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From White Settlement ISD BHS TAFE Students Compete in Orlando

Four Brewer High School Texas Association of Future Educators members competed in the National Educators Rising Conference in Orlando, Fla.

Alyssa Gavrel and Andrew Poff were semi finalists, placing sixth in the nation. They competed in Inside Our Schools (JV) and presented how the district uses the Rhithm program in WSISD schools and its impact on student achievement at BHS.

Kailyn Flores competed in public speaking (JV), delivering a speech about how to fight the national teacher shortage.

Grayson Peterman competed in Lesson Planning and Delivery - Arts (Varsity). He presented the results of a lesson he planned and delivered to sixth grade percussion students at Tannahill Intermediate.

Advisor is Maggie Howard.



From the City of White Settlement City Council Candidate Filing Period Begins July 22

The City of White Settlement General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 7, to elect members of the Council for the places of Mayor and Place 1.

For candidacy filing purposes, the location of the main administrative office for the next General Election is:

City of White Settlement City Hall Office of the City Secretary

214 Meadow Park Drive, White Settlement, TX 76108

The White Settlement Public Library, located at 8215 White Settlement Road, White Settlement, Texas 76108, will serve as an Early Voting and Election Day vote center.

Filing dates for Application for Place on Ballot are July 22, 2023 through Aug. 21, 2023. There is a \$50 filing fee for candidates filing for Mayor, and a \$30 filing fee for candidates filing for Place 1. A candidate may also file a petition in lieu of a filing fee.

Filing fees may be paid by cash, check or credit card payable to the City of White Settlement.

Candidates must submit Form CTA to the Office of the City Secretary prior paying a filing fee. The filing fee is due at the time the application for place on the ballot is submitted.

An application filed prior to July 22, 2023 is void. Applications should be submitted timely to allow for review of requirements. All fields must be completed unless specifically marked optional.

Candidates must meet the following qualifications as set out in the City of White Settlement Charter:

• A resident of the City of White Settlement and the State of Texas and shall have been a resident for a period of not less than twelve (12) months immediately preceding his election;

• A qualified voter of the State (continued on page 5)

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Suburban Newspapers, Inc. From the Sports Desk with John English Student Athlete Spotlight: Brewer Tennis Senior Jazmin Robles

for the Brewer tennis program this past season, and coach Timothy Kromer said he expects 2023-24 to be even better.

The incoming senior started playing singles and doubles matches for the Bears last season, and Kromer said one of the things that has impressed him most is Robles' willingness to put in work outside of school.

"She worked very hard over the summer to earn a varsity spot at the beginning of the school year and continued to work hard all year," Kromer said. "Jazmin was vital in securing girls wins in singles and doubles matches in the fall team tennis season, and in the Spring she won Consolation Finals in Girls A Doubles at the Burleson High School tournament."

Kromer said that in addition to improving her game considerably over the last season, Robles has the sort of personality and attitude that coach's love

"Jazmin brings a lot of positive energy to the team," Kromer said. "She gets along with just about everyone and makes sure they all feel included. She is a large part of what makes our team's chemistry so good."

Kromer added that he has been blown away by how quickly Robles' game has improved.

"Knowing that Jazmin was still new to the sport, my goal was for her to gain confidence in herself and to grow into her skills as she went," Kromer said. "She worked incredibly hard all year long (again starting last summer) and fought many obstacles along the way including playing the beginning of the spring season in a cast and having to relearn how to hit almost every different type of shot. From the time she started playing to one year later, she had improved to be one of the top girls in our Brewer High School tennis program."

Robles, 17, said she was pleased with her effort in the 2022-23 season and the camaraderie that was established, but was humble about her own performance.

"This past season I think was one of the most memorable due to the friendships made and moments shared," Robles said. "I vear."

Robles had strong showings during the court. fall season in girls doubles against Northwest and in the spring at the Cowtown Classic Spring Tournament, and said she is taking nothing for granted heading into next vear.

"My goals for the next season is to have as much fun and to improve on not only my skills but to trust myself while performing them," Robles said.

The Brewer senior, who also competes in wrestling, was in a cast for six weeks and had "to adapt and tweak certain movements," in order to remain competitive.

Kromer said his main expectation for

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Jazmin Robles exceeded all expectations believe I performed decently throughout the Robles this coming season is to understand what she is capable of accomplishing on the

> "My main goal for Jazmin is for her to be confident in herself, her skills, and playing ability," Kromer said.

Robles' Favorites

Favorite Athlete: Emma Raducanu Favorite Sports Team: Dallas Cowboys Favorite Food: Pho Favorite Movie: Tangled Favorite TV Show: Manifest Book Currently Reading/Last Book Read: "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott Favorite Musical Group or Performer: **Taylor Swift**

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Suburban Newspapers, Inc. From StatePoint **Everything You Need to Know About Student Loans**

More American families are borrowing Exhaust All Options for college. At the same time, merit aid and the use of personal income and savings is falling.

