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## From White Settlement ISD **Traffic Pattern Alert: Construction to Begin May 1 at BHS**

As part of the 2022 bond program, the Band Hall addition and gym renovation at Brewer High School will begin May 1.

The construction will result in several traffic changes to ensure student and staff safety. It is imperative that all indiobserve viduals traffic signage.

Pick up and drop off will remain at the front of the school; (continued on page 3)



## From the Sports Desk with John English Lady Bears to Face Northside in **Post Season Opener**

little short in its regular season finale some areas." against Azle last Friday, but had already se-Northside in the opening round of the postseason.

Brewer lost by score of 9-7 to the Lady Pride (2-3). Hornets, and coach Amye Guin said it was not for a lack of effort from her team.

sus Azle," Guin said. "Our girls fought till better defensively."

The Lady Bears softball team came up a the last inning, we just came up short in

Some of the strong efforts in the game cured a playoff spot and will face FW for the Lady Bears included Karlie Landrum (3-4, 3 runs, 1 RBI, 1 HR), Hannah Caldwell (3-4, 1 run, 3 RBIs, 1 HR) and Parker

"Blair shipman came in and threw a very good 3.1 innings only giving up one hit," "It was not the outcome we wanted ver- Guin said. "We just needed to execute a bit

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## From the City of White Settlement **Frontier Waste Public Information** Forum Tonight

The City is hosting a Frontier Waste Public Information Forum on Thursday, April 27 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Pecan Grove Convention Center located at 405 N Las Vegas Trail.

This is a chance to meet members of the Frontier Waste Solutions team and learn more about the new waste collection service that will begin on May 1.

Also on Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. we'll be holding an "all day Q&A" on the City Facebook page for anyone who has trash related questions.

If you have a question, this is another great opportunity to ask it. We're working hard to do all that we can to get you the information you need to be fully prepared for the May 1 service switchover.

If you have any remaining questions or concerns, we hope you'll take part in our Public Information Forum on Thursday.

## From the City of White Settlement **Kids Kleen It Saturday**

Join the fun for the annual Kids' "Kleen" It event on Saturday, April 29 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Gene Hatcher Pavilion at Central Park.

Kids will learn about water conservation while helping clean up the park. There will be raffles, free goodies and activities.



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## From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers Early Voting Going on Now for May 6 Special Election, WSISD School Board

tion to fill a vacancy for Mayor of White tlement. Settlement and for Places 6 and 7 on the White Settlement ISD School Board began on Monday, April 24 and will run through Tuesday, May 2.

Texas enables residents to vote early in person during the prescribed early voting period. Registered voters can go to any of the early voting locations in an election unless specified on the Early Voting Schedule. Click this link to view ID requirements for voting in person; and click this link to view the closest early voting location(s) to an address.

Early voting by personal appearance will be held Monday through Friday, April 24 through April 28 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, April 29 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, May 1 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, May 2 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the White Settlement Public Library located at

Early voting for the May 6 Special Elec- 8215 White Settlement Road in White Set-





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## Suburban Newspapers, Inc. From the City of White Settlement Fancy Nancy Mother's Day Tea Party May 11

It's time for the Library's annual Fancy Nancy Mother's Day Tea Party! Dress up in your fanciest attire and get ready for stories, activities, prizes, and fancy treats on Thursday, May 11 at 4:30 p.m.

This event grows each year and we've finally outgrown our Library classroom, so we'll be celebrating Mother's Day at the Senior Center, located at 8211 White Settlement Road. It will be the same Tea Party you know and love - just with more space.

This event is free and no registration is required.



## **BHS Traffic Pattern**

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however, drivers will no longer be able to circle the building.

#### **East Side/F Hall**

No parking or drop off will be allowed on the east side of the building by the pond 5 p.m.

Bus pick-up and drop off will be on the east side.

Limited staff parking will be available on the east side.

All band, drill team and RISE students must park in the main lot.

#### **North Side**

The road on the north side of the school (by the stadium, gym and cafeteria) will be closed. No drop off or pick up will be allowed.

The Athletic Office parking lot will only be available to athletic staff (no student parking). Student parking will be behind the indoor.

No one should enter construction areas.

Please allow additional time for drop-off and pick-up.

We appreciate your support, patience and understanding while your tax dollars are at work.



## April 27, 2023, PAGE 3 From the City of White Settlement **Great** American Cleanup May 13

Join us Saturday, May 13 at 9 a.m. for the Great American Cleanup.

This year we will focus on the creek behind the White Settlement Fire Station.

Help us clean up litter and debris in and between the hours of 7:30 to 9 a.m. and 3 to around the creek. We will have all the cleanup supplies, raffles, giveaways and lots of fun Keeping White Settlement Beautiful.

