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From Tarrant County

Back to School Roundup Aug. 4: Registration Required

Friday, Aug. 4 Tarrant County Back to School Round Up.

To qualify and register for free school supplies, families must register online, show proof they live in Tarrant County and meet the 2022 Federal Poverty Guidelines. Listed below are ways to show proof of cant name and current address, with a postqualification.

Families will receive an email confirmation that they will present the day of the event to gain admission into the event.

The person who pre-registers is not required to attend Roundup. In fact, the email confirmation can be sent with any person to pick up the school supplies.

Here's what you will need to register:

Families must show three documents along with their completed registration form to qualify for school supplies. A picture ID, proof of Tarrant County residency and proof July 2023 they meet the 2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Examples of what can be used for Picture ID:

You may use any one of the following:

- Texas state driver's license
- Texas state identification card
- Military identification card
- Foreign consulate-issued identification (i.e. Matricula Consular)
- School, Employer work identification card
 - Church ID card

Pre-registration is going on now for the Examples of what can used for Proof of **Tarrant County Residency**

You may use any one of the following:

- May, June, or July 2023 utility bill (electricity, water, phone or gas) showing applicant name and current address.
- Mail sent to applicant showing applimark from either May, June, July 2023
- Letter from landlord or apartment management company, on company letterhead, indicating proof of residency during May, June, or July 2023

Examples of what can used for Proof of Income

Families applying for free school supplies must meet 2023 Federal Income HHS Poverty Guidelines. You may present any of the following:

- Letter dated in May, June, or July 2023 on agency or company letterhead from an employer, welfare office, caseworker, or Social Security Administration Office indicating annual income and signed by an agent of the company or agency. Letter must include contact phone number for verifica-
- Letter or card showing participation or enrollment in Medicaid, SNAP, unemployment, disability or school free lunch program.

From White Settlement ISD

Complete Free and Reduced Meal Application Starting Aug. 1

To be eligible for free or reduced breakfast and lunch, families must complete an application starting Aug. 1. Applications from last year will be valid through the end of September. The state approved funding to provide free breakfast for students who are also on the reduced meal plan.

Families must apply through their Schoolcafe account. Create an account on the Brewer Bear Cafe website or request a paper application from the school's front office or Child Nutrition Office, 817-367-1310. Individuals who do not apply will start the 2023-24 school year as a paid student.

Families who received a notification • Paycheck stubs from May, June, or letter that the student is directly certified for free or reduced meals should not complete an application. Contact the Child Nutrition Office if any children in the household attending school are not listed in the letter.

> Our schools can participate in the Universal Free Breakfast program. If 80 percent or more of the students at that school qualify and complete the application for Free and/or Reduced Meals, all students at that campus will receive free breakfast.

> All Liberty Elementary students will receive free breakfast through the Universal Free Breakfast program in 2023-24.

Texas Senator, Barbara Jordan by Dr. Ken Bridges



Barbara Jordan was a woman of many firsts in her career. In her relatively short time in Congress and the Texas State Senate, she left an immeasurable impact and in a cynical and dark age in American politics, she became for many across the nation a voice of conscience.

Jordan was born in Houston in 1936, the youngest of three children. Her father was a respected Baptist minister. The church was a central part of her life in her youth, and she excelled in school. She graduated with honors from the segregated Phillis Wheatley High School in 1952.

She could not attend the University of Texas, her first choice, because segregation was still in effect. However, she went to Texas Southern University instead, studying history and political science on her way to becoming a lawyer. She became a champion debater, easily beating contenders from the most prestigious universities in the nation. After graduating with high honors in 1956, she entered Boston University School of Law, gaining a law degree by 1959.

After serving as a professor of political science for a year at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, Jordan returned to Houston to practice law. She dove into politics, but lost two races to the state legislature in the early 1960s. In 1966, she was elected to the State Senate, the first black woman to receive such an honor in Texas. She was widely respected by her colleagues and rose to the position of president pro

Over the years, it has become a tradition in Texas that both the governor and lieutenant governor leave the state for a day so that the president pro tem of the State Senate becomes acting governor for a day. On June 10, 1972, what became a footnote in a life of achievement, Jordan thus became the first African-American woman in American History to serve as a governor, even as only an acting governor for a day.