That's according to an annual College Ave Student Loans survey of college students at four-year universities, conducted with Barnes & Noble College Insights. The survey also found college affordability is top-of-mind for the majority of students (57 percent). Despite financial concerns, 81 percent of students report that a college degree is crucial for their future.

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If you do need to borrow, turn to federal student loans in the student's name first, which generally offer the lowest rates and come with additional benefits. They don't depend on credit scores, and offer longer deferments and forbearances, income-driven repayment plans and student loan forgiveness.

Private Student Loans

Federal student loans have annual and aggregate loan limits. If you find yourself needing to borrow parent or private loans to cover remaining costs, consider these factors:

• Costs: Compare costs of different loans by looking at the actual interest rate you'll be charged, not the lowest advertised rate. Understand the difference between variable and fixed interest rates, and be aware of any fees and available discounts, such as those offered for using autopay.

• Cosigners: A creditworthy cosigner doesn't just increase the odds of loan approval, even if the student can qualify on their own, cosigning may yield a lower interest rate, reducing the overall cost of the loan.

• Total Debt: Borrow only what you need. With private loans, you can usually borrow up to the total cost of attendance. However, borrowing less than the maximum can help you save over time. A simple rule of thumb you can use to determine how much student loan debt you can afford: If total student loan debt at graduation, including federal and private loans, is less than the student's annual starting salary, you can likely repay the loans in 10 years or less.

• Repayment: Look for repayment flexibility to match your needs. For example,

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Suburban Newspapers, Inc. From White Settlement ISD Bus Rider Registration Deadline Aug. 11



WSISD provides bus transportation to students who live two or more miles from their home campus. Families with students who will ride the bus are required to complete the Bus Rider Registration Form no later than Aug. 11.

Students who submit a Bus Rider Registration Form after Aug. 11 will not be eligible to ride the bus until Sept. 4. This will enable our drivers to ensure consistency in assigned seating and ensure that student counts remain consistent. If your child is a bus rider and you missed the deadline, submit the form now so they can ride on Sept. 4.

After you complete the Bus Rider Registration Form, the Transportation Department will make contact by phone or email to confirm bus stop and pick up times within three to five days. Students will be required to ride the bus to which they are assigned.

We have posted the bus routes and times. Please note, these are subject to change.

About WSISD Transportation

Student Transportation for White Settlement ISD area is proudly run by GoldStar Transit, a national corporation recognized as a leader in the student transportation business and part of the

Student Transportation of America family. They concentrate solely on partnering with schools across Texas and North America to ensure Students arrive safe, on-time and ready to learn.

Staff at GoldStar Transit work closely with White Settlement ISD to ensure all eligible students requiring transportation, whether it be home-to-school, special needs, or field trips, are accommodated as much as possible. The drivers and monitor/aides receive extensive training, and are regularly evaluated. They also attend on-going refresher training in the constantly changing arena of transportation laws and policies. GoldStar's aim to produce an atmosphere focused on compassion with an emphasis on caring for the students who ride our buses everyday.

The GoldStar Transit motto is: Making a positive difference in the lives of the students we transport.

For additional questions, contact Goldstar Transit at:

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Transportation will not be provided to students who reside less than two miles from their campus.

From the City of White Settlement Community Clean Up July 22 and 23

Just a reminder that if you have extra bulk the next Community Cleanup Weekend is Saturday and Sunday on July 22 and 23 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. This is for White Settlement residents only. Remember to bring proof of residency (driver's license, most recent water bill).

Only drop off during 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the days above when city staff is in attendance. No illegal dumping per City Ordinance 30.47(c) 1-11.



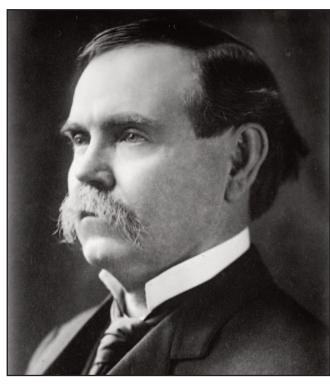
Suburban Newspapers, Inc. Texas History Minute Former Governor of Texas: Thomas Mitchell Campbell

by Dr. Ken Bridges

At the beginning of the twentieth century, Texas was moving ahead.

The spirit of reform was in the air as the people demanded accountability from business and government alike.

Gov. **Thomas M. Campbell**, who served from 1907-1911 dedicated himself to progress for the people.



