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From White Settlement ISD

Middle and High School Bands Bring Home Sweepstakes Trophies at UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Competition



This is a history making year for our bands! WSISD took five bands at the middle and high school levels to the UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Competition, and all five earned Sweepstakes Trophies!

Congratulations to the Fightin' Bear Band Directors: Andrew Williams, Stephanie Ballaro, Keith Duke, Elaine Johnson, Jordyn Gonzalez, Alicia Alonzo and Cara Goings. Color Guard Director is Rachel Holland.

The Varsity Wind Ensemble, directed by Andrew Williams, earned Sweepstakes with Superior ratings on both stage and sight-reading for the sixth consecutive year.

The Symphonic Band, conducted by Stephanie Ballaro, earned Sweepstakes for the fourth consecutive year, and the Concert band, conducted by Keith Duke, also earned Sweepstakes!



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From the Tarrant Regional Water District

Spring Trash Bash Litter Cleanup Saturday

The Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) will host two litter cleanups on April 22 aimed at removing trash and debris from the Trinity River in Fort Worth, as well as Marine Creek Lake in northwest Tarrant County.

The Trinity River Spring Trash Bash, held between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., will feature nine cleanup locations along the Clear and West Forks of the river throughout Fort Worth. Prior to the event, volunteers will be provided trash bags and gloves in order to safely collect the trash.

Participants can pick up trash throughout the morning, and then attend the Trash Bash Volunteer After-Party located at Coyote Drive-In located at 223 NE Fourth Street, Fort Worth 76164.



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Texas Department of Transportation

TxDOT Connecting Texas 2050

TxDOT will host an in-person meeting at the TxDOT Fort Worth District office in the RTC Rooms located at 2501 W. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX, 76133 on Thursday, May 4 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

TxDOT staff will present updates on Connecting Texas 2050.

The statewide long-range transportation plan will highlight current and future transportation choices, and how they integrate as a system to serve Texans and our economy.

For questions or comments, contact TxDOT at 817-370-6744 or visit [TxDOT online](#).

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From the Sports Desk with John English

High School Softball: Lady Bears Compete at Azle Friday

The Brewer softball team went 1-1 last week, with a victory over Saginaw and loss to Aledo, and coach Amye Guin said the week was a bit of a mixed bag.

"We played a great game versus Saginaw," Guin said. "Versus Aledo, we just couldn't get our bats going and they were on it offensively. They are a great team that we always enjoy playing in order to make us a better competitor."

Karlie Landrum went seven innings, allowing two runs on five hits and striking out two to pick up the win against Saginaw last Tuesday. Hannah Caldwell, Landrum, Blair Shipman, and Parker Pride each had multiple hits for Brewer.

Brewer plays Azle tomorrow night and Guin said her team is ready for tough contest.

"We lost to Azle last time 5-9 and it was one of our weakest outings defensively," Guin said. "I'm looking for us to play a lot stronger like we did versus Saginaw the second time around."

Guin said on Saturday that her team is competing well and that they are liking their playoff positioning as the regular season draws to a close.

"As of today with Granbury losing to Northwest, we have clinched a playoff spot as we would have the tie-breaker over Granbury," Guin said. "The game versus Azle is a big one as it will most likely be the deciding factor for third place."

In baseball, the Bears split their series with Saginaw last week, taking the first game by a score of 1-0, but losing game two to the Rough Riders 9-0.

Brewer remained in the thick of the playoff hunt as well, as they entered this week's series with Northwest.

In track and field, Desmond Watkins won a district championship in the triple jump this past week with a result of 44-09.25, while Jodan Clark finished third at 42-08.50 in the same event for Brewer.

On the girls side, Kaylin Rendon finished second in the 3200 meters event with a time of 11:46.78 and third in the 1600 meters with a time of 5:22.56.

Eryn McKinzie finished third in the triple jump event with a result of 34-09-00, and Jaycee Wheeler was third in the discus with a throw of 104-08.00.

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White Settlement Seniors Enjoy Ukulele Lessons at the Center



Steve Thompson, John Young and Barbara Young strum along to a song with perfection.



Kathy and Lowell Bryan stay in beat with the music sheet.



Eleanore and Joe Salios participated at practice.



Chuck Sullivan comes to practice often at the Senior Center.



Mother and daughter, Mary Parker and Kimberly Galvetez have fun together at ukulele lessons.