Later that year, she was elected to Congress, again the first black woman ever elected from Texas. She sponsored or co-sponsored hundreds of laws during her six years in Congress.

Jordan was given a place on the House Judiciary Committee, and the committee undertook the grave task of considering impeachment for President Richard Nixon for his activities during the Watergate scandal. Jordan quickly became a leader in the debate.

In one famous speech in 1974, in a steady, careful voice, Jordan expressed her belief in the Constitution and the rule of law over politics. As she said to her colleagues and a nationally televised audience, "My faith in the Constitution is whole, it is complete, it is total. I am not going to sit here and be an idle spectator to the diminution, the subversion, the destruction of the Constitution."

vote could be taken, but Jordan became a re-

Gov. Preston Smith and Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes spected leader across the nation in the process left Texas for a day as part of that tradition. In and the reforms that followed. In 1976, she became the first African-American woman to give the keynote address at the Democratic National Convention, an address that was met with thunderous applause. In 1992, she again spoke to the convention, reminding the delegates and the nation of the need for change.

> Jordan declined to run for a fourth term in 1978. She returned to Texas and began teaching at the University of Texas. She served as chairman of the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform for two years under President Bill Clinton. In 1994, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

> Jordan remained a beloved figure on the UT campus in her later years. However, her health continued to decline. She died in January 1996 at the age of 59. Some scholars have since listed her speeches as among the best ever spoken by an American politician.

In the years since her death, a number of schools and streets have been named in her honor, including in her native Houston. As for the university she could not attend as a youth because of her skin color, the University of Nixon resigned before an impeachment Texas has since erected a statue to her on cam-



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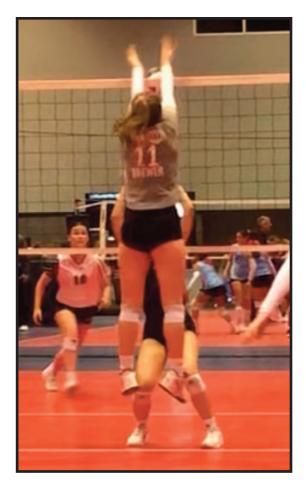
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Student Athlete Spotlight: Bailey Brewer



Brewer volleyball coach Jill Barkey said that Bailey Brewer is exactly the sort of player she needs to build a winning pro- much as we could every game and every gram.

The incoming senior was an academic all-district selection in 2022, and Barkey said Brewer sets a good example for her teammates.

"Bailey is one of the most positive team leaders I have ever coached," Barker said.

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"She has a great attitude and cheers on others whether on or off the court. She is someone the rest of the team can look to bring up our energy."

Barkey said that Brewer's position for next season has not yet been determined, but said she is sure Brewer will thrive wherever she plays.

"A right side for us last season, Bailey has been working on her blocking in the off season and club season and it has paid off," Barkey said. "I can't wait to see what the net looks like for her this season. It is very possible she will be working out of the middle this season. Although nothing is set in stone yet, she has shown incredible growth since last season on reading hitters and will be a threat to whoever is across from her."

Brewer, 17, said that overall, she was pleased with how things unfolded last season, even if the Lady Bears were hoping to make the playoffs.

"We as a team gave all that we could as play," Brewer said. "Those memories I wouldn't change for anything, no matter the outcome."

Those memories, along with the exam-(continued on page 6) ple set by the





History of Tarrant County

From Tarrant County

Tarrant County's roots lie in the 'Old West' and much of our heritage can be traced to the era of the cowboy and the cattle drives that passed through Tarrant County. Tarrant County is one of 254 counties in Texas which were originally set up by the State to serve as decentralized administrative divisions providing state services and collecting state taxes.

Tarrant County, one of 26 counties created out of the Peters Colony, was established in 1849. It was named for General Edward H. Tarrant, commander of militia forces of the Republic of Texas at the Battle of Village Creek in 1841. The village of Grapevine; the Texas Ranger outpost of Johnson's Station (in what is now south Arlington); and Bird's Fort, a short-lived private fort just south of present-day Euless, were early areas of western civilization in the region.