Thomas Mitchell Campbell was born in Rusk is East Texas in 1856. His father was a farmer who had moved from Georgia. His father was a respected member of the community who served as Longview's first mayor in 1871 and later as a justice of the peace and Gregg County sheriff. As a young man, Campbell was also friends with James Stephen Hogg, another future Texas governor.

In 1873, Campbell enrolled at Trinity University with hopes of becoming a lawyer. However, he struggled with being able to afford his tuition and dropped out. He continued to study the law informally and was admitted to the state bar in 1878. That same year, he also married and started his own law office in Longview.

In 1889, he became the attorney for the troubled International-Great Northern Railroad. He guided the line through bankruptcy and later moved to Palestine to serve as its general manager. He resigned from the railroad in 1897 and moved into politics.

In 1906, at his old friend James S. Hogg's urging, Campbell ran for governor, his first run for any office. After a bitter campaign, Campbell won the Democratic Primary and the election.

Insurance reform became a special target for Campbell. The Robertson Act of 1907 regulated life insurance rates and mandated that out-of-state insurance companies operating in Texas had to invest a portion of their revenue in Texas itself.

In 1909, he announced to the state that because of the state's new property assessment policies, Texas enjoyed a budget surplus of nearly \$900,000. The total appraised value of Texas properties topped \$1 billion for the first time. This also allowed school funding to rise by more than half to \$9.4 million and allowed schools to adopt calendars longer than a six-month school year and also increase per-student spending by a third.

Campbell called two special sessions that year to force the legislature to act on reform measures. Legislators fought and argued, with several having to be escorted out of the House of Represen-

tatives. Eventually, they passed measures forcing railroads to be held liable for employee injuries on the job and strengthened state antitrust laws. The legislature also strengthened alcohol regulations and organized a standard ballot for all local option wet-dry elections. After fierce debate, the state mandated that banks had to guarantee the safety of customer deposits, either using a state protection fund or a bond system. For the first time, Texas bank customers would not necessarily lose their savings if the bank were robbed or failed.

And for the first time, the legislature approved funding to bring electricity and modern plumbing into state-owned buildings. Many Texas communities already had electricity, but installation in government buildings lagged far behind. As a result of the bill, even the governor's mansion received electricity for the first time.

Several new regulatory agencies came into being under Campbell's leadership. The Department of Insurance and Banking was created to regulate the practices of those industries in the state. The Bureau of Labor Statistics was created to gather information on employment and wages. A new Texas State Board of Health was created in 1909 as well as the Texas State Library and Historical Commission to preserve state records and artifacts for future generations.

Campbell left office in 1911. He made one last attempt at elected office, losing a primary race for US Senate against incumbent Sen. Charles A. Culberson. Campbell spent his last years as a lawyer in Palestine and working behind the scenes in Democratic politics until his death in 1923.

Candidate Filing (continued from page 1)

of Texas and Tarrant County;

• Shall not be employed by the City of White Settlement;

• Shall not hold another elective governmental office;

• Shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older at the time of filing for and/or assuming office;

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July 20, 2023, PAGE 6 From the North Central Texas Council of Governments NCTCOG Hosts Online Input Opportunity

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is hosting an online public input opportunity now through Aug. 8 to allow residents to learn more about transportation initiatives and participate in the regional planning process. To submit comments and questions to NCTCOG, email nctcogJuly23@publicinput.com or visit www.publicinput.com/nctcogJuly23, where you can also watch the presentations.

Each year, NCTCOG works to approve and update the Regional 10-Year Plan. This plan identifies major projects to be implemented in the region. The public input opportunity will provide a project list from Fiscal Year 2024 to Fiscal Year 2033 for review and comment. Air quality improvement is an important focus for NCTCOG, with the region classified as nonattainment for ozone. Working closely with regional partners, NCTCOG develops and implements strategies, policies and programs to enhance air quality. In addition, there are periodic opportunities for public and private entities to compete for funding to reduce fleet emissions. Highlights of Dallas-Fort Worth fleet projects implemented using grant funds will be provided, as well as a list of current funding opportunities available to fleets.

An overview of the recently completed DFW Discovery Trail branding and wayfinding project will also be provided, including final branding recommendations.

NCTCOG's Community Gardens Program Guide provides information, resources and tools for cities and others to develop and implement community garden programs in their areas. An overview of this new initiative will be available.

