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Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

# Community Members Attend White Cane Walk & Fall Kid Fish





A White Cane Walk was held on Saturday, Oct. 12 as an opportunity to learn more about community resources available to people with vision loss and celebrate their achievements.

Also known as White Cane Safety Day, the annual observance highlights the white cane as a valuable tool used by individuals who are visually impaired. The white cane is a symbol of how people with blindness or vision loss can (continued on page 4)

Kid Fish Winners: (l-r) Most Fish Caught, 1-3 year old group -Felix Racine; Biggest and Most Caught, 4-6 year old group -Gabe McCarty; Biggest & Most Fish, 7-9 year old group - Paul Stone; Most Caught, 10+ group - Inno Muniz; and Biggest Fish -Morgan Blackwell.

Kid Fish was a huge success at

(continued on page 4)

From the Sports Desk with John English

# **Brewer Cross Country Runner Advances to Regionals**



at the Oct. 11 district meet. Isabella San- Hernandez said the result was not unex**chez** took 18th place in the JV race.

The Brewer cross country team competed in their district meet this past week and one of its distance runners is headed to the regional competition next week.

Freshman Madison Carroll qualified for the regional meet with a time of 20:30.41 in the 5,000 meter event at the District 5-5A

**Madison Carrol** (left) took eighth place competition on Oct. 4, and coach Marcelo pected. (continued on page 2)

> **Check out Page 3 for the** responses to our White Settlement City Council **Candidate Questionnaire!**

# Sports Desk (continued from page 1)

"Madison Carroll has been outstanding all year long," Hernandez said. "She finished the regular season with a solid PR run finishing in eighth place and the top freshman in the district. With that, she is the Newcomer of the Year, and she will be the only qualifier for regionals."

objectives for his freshman runner at the regional meet.

"We will run regionals concentrating to running with the pack and using her strength in the middle part of the race," Hernandez said. "Here's hoping for another solid effort for her."

girl's side and seventh on the boy's side, and Hernandez said he knew there would be some tough sledding this year.

"With only one returning letterman from last year's team on the girls side, I knew it would be a tough meet," Hernandez said. "Same with the boys. Even though it was a young team, our girls team did well led by a freshman and another underclassmen in Olivia Farris. Although we came up a bit short, we've got a good core group to build from for next year."

On the gridiron, the Brewer football team was in their bye week on Oct. 11.

# EARLY VOTING BEGIN MONDAY, OCT. 21! VOTE!

# **Legal Notice**

Notice is hereby given that Barry LaJuan Wheeler, born on September 6,1962, in Los Angeles, California, has filed a petition with the Santa Monica Courthouse, Los Angeles, California, requesting that his name be changed to Barry LaJuan English, his birth certificate last name "Wheeler" is wrong due to a clerical error. This name change is being sought to ensure consistency in his identity and align all legal records with the name used. A hearing on this matter is scheduled for Nov. 1, 2024 at the Santa Monica Courthouse at 1725 Main Street Santa Monica, California. 90401. Any person who objects to this name change may appear at the hearing to show cause why this petition should not be granted.

The Bears will play Birdville tomorrow night, and coach Jason Wheeler said last Library Oct. 28 week that the Hawks are a similar program to his own.

Azle," Wheeler said. "You take a couple of plays out of the Azle game and it's a differ-Hernandez said he does have a couple of ent game, so I think that us and them and Azle are all very similar when it comes to talent and the types of things we do, so it is going to be interesting. We've got to take advantage of opportunities and not give them opportunities."

On the court, the Brewer volleyball team Brewer finished fourth as a team on the lost to Chisholm Trail by a score of 3-0 on Friday.

> Brewer will host Saginaw at 6 p.m. tomorrow evening.



From the City of White Settlement

# Teen DIY at the

Teens in the seventh through 12th grades "Birdville is a lot like us and a lot like are invited to join in for a Teen DIY and dive into a world of fun and creativity!

> On the last Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m., the White Settlement Public Library will craft cool tools, eye-catching decor, awesome fidget toys, and so much

> These are free events with all materials provided. Click here to sign up.

> Don't miss out on the fun, come create, connect, and take home your masterpieces!

> Upcoming projects include: Pet Ghosts on Oct. 28 and Holiday Cards on Nov. 25.





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# City Council Candidates Respond to Candidate Questionnaire

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with early voting taking place Oct. 21 through Nov. 1.