## **Sports Desk**

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Reflecting on the regular season as a whole, Guin said that her team had to overcome a lot of hurdles to accomplish what they did.

"Season wise, the team has fought through multiple injuries and have done well moving around positionally," Guin said. "Our district as a whole was very good competition and we are looking forward to what the playoffs bring."

Brewer will play Northside at a time and date to be determined in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

In track and field, Brewer had a solid showing at the area competition this past week, winning gold in the boy's triple jump event.

Desmond Watkins won the area championship with a result of 44-03.00 and teammate Jodan Clark finished third in the same event with a result of 43-07.50.

Ki Rendon finished second in the girl's 1600 meter run with a time of 5:17.87 and third in the 3200 meters with a time of 11:56.12.

Eryn McKinzie finished fourth in the girl's triple jump with a result of 34-10.50 and Jaycee Wheeler was fourth in the girl's discus with a throw of 114-04-00.

In baseball, Brewer lost to Northwest in both games this past week.

The Bears will try to finish out the regular season on a high note this week against Azle.

### Suburban Newspapers, Inc. From Tarrant Area Food Bank **TAFB** is Faced with Empty Shelves, Yet an Increase in Demand

The Tarrant Area Food Bank(TAFB) is support now more than ever." facing a food shortage and a myriad of other munities in need in its 13-county service area, and there is little end in sight. Faced with empty shelves that are limiting distribution to their 450+ agency partners, TAFB is once again experiencing a perfect storm. Donations of food and money are down as donors shift attention from COVID-19 and country and here in the Tarrant area. food industry partners operate with drastically reduced surplus, from which the TAFB receives most of its supply. To close the supply gap, the Tarrant Area Food Bank has been purchasing food at historic, yet unsustainable levels. In the meantime, the food bank is distributing less foods to partner agencies and through mobile distributions.

of the Tarrant Area Food Bank. "We need www.tafb.org/donate.

Hunger increases during the summer due factors, as it tries to rally support for com- to children's lack of access to school feeding programs. On top of this seasonal increase in the Quilt Club volunteers while you make a the demand for food, record inflation, a reduction in SNAP benefits and loss of coverage in Medicaid benefits due to the end of

> 12 percent over the previous year and wages ladies are asked to bring brunch or snack have not kept pace. When families struggle, items. Their next meeting is on Monday, they first cut food budgets to pay for other necessities such as rent. As a result, the Tarrant Area Food Bank is distributing a record ganization, and the members of this group one million meals per week.

Never has the summer hunger campaign "Our shelves in the distribution center at been so critical, and the hope is that the Tarthe Tarrant Area Food Bank are not stacked rant Area Food Bank will be able to Serve comfort for local children who have sufwhere they should be at this time of the Up Summer to hungry families through imyear" said Julie Butner, President and CEO mediate public support by visiting



## April 27th - 5 pm to 6 pm **Pecan Grove Convention Center 405 N Las Vegas Trail**

## From the Project Linus Blanketeers First Monday Quilt **Club - Project Linus** Volunteers Needed

Come join the fun and fellowship with difference in our community and bless others by making quilts for Project Linus.

The First Monday Quilt Club meets on government pandemic assistance programs the first Monday of each month at Bethany has put a strain on consumers across the Christian Church located at 1500 Meadow Park Drive in White Settlement from 10 Grocery prices continue to run at or near a.m. to 1 p.m. Instead of a potluck lunch, May 1.

> Project Linus is a non-profit service orare Tarrant County Chapter Project Linus volunteers who create handmade quilts and blankets that provide love, warmth, and fered 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 the website at www.projectlinus.org.

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

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#### Suburban Newspapers, Inc. Texas History Minute Former Governor of Texas, James Throckmorton by Dr. Ken Bridges

James Throckmorton was a pioneer, doctor, lawyer, congressman, and governor. In spite of an impressive career, he often found himself caught between the great forces of history that were tearing the nation apart.

Throckmorton was born in 1825 in Sparta in central Tennessee. His father was a physician and moved often. Eventually, the Throckmortons made their way to Texas, and the family became early settlers of Collin County, settling not far from what is now Melissa in 1841 near the modern US Highway 75.



Throckmorton's father died in 1842, and he had to help care for his seven brothers and sisters. Later, he went to Kentucky to study medicine. He returned to Texas in 1847 when the Mexican War erupted and served as an army surgeon. After the war, he established a successful medical practice in Collin County and helped establish a private school in Mantua. However, he grew disenchanted with medicine and turned to law.

