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From White Settlement ISD

Brewer Honeycomb Drill Team Shines at Competition

The Honeycomb Drill Team won numerous awards at the Showtime International Competition Feb. 10. The Honeycombs earned Grand Champion Team and Grand Champion Officer Group as well as the following awards:

Officer Awards

First Place Pom Routine

First Place Jazz Routine

First Place Contemporary Routine

Team Awards

First Place Novelty Routine

First Place Pom Routine

First Place Contemporary Routine

First Place Jazz Routine

They'll compete this weekend at Mansfield High School. Director is Stacey Elkins and Assistant is Kassandra Kang.



From the Sports Desk with John English

Brewer Bear Basketball Boys & Girls are District Champs!

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From White Settlement ISD

BHS Athlete Takes Fourth Place at Region 1 Wrestling Tournament



Brewer Bear wrestler **Josue Cedeno** won fourth place at the Region 1 Wrestling Tournament, and will advance to the State Tournament. Head Coach is Sonny Feexico and assistant is Clint Bartel.

Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

VFW Post 5617 Donates to Paw Pantry



Pictured are: (l-r) VFW Member **Don Dalton**, Student Services Coordinator **Jason Ferguson**, Student Services Counselor **Lauren Vines**, Student Services Specialist **Chris Pimpton** and VFW Adjutant/Sr. Vice Commander **Dean Borries**.

The VFW Post 5617 has been collecting numerous food items at the facility. These items were donated to the Brewer High School Food Pantry recently.

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Sports Desk (continued from page 1)

The Brewer boy's basketball team picked up a solid win over Granbury on Friday night, and coach Jason Porostovsky said it was a tough contest.

“It was a great environment, in fact our freshman and JV got a treat to play in front of such a loud crowd,” Porostovsky said. “For the varsity game, we played great defense throughout maintaining control of the game pretty much the whole time. Credit to Granbury, they refused to give in and gave a battle.”

Brewer had a number of standout efforts against the Pirates. “Warren King and Julian Perez led us in scoring with 11 points each, and Tyren Mitchell added 10,” Porostovsky said. “Rayanne Lomboto chipped in 8 with 2 monster dunks to start the game off.”

Reflecting on the regular season as a whole, Porostovsky said he has been pleased with how things unfolded.

“We expected to win the district this year and we accomplished that again,” Porostovsky said. “Our schedule has prepared us for anything, and we are ready for an exciting post season run. Our expectations are to go the furthest in school history. We understand what that will take, and we are prepared for the challenges up ahead.”

With the playoffs about to start, Porostovsky said he is starting to get an idea of who the Bears will open with.

“It is looking like our first round opponent will be Wyatt, who is a perennial powerhouse in boys basketball,” Porostovsky said on Saturday. “But we won’t know for sure until Tuesday.”

On the girl's side, Brewer wrapped up the regular season with a 61-18 victory over Azle last Tuesday to finish 28-4 overall, with a 12-0 mark in district competition.



The Lady Bears finished as undefeated district champions, and opened the playoffs on Monday with a win against FW Southwest.

They take on Colleyville Heritage for the Area Playoffs Thursday, Feb. 15 at the Arlington ISD Athletic Center. Tip off is 6:30 p.m.


On the pitch, the Brewer boy's soccer team defeated Aledo by a score of 3-2 on Friday night.

Guadalupe Diaz scored two goals in the game for the Bears, and Jordan Coon added a goal.

On the girl's side, Brewer lost to Aledo by a score of 3-2.




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Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

Senior Center Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Several senior citizens from the community gathered at the Pecan Grove Convention Center for a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon recently. A catered menu, fun, fellowship and dancing was enjoyed by everyone who participated.



The JukeBox Troubadour band provided the entertainment.



Hosting the function were: (l-r) Mayor Pro Tem **Amber Munoz**, Senior Center Coordinator **Sarah DeJong**, Senior Center Manager **Sandra Gillock** and City Secretary **Amy Arnold**.

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Participants at the event include: (l-r) **Pete Alcala**, **Hector Soria**, **Jim Weaver**, **Lee Roy Lewis** and **Sharon Chandler**.



Sam and **Margaret Duffey** displayed their dancing skills.



Tessie Ellis and **Paul Hinman** having a good time on the dance floor.



95-year old **Rene Black** enjoyed the festivities.

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



Pictured are: (l-r) Honorary Regent **Diana Lussier**, Dr. **Linda Hines**, **Sarah Stith**, **Caroline Becquer** and Honorary Regent **Dawn Needles**.

The mission of Mary Isham Keith Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) includes community service, historic preservation, education, and service to veterans.

In support of education, two young women in the vocational nursing program at Tarrant County College received scholarships, Caroline Becquer of Lake Worth and Sarah Stith of Benbrook.

The scholarship committee includes Dr. Judith Carrier, founding president of the Southeast Campus, Dr. Linda Hines who served for 46 years at the College, and Joye Evetts.

Honorary Regents Diana Lussier and Dawn Needles presented the awards.

Other scholarship recipients in May will include a history major at Texas Wesleyan University and four nursing students at Texas Christian University.

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City Council to Hold Work Session at Pecan Grove Convention Center March 2

The City Council will hold a work session at Pecan Grove Convention Center, located at 405 N Las Vegas Trail, on Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m.

