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From the Sports Desk with John English

Brewer Basketball Coach Celebrates 300 Career Wins



Brewer boy's basketball coach Jason Porostovsky picked up his 300th career victory on Friday night with a 56-46 win over Wylie East to improve to 9-2 on the season.

Porostovsky said, overall, his team played well in the game and said he had one stand out performance in particular.

"Julian Perez led the team in scoring with 30 points," Porostovsky said. "We played really hard the first half, started the second with way to many turnovers, but righted the ship in the fourth quarter to secure the win."

Porostovsky was modest regarding his 300th career win and his grateful to his school for the opportunity he has been given.

"It just means I have been at Brewer a long time, which is tough to do these days," Porostovsky said. "Coaches normally don't stay that long at one school. But Brewer has been a fantastic place to coach."

The Bears followed up the victory over Wylie East with a loss to DeSoto on Saturday by a score of 48-40, and Porostovsky said he was happy with the way his team fought until the end.

"We had a slow start to the game, digging ourselves a deficit early," Porostovsky said. "We managed to (continued on page 7)

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Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

White Settlement Christmas Parade Draws Large Crowd

The annual parade was held on Dec. 2 including hundreds of participants - the Brewer Band, Drill Team, Cheerleaders, Student Council, city dignitaries, various groups, decorated cars, trucks, Jeeps and several floats marched and spread Christmas cheer!

Pictured below: The Brewer High School girls Softball Team's float wowed the audience with fake snow!





Pamela Hrabal (pictured left) decorated her mini automobile!

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From the White Settlement Public Library From the City of White Settlement

Teen Game Night: Christmas Movie Trivia Dec. 11

Join us for Teen Game Night on Monday, Dec. 11 at 4:30 p.m. at the White Settlement Public Library, located at 8215 White Settlement Rd. in White Settlement.

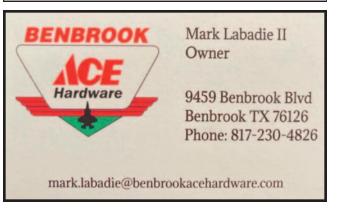
This month we'll be playing Christmas Movie Trivia and yes, there will be prizes for the winners as well as yummy Christmas treats for all!

This is a free event for teens in the seventh through 12th grades. No registration is required.









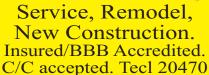
TinkerLab at the Library Dec. 14

At TinkerLab, kids of all ages will enjoy a variety of STEAM-based activities individually or in small groups (STEAM = Science | Technology | Engineering | Arts | Math).

Currently, TinkerLab is held on the sec-Public Library, located at 8215 White Settlement Rd. in White Settlement. This is a come-and-go event, you will not miss out if you need to arrive late!

Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

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Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

White Settlement Historic Museum Hosts Christmas Event

The White Settlement Historic Museum held a Christmas event on Dec. 2 at the facility. Live music, pictures with Santa, hot chocolate made on a campfire and a half-hour 19th Century Christmas church service was enjoyed by everyone who participated.



Jon and **Mary Pugh** brought their Chuckwagon and shared how, back in the 1800's, the wagon supported the cattle drive with meals, first aide, horse shoe replacements, carried bedding for cowboys and much more.



The Blue Dog Band members **Holden Forrester**, **Penny Conn**, **Liam Forrester** and **Rick Sturm** performed holiday music.



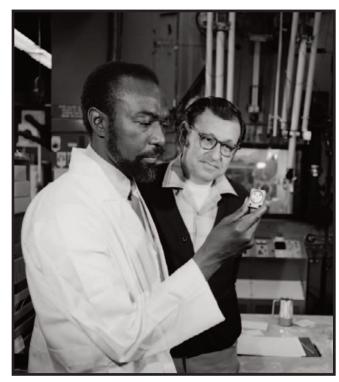
Ron Paynter aka Thimblerig (left), WSHM Manager Carol Davis and Louis Pastusek aka Sgt. Butterbean made an appearance at the event.



Santa Claus (**Rick Watson**) visited with excited children on the porch of the Allen log cabin.

Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges

American Radiochemist, James Andrew Harris



problems from multiple viewpoints and de-physics. vise increasingly creative ways of uncoverelement.

in 1932. His parents divorced when he was tirely. Other known isotopes of Rutheryoung, leaving his mother to raise the future fordium have half-lives ranging from less 2000 at the age of 68. scientist alone. They eventually moved to than a second to 15 minutes. These short Oakland, California, where he attended high half-lives make it very difficult to study. school in the late 1940s.

to Texas. He enrolled at Huston-Tillotson tion of yet another new element. Element College in Austin. He excelled at his studies 105, consisting of 105 protons (as opposed and graduated with a bachelors degree in to just eight protons for oxygen or two prochemistry in 1953. He enlisted in the army tons for helium) was itself very unstable, after graduation. Harris served for two and the atoms decayed quickly into other years, rising to the rank of sergeant before elements. Little is known about its nature his honorable discharge in 1955.

the army in spite of his credentials. Eventime. tually, he landed a job at Tracerlab, a Cali-

fornia company that specialized in making wanted to list Element 105 as Hahnium after In 1960, he accepted a position as a nuclear discovery of nuclear fission. chemist at the Lawrence Radiation Labo-Berkeley.

Lawrence Radiation Lab that included noted wever, other scientists pointed out that the scientist Dr. Albert Ghiorso, when they dis- Russian team had admitted altering their covered an entirely new element, one never data. Years of debates followed the competfound in nature. This element, Element 104, ing claims. The American team was ultiwas eventually named Rutherfordium in mately able to name Rutherfordium while 1997, after New Zealand native and physi- Russian scientists were allowed to give the cist Ernest Rutherford. Rutherford won the name Dubnium to Element 105, after Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1908 for his Dubna, the city that housed the research lab. work in discovering the radioactive half-In science, the passion for discovery lives of elements and differentiating be- no practical use for them has been devised drives great minds to answer the great quest ween types of radiation from the decay of beyond laboratory experiments. tions about the world. The competitive at- particles and whose work is considered by mosphere demands that scientists look at scientists to be the beginning of nuclear co-discovery and toured the country giving

ing knowledge. This process of research with chemical properties similar to titanium doctorate for his work in 1973. and experimentation has created the scien- or zirconium. The element was difficult to James Andrew Harris was born in Waco transform itself into a different element en- with the Berkeley research team.

In 1970, Harris, Ghiorso, and their team After graduation in 1949, Harris returned made another breakthrough with the producexcept that it is a metal. The two elements Harris found it difficult to find work after were the largest atoms discovered up to that

The American researchers initially

radiation-detecting equipment. Along the German scientist Otto Hahn, who won the way, Harris married and raised five children. Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1944 for his

A team of Russian scientists at the Joint ratory at the University of California at Institute for Nuclear Research in Dubna, Russia, claimed that they had discovered In 1969, Harris was part of a team at the both of the elements first in the 1960s. Ho-

At this point, the elements are so rare that

Harris was praised by colleagues for his periodic lectures on his work. Huston-Til-Rutherfordium is an extremely rare metal lotson College awarded Harris an honorary

Harris retired in 1988. Today, 118 eletific and technological marvels of the mod- isolate. The atom itself is large and un- ments are known to exist, either in nature or ern world. Though Texas has been home to stable. Its most stable form is Ruther- in the lab. Along with Dr. Gregory Chopin, many great minds, one stands out in the field fordium-267, consisting of 104 protons and co-discoverer of the radioactive element of chemistry, James Harris (left). Harris 163 neutrons. Because it is so unstable, it is Mendelevium, Harris is one of only two was a key member of a research team that radioactive and has a radioactive half-life of Texans be credited with co-discovery of an discovered two new elements, making him around 10 minutes. That is, in 1.3 hours, element. And he is to this day the only Afone of only two Texans to help discover an half of the atoms in a sample will spray off rican-American to be responsible for the disso many subatomic particles that it will covery of any new element due to his work

Harris died at his home in California in



From the White Settlement Historical Society From White Settlement ISD

Winter Meeting and Christmas Party Dec. 9

The White Settlement Historical Society will meet for their 48th winter quarterly meeting followed by a bring-a-shared-dish Christmas Party, holiday songs and a white elephant gift exchange game on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the White Settlement Senior Services Center, located at 8211 White Settlement Rd.

Attendees are requested to bring an unwrapped, small gift in a gift sack, bag or box to be exchanged by the drawing of numbers and share a plate of your favorite holiday food or dessert treat for the refreshments table.

Please renew your \$10 Single or \$15 Family/Group annual membership dues as they help to support our \$500 BHS Society Scholarship, clean, document and maintain local historic cemeteries like Thompson Public and Isbell and other related activities.

817-246-9717 visit Call http://www.wsmuseum.com/WSHS more details or any questions.

From White Settlement ISD

Communication Links for Parents

If you haven't already, sign up for Skyward/ Gradebook/Family Access, which provides your child's grades, attendance and class schedule. Also, sign up for Canvas, which houses assignments, expectations, class presentations, and more. Families only sign up one time.