He served three terms in the Texas House of Representatives from 1851 to 1857. While in the legislature, he focused on education and railroad development, two causes that would mark his career. In 1857, Throckmorton rose to the state senate and allied with Sam Houston against the rising forces of secession in Texas. Throckmorton became a close advisor to Houston, now governor, as the Civil War loomed, but the election of Abraham Lincoln as president in 1860 prompted a wave of secession that engulfed Texas.

In 1861, he was a delegate to the secession convention and became one of only eight delegates to reject disunion. He remained close to Houston in the desperate weeks as Houston crossed the state pleading to save the Union. Because of their efforts, Collin, along with several counties along the Red River (including Fannin, Lamar, and Grayson), voted against secession in a February referendum. However, in the fevered atmosphere, most voted in favor of secession.

Throckmorton stepped forward and volunteered to defend Texas during the Civil War, rising from captain to general by 1864. In 1866, he chaired a convention of Unionists to draft a new constitution for the state, one that recognized the realities of the postwar South. The new constitution was ratified and Throckmorton was elected governor with 79 percent of the vote.

The war wrecked the state's economy and violence plagued both whites and freedmen alike. Texas contended with this chaos as Union troops attempted to re-establish order. Throckmorton attempted to rebuild the state, emphasizing new schools and railroads. While the slaves had been freed, the policy of the United States government was that giving the freedmen the vote and equality under the law was essential to preserving the freedoms of the former slaves. While Throck-

morton accepted the end of slavery, giving African-Americans the vote was a step he could not take, and he clashed with federal officials. Barely a year after Throckmorton became governor, Gen. Philip Sheridan ordered him and other elected officials removed from their posts for opposing Reconstruction.

In 1872, his ban on holding office was lifted and he plotted his political comeback. He was elected to Congress in 1874 and re-elected in 1876. A respected figure, he was named Chairman on the Committee on Pacific Railroads in 1877, an important position as the railroads surged westward across the frontier. He soon moved for higher offices. In 1878, he ran for governor but lost the nomination. In 1881, he lost a bid for U.S. Senate. The next year, however, he ran for Congress and won easily.

In 1886, he announced his retirement and returned to Texas. He resumed his law practice in McKinney as his health declined. He died in 1894. Throckmorton remained widely respected in his community, with residents later naming a street after him and erecting a statue in his honor.

## **APRIL 29TH 9AM TO 11AM**

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#### Suburban Newspapers, Inc. Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt Earth Day at the NASJRB

Members from the American Legion Post 297 Auxiliary Unit along with employees from the Bxtra at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base hosted an Arts and Crafts event at the facility recently recognizing Earth Day. Tables were set up with colored markers, jewels, pipe cleaners, stickers and colored confetti to decorate rocks and clay pots to plant sunflower seeds. Cupcakes and gold fish were provided for those who participated.

It's unclear who had the most fun, the kids or the adults!



Niyah Clark and her mother Tamera Clark get creative with their clay pot.



**Thornton Wager**, E5 Petty Officer, U.S. Navy, got in on the action at the event.



Ms. Brown, Grocery Manager; Claudia Acuna, BXtra Department Manager; Laura Brown, BXtra Shift Manager; Christine Willesen and sitting Lisa Hoote, American Legion Post 297 Auxiliary Unit members all enjoyed helping and making crafts.

## April 27, 2023, PAGE 7 From the City of White Settlement Teen Game Night at the White Settlement Public Library May 8

Join us for Teen Game Night on Monday, May 8 at 4:30 p.m. at the White Settlement Public Library located at 8215 White Settlement Rd.

This month we'll be playing card games like Uno and Exploding Kittens.

This is a free event for teens in the seventh through 12th grades.

No registration is required.



Nicholas Clark, Sr. helps his son Nicholas Clark, Jr. with hot glue gun work.



Gina Zarate brought her daughters Sophia and Selena to the occasion.







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# Three Day Weekend Forecast



### Friday, April 28:

<u>AM</u> - Showers and thunderstorms. Sunny; high near 81. S/SE wind 5-15mph, gusts as high as 20mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

<u>PM</u> - Possibility of a thunderstorm. Mostly cloudy; low around 55. SE wind around 15mph becoming N after midnight. Wind gusts as high as 25mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.



### Saturday, April 29:

<u>AM</u> - A 30% chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 68. N/NW wind around 20mph, with gusts as high as 30mph.

<u>PM</u> - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy; low around 52. N/NW wind 10-15mph, with gusts as high as 25mph.



## Sunday, April 30:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny, with a high near 76. NW wind 10-15 mph, with gusts as high as 20mph. <u>PM</u> - Clear; low around 52.

## **Extended Forecast Click Here**