The intention of the session is to discuss and evaluate expenses and liabilities related to staffing, advertising, organizing and hosting a community cleanup event at the Central Park skate park.

This item was proposed by Council Member William Wright.

[Click this link](#) to listen to the initial discussions on this item that began at the January council meeting.

KWSB Art Show Submission Deadline March 8

The Keep White Settlement Beautiful Art Show is seeking art submissions. The theme is "Pollution Solution". To participate, simply submit your artwork to either the Recreation Center or City Hall by March 8. Don't worry, there's plenty of time to get your masterpieces turned in.

The City of White Settlement will host an Art Show at the Pecan Grove Convention Center on March 23 at 3 p.m., and all the artwork will be showcased. Residents will have the opportunity to vote for the favorites. Winners will receive prizes. There will also be raffles and giveaways at the Art Show.

To learn more, call 817-246-5012 ext/ 859 and register at www.wstx.us/recdesk.

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Dentist and Civil Rights Activist, Dr. Lonnie Smith



It often takes courage to stand up for a principle. Because of people who do, the world starts to change. One Texas dentist, Dr. Lonnie Smith, changed the way Americans vote. A 1944 Supreme Court decision forced Texas and states across the country to change election laws.

Dr. Lonnie E. Smith was born in 1901 in Yoakum, a small community east of San Antonio. When he was still young, the family moved to the East Texas community of Providence near Palestine. He graduated from Providence High School in 1919, a rare achievement in a time when many communities still did not have high schools.

Smith enrolled at what is now Prairie View A&M University where he nurtured his interests in the sciences. In 1921, he enrolled at the Meharry School of Dentistry in Tennessee, one of the few dental schools in the South that would accept African-American students at the time. He received his dental degree in 1924. After graduation, he married Janie Mae Dunn, and the two settled in Galveston. In 1929, after a few years of practicing with Dr. E. A. Etta, Smith and his wife moved to Houston where Smith would open a new practice. By any measure, Smith was successful and was a respected, civic-minded citizen.

In 1940, the primary election was held in July. Elections for U. S. Senate, all statewide offices, legislative positions, and a host of Harris County offices were being held. On Election Day, Smith went to his polling location to vote. However, an election judge, S.E. Allwright, refused to let him vote because he

was black.

The primary election had only been established in Texas in 1905. In 1923, the state legislature passed a law declaring political parties to be voluntary associations and ordering them to establish rules of operation and membership. Conservative leaders, following other state party organizations in the South, ordered that only white voters could participate in the primary, what came to be called the “white primary.”

The South was entirely a one-party region. All political power rested with the Democratic Party. But the party was beset by numerous competing factions, from reform-minded liberals to die-hard conservatives and everything in between. The only primary election in Texas at the time was the Democratic Party. While the Republican Party did exist, it often did not bother to offer candidates for many elections and never held a primary.

In Texas in the 1930s, Republican candidates often received less than 10 percent of the vote in statewide contests. In the 1940 gubernatorial election, when Smith was attempting to vote, Democratic nominee W. Lee “Pappy” O’Daniel won re-election in the November general election with 94 percent of the vote. As a result, all political races in the state were decided in the Democratic Primary.

After the stinging rebuke at the polls, Smith began talking with civil rights officials with the NAACP, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. NAACP lawyers had been going across the South challenging segregation laws and voting restrictions to undermine the Jim Crow system. A team led by future U. S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall agreed to take Smith’s case and filed the case Smith v. Allwright in federal court in 1942.

By 1944, the case reached the Supreme Court. Marshall argued that Smith’s rights were denied because of the white primary arrangement.

In April, the Supreme Court issued an 8-1 decision agreeing with Marshall that race restrictions were a violation of Smith’s right to equal treatment under the law as espoused in the Constitution. The white primary was thus unconstitutional, and the primary would now be open to all races in all states.

Because of the Supreme Court ruling, the nascent civil rights movement was energized.

Marshall’s strategy of using the court system to undermine the obstacles facing minorities began to prove to be successful. He later considered this his most important case, one setting the stage for other civil rights rulings. Within 10 years, segregation in the schools would be declared unconstitutional. Within 20 years, voting restrictions for minorities were eliminated under federal law. The number of registered African-American voters increased rapidly, from 200,000 across the South in 1940 to 800,000 in 1948.

By the 1960s, most African-American and Hispanics were registered to vote in the South. Millions of citizens now had the ballot available to them. all starting with Smith’s case.

As for Smith, he was content to live a quiet life. He voted faithfully in each election afterward. He continued his dental practice and was active in local civic organizations and civil rights organizations. He would regularly serve as a Democratic precinct committeeman, helping others exercise their own right to vote.

Smith died at his home in Houston in March 1971 at the age of 70.

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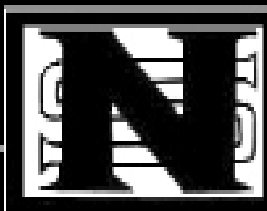
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Friday, Feb. 16:

AM - Mostly cloudy, with a high near 70. S/SW wind 10 to 15 mph becoming N/NW in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.
PM - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35. Breezy, with a N wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.



Saturday, Feb. 17:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 48. Breezy, with a north wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 31. N wind 5 to 15 mph becoming W after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.



Sunday, Feb. 18:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 58. W wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south in the afternoon.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 42.

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