The November election will include Place 4 and Place 5 on the White pride in where we call home. Settlement City Council. Candidates on the ballot are:

- Harris
  - Place 5: Gregg Geesa (incumbent) and Kandace Espinosa

We asked each candidate a series of questions to aid readers in making their choices. Their responses are below.

Michael Evans and Michael Harris had not responded as of press time.

# 1. What is your educational background?

Espinosa: I have my High School Diploma, but further education wasn't needed for my life calling. The real world and life balancing surviving in this economy is my experience that I feel I am equipped for this position.

Geesa: Texas Wesleyan Certified Small Business Administration, Philips School of Sales and Marketing

Wright: Some college

# 2. How long have you lived in the city?

come.

Geesa: I was born in White Settlement in 1953. I have moved to home. Currently, I have lived here for three years and have no plans to

Wright: 6 years this time. 15 years total. Graduated BHS in 1993

## 3. How have you been involved in the community?

pleas for networking to help meet needs. I have attended community gatherings, and insightful programs put together by city officials such as "Citorganizations that I may help volunteer with throughout the city.

Geesa: I have served on the Board of Directors for the Community Garden, the Economic Development Corporation, the Civil Service Commission, and I am currently serving as the Place 5 City Councilman.

### 4. What motivated you to run for City Council?

**Espinosa**: I am a mother, wife, homeowner and active member in my community. I am ready to put back the focus of what's in the best interest with citizens input.

Geesa: Quite frankly, I wanted to understand and be involved in the process of bringing White Settlement out of what I as a citizen saw as a downward spiral and back to the vibrant town it is capable of being.

Wright: Had several people tell me that my ideas would be good for the city. I just want to help the city become the place I know it can be.

# 5. What do you hope to accomplish during your term?

**Espinosa**: To responsibly represent and adopt policies and projects that will benefit the city but will also not be a burden on citizens livelihood.

Geesa: I know this easier said than done, but I would like to accomplish a new measure of growth and prosperity, security, and a sense of

**Wright**: Continue with the accomplishments from my first term. Bring • Place 4: William Wright (incumbent), Michael Evans and Michael a food truck park to the city. Continue with the major road repairs, continue bringing businesses to the city and work to increase revenue for the city outside of property taxes.

# 6. What is the biggest project you envision for the city?

**Espinosa**: Bringing business to flourish and community events. I will be for the road and beautification work to be done so that we are attracting businesses and families to join our wonderful city.

Geesa: There are so many projects that need to be done that it is difficult to decide where to start. Infrastructure as in Water, Sewer, and Road repair, are key; Security as in Police, Fire, and Code Enforcement are just as important; Transparency and Accountability in our City Government and its employees is a must. These are the things that must be in place in order to succeed at our largest project which is White Settlement's Growth.

Wright: A new fire station for the fire department and a food truck park. As well as revitalizing the skate park.

# Espinosa: Almost 5 years and plan to remain a resident for decades to 7. What issues do you believe are most important to residents and how to you intend to address them?

Espinosa: Representation. Keeping communication open and acceswherever my employer sent me over the years, but I have always returned sible for everyone, even if they may speak a different language. I do not want there to be any barriers to prevent a citizen from reaching out to their representatives. I will go above and beyond to meet and communicate with members of the community of any concerns and/or suggestions they may have, ensuring they will be heard.

Geesa: The big three are obviously Water, Sewer, and Roads. With the Espinosa: You may have seen me around the city helping with food exception of the last three or four years, our city government did not addistributions, lending a hand to a neighbor and answering social media dress these issues for probably 20 years. The lack of planning for maintenance of our water system, sewer lines, street design and repairs, has landed us ni a precarious position; that of needing these services without izens Police Academy". I am actively joining programs, meetings and the funds of pay for them. Possibly our past city government did not have access to a budget to pay for these issues. Residential property values can only account for a limited amount of tax revenue to be used to fund the city. When that money is spent, nothing can move forward. When our infrastructure is not working properly, no one wants of build new homes or Wright: 6 years. Started with going to meetings, then serving on the open new businesses that provide more tax revenue to maintain our shared Parks and Rec board, the for the last 2.5ish years as Councilman Place 4. services. Our city and its services wither away, neighborhoods become run down, crime moves in, and we lose civic pride. In the past, White Settlement had the reputation of being unfriendly to businesses. The city was too demanding, permits were hard to get. Business owners felt as though they were not welcome within our city limits. In the last couple of years of our citizens first and to be a solid representative who listens and works that has begun to change. New homes are being built and most importantly new businesses are popping up, bringing new life and revenue to the city! With the availability of these new funds, I intend to push forward with the infrastructure repairs and maintenance needed to attract even more homes and businesses that can serve the needs of our citizens.