On the bluff where the Tarrant County Courthouse now stands, a military post was established in 1849 by a company of the 2nd U.S. Dragoons under the command of Major Ripley A. Arnold. The fort was named in honor of General William Jenkins Worth, a hero of the Mexican War and commander of United States forces in this region.

From as early as 1856, regular stagecoach service passed through Tarrant County, carrying mail and passengers from the east on to the frontier forts and the West Coast. By the 1870s, mail stagecoaches arrived and departed from downtown Fort Worth six days a week. From the close of the Civil War and through the late 1870s, millions of cattle were driven up the trail through Tarrant County (roughly following Interstate 35 West) to the railheads in Kansas. After the Texas & Pacific Railroad reached Tarrant County and Fort Worth in 1876, Fort Worth became the largest stagecoach terminus in the Southwest - a hub for rail passengers to continue their journeys west by stagecoach.

Grilling Safety Tips

As summer heats up, it's time to fire up those grills and enjoy delicious outdoor barbecues! Safety is the top priority, so here are some essential grilling tips to keep in mind:

- 1. Location, location: Place your grill outdoors on a level surface away from any structures, overhanging branches, or flammable materials. Keep a safe distance of at least 10
- 2. Clean it up: Before grilling, remove grease or fat buildup from the grates and trays. A clean grill reduces the risk of flare-ups and unwanted fires.





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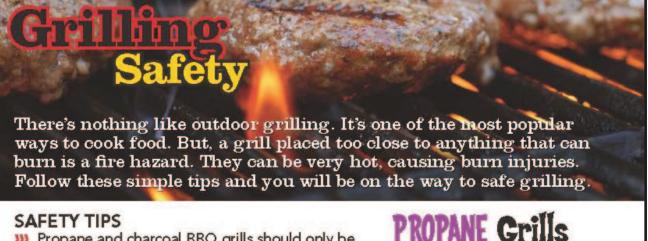
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White Settlement ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

- 3. Proper lighting: When using a gas grill, follow the manufacturer's instructions for light- ring loose or flammable clothing that could ing. Keep the lid open and don't lean over the easily catch fire. Opt for short sleeves and use grill when igniting it. If the flame goes out, wait long-handled tools to keep a safe distance. for the gas to dissipate before relighting.
- unattended. A momentary distraction could lead to an accident. Ensure someone responsible is present at all times.
- 5. Keep kids and pets safe: Establish a dessure children and pets stay away from it. Educate them about the dangers of hot surfaces and a sizzling summer and happy grilling! open flames.
- 6. Watch those clothing choices: Avoid wea-
- 7. Extinguish with care: After grilling, make 4. Supervision is key: Never leave a lit grill sure the coals are fully extinguished. For gas grills, turn off the burners and the gas supply. Allow the grill to cool down before moving or covering it.

Remember, prevention is key to a safe grilignated safety zone around the grill, and make ling experience. Spread the word and help keep the community safe by sharing these tips! Have



- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- >>> There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
-))) When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light scap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.







WSISD BACK TO SCHOOL DATES

Blue Haze Elementary

Tuesday, Aug.1 **Kinder Camp**

9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 14 **Meet the Teacher Night**

5:30-6:30 p.m. Last Names A-L 6:30-7:30 p.m. Last Names M-Z

Liberty Elementary

Tuesday, Aug.1 **Kinder Camp** 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 14 **Meet the Teacher Night**

5:30-6:30 p.m.

North Elementary STEAM Academy

Wednesday, July 26 **Kinder Camp** 9 a.m.-Noon

Tuesday, Aug. 8 **Popsicles with the Principal**

5-6:30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 14 **Meet the Teacher Night**

5-6 p.m. - Last Names A-L 6:15-7:15 p.m. - Last Names M-Z

West Elementary

Tuesday, Aug.1 Pre-K & Kinder Camp 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 14 **Meet the Teacher Night** 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Tannahill Intermediate

Wednesday, Aug. 9 **Meet the Teacher Night** 5:30-7 p.m.