We use the Skylert and SchoolStatus messaging systems as a way to communicate with families via email, text and phone. Make sure your number is correct in our system.

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White Settlement ISD Comfort Dogs **Graduate from Good Canine Academy**



Meet two of White Settlement ISD's sure they get a chance to interact with him!" newest comfort dogs, Pecos and Turbo.

dogs who recently "graduated" from Good Canine Academy and will now serve as support dogs in our district. Their owners are Liberty Elementary teachers Lindsey Kappan and Jennifer Carr.

"Pecos brings so much positivity and joy to Liberty students," said Kappan. "He gives the kids something to look forward to each week because they have the opportunity to read to him and share how they're solving their math problems."

Both teachers said having the dogs in the classroom is positively impacting student behavior and academics.

"The students are working hard to earn time to pet Turbo," said Carr. "They make



WSISD staff members and their dogs re-They were among 11 WSISD comfort ceive specialized training from Good Canine Academy so they can provide an added level of support for both students and staff.





DEC 2ND: LIGHT THE NIGHT CHRISTMAS PARADE DEC 5TH: CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DEC 15TH POLAR EXPRESS MOVIE NIGHT AT REC DEC 16TH: PAWS HOME FOR HOLIDAYS DEC 16TH-17TH: COMMUNITY CLEANUP DEC 22ND-25TH: CITY OFFICES CLOSED(CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY)

DEC 29TH-JAN 1ST: CITY OFFICES CLOSED (NEW YEARS HOLIDAY)

Around the Town (photos continued from page 1)



These two parade entrants wave to the audience.



Santa (Rick Smelley) with family members ended the parade.



Aarlene Lerma waits for the parade to start in her front yard with her dogs "Luna" and "Reese".



April Rivas and Mia Rodriguez (Grinch) tossed lit Christmas light necklaces to the audience.







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claw back into the game, but could never make that big basket down the stretch."

Perez led the Bears in scoring against DeSoto as well with 20 points.

Brewer will compete in the Moritz Classic in Aledo this weekend, and Porostovsky said he wants his team to work on a couple of areas.

"The Moritz classic has traditionally been a solid tournament," Porostovsky said. "But right now we need to focus on ourselves, getting our team more disciplined and tougher at this point in the season."



On the girl's side, Brewer defeated South Hills by a score of 80-1 last Thursday, and won the Cowtown Classic over the weekend. Eryn McKinzie earned MVP and Jayla Jackson-Allen and Aolani Woldai, All-Tourney.

Brewer will host Tenaha at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow.

From the City of White Settlement

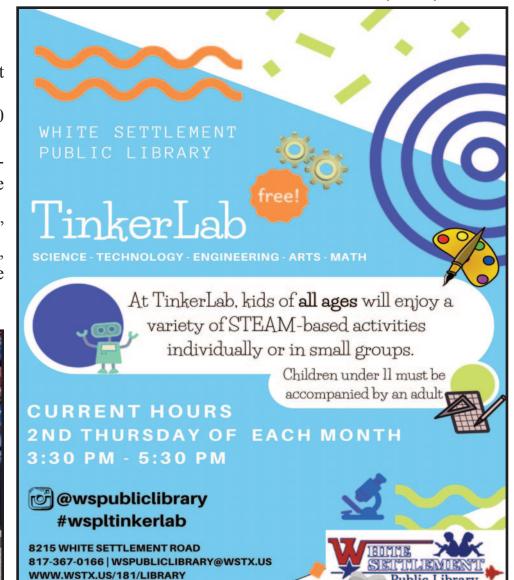
Community Clean Up Weekend Dec. 16 & 17

This month's Community Cleanup weekend is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 16 and Sunday, Dec. 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to get rid of excess limbs, brush and bulk by bringing them to the corner of Melrose and Meadow Park.

The event is for White Settlement residents only. Remember to bring proof of residency such as a driver's license, or most recent water bill to participate. Drop off is only allowed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the days listed when city staff is in attendance.

Anything dropped off outside of the above dates and times is considered illegal dumping.





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Three Day Weekend Forecast



Friday, Dec. 8:

<u>AM</u> - Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. Breezy, with a south wind 20 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 53. Breezy, with a south wind 20 to 25 mph becoming west southwest after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.



Saturday, Dec. 9:

<u>AM</u> - A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. West wind around 20 mph becoming north northwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 37. Northwest wind 15-20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.



Sunday, Dec. 10:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 56. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south southwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

PM - Clear, with a low around 36.

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