> Wright: Crime is a very important issue. I plan to continue giving the WSPD what they need to effectively fight crime. Road repairs. I plan to keep pushing for major street repairs and resurfacing. Look at ways to have a crew that focuses on pothole repairs. Restaurants and stores. The citizens want more places to shop and eat. I plan to continue to talk to potential business owners and work to get them to come to the city.

# White Cane Walk & Kid Fish (continued from page 1)

move around independently and safely.

The walk began at West Elementary School and ended at the Recreation Center, approximately .9 of a mile. White Settlement's Fire Department, Police Department Citizens on Patrol (COP), community members, families and other dignitaries participated in this successful event.



Representing the Lions Club were: (1-r) Jim Byron and Judy Scott.



Mayor Faron Young, Alisha Perez, Athena Berleth and "Koi Fish" Avangelise **Perez** participated at the function.



COP Brent Snelling, Sgt. Stewart, Officer Hale and COP Don Wagnon.



Veterans Park on Oct. 12! Raffle tickets were given to registered participants for prizes; trophies were awarded to individuals that caught the Most and Biggest fish. Event staff was available to assist those with reel, rods and bait. The function was enjoyed by everyone on a gorgeous day.



Officer Laura Gonzalez, Chief Chris Cook, City Manager Jeff James and Adrianne Stewart participated at Kid Fish.



Ezra Rogers and Gabriel McCarty took part at the event.

Pictured right: Hugo, Aracely, Isaac and Elijah Cantù enjoyed family time at the fishing event.



Kid Fish event staff: (1-r) Yvette Washington, Michael Hopping, Braden Dill and Mo Barrett.



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From the City of White Settlement

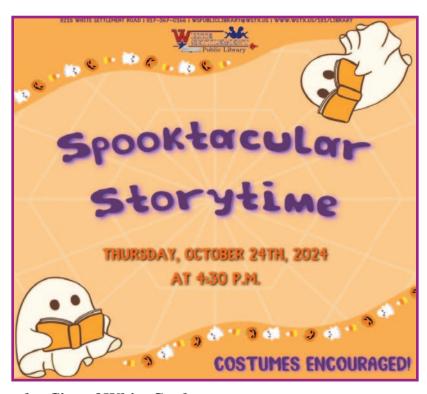
# Senior Food Drive Ends Nov. 1

We're kicking off our annual food drive and would love your **Available at the Library** support.

If you would like to donate some non-perishable food items, they may be dropped off at the Library, Recreation Center, or Senior Center during their open hours.

Your generosity will ensure that our seniors have enough food during the holidays when things are a bit quieter.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Mo at 817-470-2525.



From the City of White Settlement

# Community Cleanup Weekend Oct. 19 & 20

White Settlement residents may drop off limbs, brush, or bulk items at the Corner of Melrose and Meadow Park on Saturday, Oct. 19 and Sunday, Oct. 20.

Items such as appliances with freon, tires, electronics, or household hazardous cannot be accepted.

This free event is for White Settlement residents only and proof of residency must be shown.

Participants must bring a driver's license showing White Settlement residency and your latest City of White Settlement residential water bill to use this service.

Each address is allowed one dropoff per Community Cleanup weekend, and residents may only drop off during 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. to noon on Sundays, when city staff is in attendance.

Anything dropped off outside of the listed dates and times is considered illegal dumping. Please note, this is a first come, first served opportunity. If the dumpsters reach max capacity before the end of the weekend the event may be closed early.

From the White Settlement Public Library

# **Braille Collection Now Available at the Library**

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new braille collection, making literature and learning accessible to everyone! This collection will feature braille books for all age groups, as well as braille and tactile games and toys. Mayor Faron Young announced the collection at the conclusion of the city's first-ever White Cane Walk!

He also highlighted the Talking Book Program from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, which provides digital audio, large print, and braille books and magazines to Texans who cannot read standard print due to a qualifying visual, physical, or reading disability.

For now, cardholders will be able to check out one braille item at a time. If you're not yet a member, don't worry! You can easily sign up for a library card: **click here** for information on how to apply.

To learn more about the Talking Book Program, visit: https://www.tsl.texas.gov/tbp/aboutus.

Together, let's make our library a welcoming space for everyone!