Fine Arts Academy

Wednesday, Aug. 9 Kindergarten **Parent Meeting** 5:30-6 p.m.

Kindergarten **Meet The Teacher** 6-7 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 14 Grades 1-6

Parent Meetings

5:30-6 p.m. - Last Names A-L 6-6:30 p.m. - Last Names M-Z

> **Meet the Teacher** 5:30-7 p.m.

Brewer Middle

Wednesday, Aug. 9 7th Grade Schedule Pickup 4:30-6 p.m.

7th Girls' Athletic Meeting 5:30-6 p.m.

7th Boys' Athletic Meeting 6-6:30 p.m.

Football Pad Pick Up Saturday, Aug. 12 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

> Monday, Aug. 14 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 14 8th Grade Schedule Pickup 4:30-6 p.m.

8th Boys' Athletic Meeting 5:30-6 p.m.

8th Girls' Athletic Meeting 6-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 23 **Meet the Teacher Night** 5-6:30 p.m.

Back to School Rally

Thursday, Aug. 10 6:30-8 p.m. **BHS Stadium**

Virtual Academy of North Texas

By appointment only

Friday, Aug. 11 3-4:30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 14 2:30-4 p.m. or 5-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 15 1-2:30 p.m.

Brewer High School

Tuesday, Aug. 1 **Band Parent Meeting**

> 7 p.m. BHS Auditorium

Tuesday, Aug. 8 12th Grade Laptop. Schedule & ID Pickup 1-4 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 9 11th Grade Laptop, Schedule & ID Pickup 9 a.m.- Noon

10th Grade Laptop. Schedule & ID Pickup 1-4 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 14 9th Grade Laptop, Schedule & ID Pickup 9 a.m.- Noon

Fish Camp (9th Grade) 4:30-6:30 p.m.

> **Parent Meeting** 6-6:30 p.m.

For more detailed information, visit your school's website and Facebook Page.

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senior players, created a shift in Brewer's way of thinking last season.

"My goal at first was to come in and do the best I can for myself and satisfy my peers," Brewer said. "But once we started connecting more outside of volleyball and creating stronger relationships, I realized that my goal was to give everything I can for my teammates."

For 2023, Brewer said she wants to do whatever she can to help her team win matches.

"I want to focus on forming a good relationship role to play for my teammates and help lead them to a better outcome this season," Brewer said. "Just always making sure that I'm being the best I can be to make the team better and encouraging them through this whole season."

Brewer is also a member of the National Honor Society, the Hope Squad, the Prom Committee and PALS at Brewer High School.

She said that being selected to the Academic All-District team was very special for her.

"It felt good to be recognized for the hard work that I put in outside of volleyball," Brewer said. "I think sometimes people overlook what it truly means to be a student athlete and maintain high grades, while also having the rest of my day spent at volleyball. We work just as hard in school, and to be recognized for that was a good stress-reliever for sure."

Brewer said her fondest memory from this past season came during the Abilene Tournament.

"We got super close and learned a lot about each other on a more personal level," Brewer said. "Forming those bonds and sharing laughs that whole weekend was very memorable and makes me bittersweet thinking about it again."

Barkey said she has a couple of expectations for Brewer this off-season.

"I want her to continue to better her net play and set very high standards and expectations for her teammates as well," Barkey said.

Brewer's Favorites

Favorite Athlete: Simone Biles
Favorite Sports Team: TCU Volleyball
Favorite Movie: *The Notebook*Favorite TV Show: *That 70's Show*Book Currently Reading: "*The Twin Thieves*"
Favorite Musical Group or Performer: Drake



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Three Day Weekend Forecast



Friday, July 28:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny and hot, with a high near 101. South wind around 10 mph. <u>PM</u> - Mostly clear; low around 79. S/SE wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



Saturday, July 29:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny and hot, with a high near 103. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. <u>PM</u> - Mostly clear, with a low around 79. S/SE wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



Sunday, July 30:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny and hot, with a high near 104. S/SW wind around 10 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 80.

Extended Forecast Click Here