From White Settlement ISD

BHS Sports Medicine Students Take Second Place Overall at Ultimate Athletic Training Student Championship

Brewer Sports Medicine students won second place overall in the Ultimate Athletic Training Student Championship at the North Texas Athletic Trainers Society Injury Symposium and High School Clinic!

Mackenzie Decker won first place in the ankle taping contest, and Zamiyah Broadnax, Alyssa Gavrel, Kyleigh Pomerleau, Kacey Summerville, Victoria Vasquez, and Mia Soto won first in the National Athletic Training Month Video Contest.

Jaydon Williams, Emily Montes and Sara Summerville took fourth in the Quiz Bowl Competition.



American Diplomat - Edward M. House by Dr. Ken Bridges

Edward House was a Texan determined to move the world when the world refused to be moved. He was a powerful diplomat and presidential advisor and a voice for peace in a time when so much of the world was bent on destruction.



House was born in Houston in 1858, the youngest of seven children. His father, Thomas W. House, an English immigrant, had made a fortune in banking, international trade, and real estate. As a youth, he traveled to Europe and across the nation often. He enrolled in Cornell University in New York in 1877. However, his father's declining health forced him to return to care for him.

After his father's death, he married in 1881 and continued to travel extensively to tend to the family's many business interests. He moved to Austin in 1885, where he expanded his real estate holdings and cotton plantations. While in Austin, he became friends with many prominent Texas figures, including Gov. James S. Hogg.

In 1892, Hogg turned to House for help with his re-election campaign. House traveled the state extensively, persuading prominent individuals and influential groups to back the governor. The hard work paid off, and Hogg won re-election. Though House had no military experience, a grateful Hogg rewarded him for his service with the honorary title of lieutenant colonel in the Texas National Guard. Before long, he simply became known as "Colonel House" to reporters and politicians alike. Over the next several years, House continued to play an important role in Texas politics, helping the election of governors and acting as an advisor on all aspects of their administration.

In 1911, he met New Jersey Gov. Woodrow Wilson, and the two formed an immediate friendship as Wilson prepared a run for the presidency. He advised Wilson on his campaign strategies and helped him secure the needed delegates and endorsements needed to secure the nomination. Wilson won easily in the 1912 election, defeating former President Theodore Roosevelt and the incumbent President William H. Taft.

After Wilson's inauguration, House declined to take any official role, preferring to stay in the background as a close advisor. House convinced Wilson to include several prominent Texans in his cabinet, including US Rep. Albert Burleson as postmaster general, attorney James W. Gregory as attorney general, and scholar David

Houston as Secretary of Agriculture and later as Secretary of the Treasury.

World War I and its aftermath consumed much of Wilson's presidency. The intensity of the bloodshed shocked the world. Wilson sent House all over Europe in 1915 and 1916 to try to convince the warring powers to stop the fighting. In spite of numerous efforts, the peace overtures were rejected each time, including a 1916 offer by Wilson for the United States to mediate a peace conference.

After the war ended, Wilson and House attempted to win approval for the Treaty of Versailles. House was desperate to save American support for the treaty and American entry into the League of Nations, the forerunner of the modern United Nations. He attempted to broker deals with European diplomats to make the treaty more palatable to Republican critics of Wilson who were determined to reject the treaty if only to humiliate the president.

After Wilson left office, House continued to lobby Congress to ratify the Treaty of Versailles and for American membership in the League of Nations. He continued to be active in Democratic Party politics, supporting the nomination of Franklin D. Roosevelt, another early supporter of the League of Nations, as president in 1932. However, by the 1930s, House steadily scaled back his role in politics.

He died in New York in 1938 at the age of 79.



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Friday, April 21:

AM - A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny; high near 74. N wind 5-10mph increasing to 15-20mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 30%.
PM - Mostly clear; low around 48. N wind 15-20mph becoming E/NE 5-10mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 25mph.



Saturday, April 22:

AM - Sunny; high near 70. NE wind 5-10mph, with gusts as high as 20mph.
PM - Partly cloudy; low around 49. E wind around 10mph.



Sunday, April 23:

AM - A 20% chance of showers. Partly sunny; high near 65. E wind 10-15mph, with gusts as high as 25mph.
PM - A 20% chance of showers after 1am. Mostly cloudy; low around 53.

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