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

# Mary Isham Keith Chapter, NSDAR, Celebrates the 125th Anniversary of the DAR Hospital Corps

Mary Isham Keith Chapter, National Soci- Month. ety Daughters of the American Revolution, re-

cently enjoyed a fun and informative October of Commemorative Events, Regent Charlsey pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness (Army Ret.), guest speaker, as well as members DAR Hospital Corps, was the highlight of the



Mary Isham Keith Chapter and Prospective members.



Colonel Karen Nauschetz (Army, Ret.) as Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, Founder of the DAR Hospital Corps.



Prospective members Marcia Galiga and Brenda Crump.





Nurses who were honored at the luncheon include: (1-r) Becky Gray, Nancy Rash, Katie Crow, Virginia Sue Zwick, Kris Davies, Col. Beverly Belew (Army, Ret.), Regent Charlsey Holler and Col. Karen Nauschetz (Army, Ret.)

and prospective members to the celebration of As part of the flat George Washington Tour the 125th Anniversary of the DAR Hospital Corps. Colonel Nauschuetz's presentation about chapter meeting. Chapter members dressed in Holler welcomed Colonel Karen Nauschuetz Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, Founder of the gathering. As part of her program, Mary Isham Keith Chapter nurses were honored with pins and certificates.

> The DAR Hospital Corps was founded in April 1898 during the Spanish American War to provide nurses for the war effort. At the onset of the Spanish-American War, the Surgeon General requested and promptly received congressional authority to appoint women nurses under contract.

> Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee was placed in charge of selecting graduate nurses for the Army and suggested that the DAR act as an application review board for military nursing services. Thus, the DAR Hospital Corps was founded, with Dr. McGee as its director. The DAR Hospital Corps certified 1,081 nurses for service during the Spanish-American War. The DAR later funded private pensions for many of the nurses who did not qualify for government pensions. Dr. McGee wrote the section of the Army Reorganization Act legislation pertaining to nursing and is now known as the founder of the Army Nurse Corps. (source: NSDAR National Website)

> The NSDAR is a non-profit, non-political volunteer service organization and lineage society. More than one million women have found purpose and passion in DAR membership.

> For more information about how to find your American Revolutionary patriot or DAR programs, email mikregent2023@gmail.com.



# Texans can Spring Into Action by Planting Native Wildflower Seeds in the Fall

beautiful wildflowers that line hills and highways every spring. species, human food crops and even crops for livestock. What many wildflower admirers may not know is that fall is the blooms.

with appropriate watering or rainfall for seeds to germinate in the fall and be ready to bloom in the spring. Texas Parks and Wildlife and be selective to not introduce non-native plants to their prop-

Native wildflowers provide critical habitat for pollinators, many of which have seen declines in their population. These important



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One of the many things Texas is known for is the abundance of insects, birds and mammals are key to sustaining native plant

"Native plants are adapted to our soils and growing conditions ideal time to plant wildflower seeds in preparation for those spring just as our native pollinators are adapted to those same plants," said Craig Hensley, Texas nature tracker biologist. "Native plants form Many native wildflowers, including the famed bluebonnets and the foundation of healthy food webs and sustain pollinators who in Indian paintbrushes, require colder soil temperatures combined turn provide food for other wildlife from birds to amphibians, reptiles and mammals."

As more than 94 percent of Texas lands are privately owned, ef-Department (TPWD) biologists encourage people to do their refective native pollinator conservation requires landowner engagesearch before buying commercially available native seeds packets ment and involvement. Texans can play a significant role in conserving and maintaining populations of native pollinators by applying management practices that benefit these species.

Planting your own backyard wildflower pollinator garden:

- Pick a spot in the yard or garden that doesn't have preexisting turf (St. Augustine and Bermuda) or remove turf if needed.
- Scatter seed by hand. Smaller seeds are easier to handle if mixed with sand. One part seed to four parts sand.
- Rake or tamp in seeds, but make sure they are only about 1/8 inch deep; seeds need will need the sun to germinate.
- Keep moist for several days unless rainfall is expected. Water every 2-3 weeks during prolonged periods of no rain during the winter.

For landowners with larger tracts of land who are interested in native pollinator conservation, the TPWD private lands program and local biologists can offer management recommendations.

Once flowers bloom in the spring, enjoy their beauty until all have bloomed, withered, dried and had an opportunity to drop their seeds before mowing fields or trimming plants back. You might also consider leaving the dead stems, as they provide nesting homes for many of our solitary bee pollinators. Typically, this occurs in late June and early July. Allowing the plants to drop their seeds creates a seed bank that will provide more plants for years.

