hilleman developed the first successful measles vaccine. No longer did people have to worry about the deadly pathogen. The vaccine was more than 95 percent effective. Preventative medicine through the vaccine would save lives. Vaccination meant that parents no longer had to spend sleepless nights wondering

if their children would survive another night with measles. Vaccination meant that local cemeteries would no longer be filled with young children. Children would live longer and healthier lives thanks to the vaccine.

The rapid spread of measles and the misery it caused became a staple in cartoons through the 1940s and 1950s. Vaccination meant that the dark gallows humor of measles on a Tom and Jerry cartoon would be lost on later generations of children in the 1970s and 1980s for whom the danger of the disease would never be known. Schools and community health clinics organized mass vaccinations. By the beginning of the twenty-first century, measles had been all but eliminated in the United States.

In distant corners of the world, far removed from the United States, measles continued to be a serious problem. In the meantime, doctors and nurses were rapidly vaccinating children globally, which led to disease rates and mortality rates plummeting. By 1999, measles still killed roughly 873,000 people around the world with infection rates falling to near zero in the United States. By 2005, annual death rates dropped to 345,000. By 2017, these global death rates had dropped another two-thirds to near 120,000 thanks to vaccines. The World Health Organization, for example, reports that Mexico had a 97 percent measles vaccination rate in 2021, a rate comparable to the US.

The rise of social media in recent years meant an increasing number of people took comfort in deceptive memes often meant as perverse jokes instead of the experience of trained doctors. However, no serious study has ever shown any question of the safety or effectiveness of the measles vaccine. One deeply flawed study briefly raised the question in the late 1990s, but the study was immediately found to be a lie; and subsequent studies and reports confirmed the safety of the measles vaccine with each succeeding year. Nevertheless, vaccination rates began to drop as a result. Outbreaks erupted periodically across the country as vaccination rates fell. In the end, parents who ignored the advice of doctors to vaccinate their children increasingly had to take their infected, sickly, and dying children to these same doctors for treatment.

And now, West Texas.

Measles had become a forgotten scourge. Vaccines saved millions of lives. And now American families with infected loved ones, in spite of all the advantages modern science and preventative medicine offered, are reduced to the same despair that haunted families in centuries past, wondering what horrors will visit their ailing children as each hour ticks by.

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# Act Locally During Global Volunteer Month

April is Global Volunteer Month, a time to celebrate volunteers and inspire volunteerism in communities large and small.

Volunteerism is on the decline, according to research from AmeriCorps and the U.S. Census Bureau. And what's more, Points of Light, a global nonprofit dedicated to inspiring, equipping and mobilizing people to take action that changes the world, shared that 73 percent of people believe that volunteering is more important than ever, yet 66 percent think they can't make a big impact in their communities. During Global Volunteer Month, advocates are trying to change that perception at the local level.

"Volunteers are crucial to solving pressing challenges, creating vibrant communities and strengthening our social fabric," said Jennifer Sirangelo, president and CEO of Points of Light. "Every person has something to share or give."

To boost volunteer engagement during Global Volunteer Month, Points of Light is sharing the following ways you and your family can make a positive impact in your neighborhood or town:

**Spread the word:** Use the Global Volunteer Month toolkit, along with the hashtag #GlobalVolunteerMonth to thank volunteers. Be sure to tag a volunteer whose impact you appreciate.

**Take the pledge:** To show your commitment to volunteering, take Points of Light's pledge. Then, discover ways to get involved that support your favorite cause and availability using Points of Light Engage, a database featuring hundreds of thousands of volunteer opportunities worldwide, including some in your area. Remember that volunteering doesn't have to be through a formal organization. Lending a helping hand to a friend, family member or neighbor counts, too. In fact, 70 percent of volunteer work is carried out locally and informally, without the involvement of any organization, according to the UN.

**Expand your impact:** Learn about the Points of Light Civic Circle®, a framework

that outlines the many forms of civic engagement. These actions include listening and learning, using one's voice, social entrepreneurship, volunteering, public, national or military service, using one's purchasing power to express values, working, voting and donating.

**Get inspired:** Points of Light recognizes ordinary people doing extraordinary things to strengthen communities and solve persistent problems with its Daily Point of Light Award. Know an outstanding volunteer in your community? Nominate them as a Daily Point of Light by visiting [pointsoflight.org/dailypointoflight](http://pointsoflight.org/dailypointoflight), or to inspire others, share these stories of recent honorees:

No matter the scale, Points of Light recognizes the spirit of volunteerism as a driving force of change around the world.

"We're celebrating volunteers around the world all month long, as well as calling on people to take action. Throughout April, lend your time, talent and passion to a cause you care about and invite others to join you, creating a ripple effect of change," said Sirangelo.

## Brewer Theatre

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support," Wright said.

They will compete at 12 p.m. March 28 at Aledo High School.

The American Allegiance for Theatre and Education, the Educational Theatre Association, and the International Thespian Society partnered to increase awareness regarding the value of theatre programs in schools.



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Saturday, April 5

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This is an opportunity for anyone with citations or court business to come and meet with the judge and/or court personnel.

This can be especially useful for anyone who may not be free during the week when the court is normally open.

You do not need to make an appointment to participate, just come anytime during the Open Court hours.

If you have any questions you can contact the court by calling 817-246-4971.

From the City of White Settlement

## Albert Street

## Recycling Tips

The new cardboard recycling dumpster at 8212 Albert Street has seen a lot of use lately.

The dumpster is emptied every Tuesday and Friday; if it's full when you show up there are plenty of opportunities each week to come back when it's been emptied.

Unfortunately, there have been several instances of misuse of this resource that we need to address.

This dumpster is for broken down/flat-tened cardboard only, not trash.

When trash is placed in the dumpster it makes the entire load unrecyclable.

This area is also not designated for trash or bulk waste drop off.

If you are placing trash and bulk items at this location you are illegally dumping.

This location is under video surveillance 24 hours a day, seven days a week and anyone illegally dumping should expect to be contacted by White Settlement Code Compliance.

We ask that everyone please use this service correctly so we can continue to offer it for our residents.

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## Weekend Forecast



### Friday, March 21:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 79. South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.  
**PM** - Clear, with a low around 50. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast in the evening.



### Saturday, March 22:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 82. South wind 5 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.  
**PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 62. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.



### Sunday, March 23:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 84. S/SW wind around 15 mph becoming N/NW in the afternoon.  
Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.  
**PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 51.

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