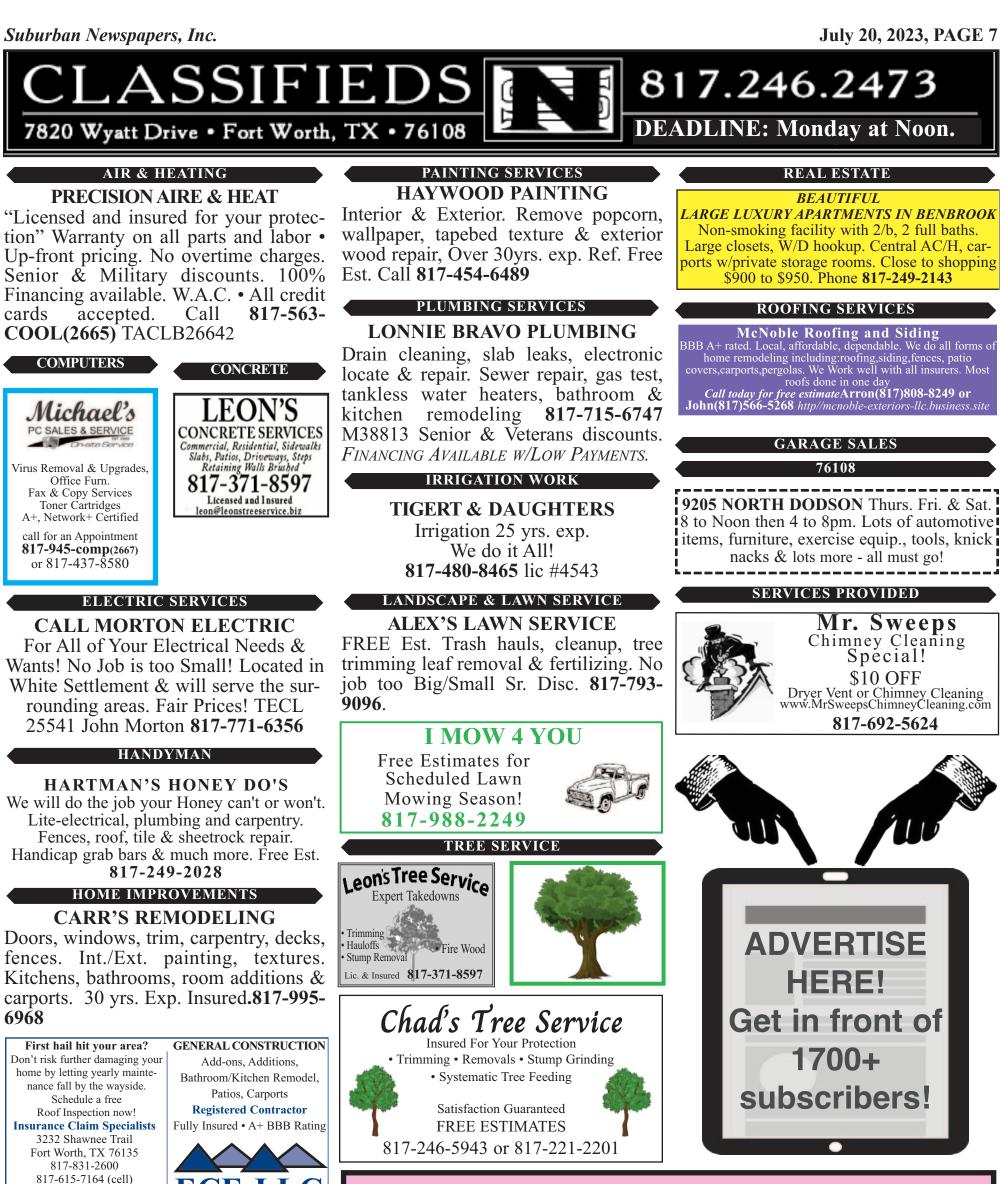
Information will also be provided about the following initiatives and programs: Certification of Emerging and Reliable Transportation Technology (CERTT) Program: Round 2 results, Walk to School Day promotion 2023, Engine Off North Texas and Mobility 2045: 2022 Update administrative revisions.

For assistance with special accommodations or to request printed copies of the information, contact Jackie Castillo at 817-695-9255 or jcastillo@nctcog.org.

About the North Central Texas Council of Governments:

NCTCOG is a voluntary association of local governments established in 1966 to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development.

NCTCOG's purpose is to strengthen both the individual and collective power of local governments and to help them recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication, and make joint decisions. NCTCOG serves a 16-county region of North Central Texas, which is centered in the two urban centers of Dallas and Fort Worth. Currently, NCTCOG has 228 member governments including 16 counties, 169 cities, 19 school districts and 27 special districts. For more information on the Transportation Department, visit www.nctcog.org/trans.



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Three Day Weekend Forecast



Friday, July 21:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny and hot, with a high near 101. S/SW wind around 10 mph becoming north in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 75. E/NE wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



Saturday, July 22:

<u>AM</u> - Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. N/NE wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. <u>PM</u> - Mostly clear, with a low around 75. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.



Sunday, July 23:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny, with a high near 98. <u>PM</u> - Mostly clear, with a low around 76.

Extended Forecast Click Here