For additional native wildflower resources, go to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center or Native Plant Society of Texas pages. To learn more about insect pollinators, go to the TPWD Monarch Butterfly and Other Insect Pollinators page.

# From Don't Forget to Feed Me

# **Pet Food Resources**

Sometimes people fall on hard times and feeding their pets becomes harder and harder. There is help available for getting food to feed your animals!

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# A History of Halloween

ment, charged with the imagination and the spirit of adventure that makes childhood such a memorable time. Many children never outgrow their love for the day and pass on the joy of trick-or-treating to their children and grandchildren or enjoy Halloween parties as adults. Halloween has a history dating back centuries.

The roots of Halloween lay deep in old Christian traditions. Halloween is separate from the old harvest festivals common in Europe before the arrival of Christianity, but elements of these traditions would continue in celebrations in the British Isles.

Pope Gregory III established All Saints' Day on Nov. 1 as a day of remembrance in the 730s. From its earliest days, the night of Oct. 31 was marked as the beginning of the observance.

All Saints' Day was considered to be a day to remember the deceased, particularly the saints and martyrs of the church. The English began referring to All Saints' Day as Allhallowtide or Hallowmas by 1471.

The word came from older, more archaic words "hallow," which meant "holy" while "tide" meant "time." On the night before, All Hallow's Eve, many Roman Catholics at the time would visit cemeteries and pray for the dead. Over time, "All Hallow's Eve" or "All Hallow's Evening" was whittled down to "Halloween."

Elements of trick-or-treating began in the Middle Ages as the poor would go to the wealthy and ask for special treats for the day, soul cakes, in exchange for praying for their deceased loved ones. By the 1800s in Scotland and Ireland, trick-or-treating had evolved into dressing into costumes and going door-to-door for treats and moved away from the religious observance.

In Poland, the tradition for Halloween night has long been that people would pray out loud as they walked through forests in order to comfort the souls of the deceased. In Spain, church bells ring through the night to remind the faithful to pray for the dead.

In Eastern Orthodox countries of East Europe, however, prayer vigils are still

more Scottish and Irish immigrants moved to the United States, the trick-or-treating trachildren began making their own costumes for Halloween by the late 1800s. The term "trick-or-treating" began to appear in the early twentieth century, and the famed Halacross the nation by the 1920s. Today, various estimates have stated that as many as trick-or-treating each year.

centuries old. In Ireland, the jack-o-lantern was carved from turnips and carried on All Hallow's Eve to scare off evil spirits, a tradition dating back centuries. By the time this tradition arrived in the United States by the nineteenth century, the native pumpkin began to be used instead. Bobbing for apples, a popular Halloween game, dates to the 1700s.

Unlike Christmas, Halloween, particularly as it is practiced in the United States, is not as widely celebrated around the world. Many of the traditions observed in America are practiced in Canada, Scotland, and Ireland. Halloween is slowly catching on in Japan and in areas of Germany and India, mostly in the forms of costumes and Halloween parties.

Across Mexico and Latin America, All Saint's Day and Day of the Dead are celebrated back-to-back on successive days. Observances for the Day of the Dead are preferred, taking place each year on Nov. 2 as many will dress up as the dead on a day to remember friends and family who have passed on. A popular legend on the Day of the Dead in Latin America is that the spirits of the deceased will walk the Earth once more on that night. Schools in Ireland will often close on Halloween while in Mexico, schools will often close on the Day of the Dead.

In modern times, Americans buy upwards of 90 million pounds of candy each year. This amounts to about \$3.6 billion. The most popular candy in 2023 was choc-

Halloween is a day filled with excite- sometimes held on the night of Oct. 31. As olate, according to the National Confectioners Association.

> The most popular children's costume dition came with them. Many American was Spiderman, with an estimated 2.6 million children dressing up as Spiderman in some form. Americans spend more than \$8 billion each year on costumes and decorations for the evening's festivities, accordloween tradition had fully established itself ing to the National Retail Federation. Schools and churches regularly sponsor trunk-or-treat events and Halloween parties. 40 million American children participate in Halloween has been a special part of childhood for generations. With its continued Many other features of Halloween are popularity and mountains of candy, it will continue to be a part of American culture for years to come.



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# Friday, Oct. 18:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 77. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 55. Southeast wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



# Saturday, Oct. 19:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 79. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. **PM** - Clear, with a low around 55. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.



# Sunday, Oct. 20:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 80. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. **PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 58. East southeast wind around 5 mph.

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