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From the Sports Desk with John English

Brewer Player Feature: Junior Jayvion Johnson

Confidence is nearly impossible to teach in sports.

For the most part, you either have it or you don't, and apparently **Jayvion Johnson** has it.

The incoming junior was on the Brewer JV boys' basketball team this



past season and will be moving up in 2022-23.

Coach Jason Porostovsky said he likes what he sees from his incoming guard.

"JJ had a really good spring and summer," Porostovsky said. "The competition level does not change his ability to perform in games. He is fearless. He has hit big shots and isn't afraid to take them."

Porostovsky said Johnson's perseverance is one of the things that most impresses him.

"JJ's sophomore season on JV didn't go as I nor he expected," Porostovsky said. "Many factors contributed to that, but credit to JJ, he didn't give up. I have seen him grow up coming to my camps for a number of years and I knew eventually he would be able to play on the varsity team. I'm really excited to see what the regular season brings for JJ."

Johnson, 16, admitted that his sophomore season was frustrating, but said he is optimistic about 2022-23.

"I'm feeling excited about moving up to varsity next year," Johnson said. "It feels a lot better playing at the next level, and I feel like it pushes me to actually play harder. I'm also looking forward to the teammates I'll be playing with this year, because they also push me to be better."

The junior guard said the team is starting to gel as well.

"I feel like the team is already shap- (continued on page 4)

From the City of White Settlement

Calling all Cooks - Share Your Recipes

In the age of celebrity chefs, fancy cooking websites and glossy table cookbooks we wanted to start a collection of hometown recipes - a compilation of community recipes to share with all of our residents with a possibility of a City Cookbook in the future.

If you would like to be included, please follow these instructions: 1. Compile your best family recipes 2. Add name and origin of recipe 3. Add any pictures 4. Email to kwsb@wstx.us.

Note: by sending in your recipe you are authorizing the City to post and share your recipe.

From White Settlement ISD

Back to School & Meet the Bears Rally Aug. 11

The WSISD Back to School & Meet the Bears Rally will be held on Thursday, Aug. 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Brewer High School stadium located at 1025 W. Loop 820 in Fort Worth.

From the Texas Comptroller's Office

Texas Sales Tax Holiday is Aug. 5-7

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding shoppers they can save money on clothes and school supplies during the state's sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5-7.

State law exempts sales tax on qualified items, such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks, priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. The dates of the sales tax holiday and list of tax-exempt items are set by the Texas Legislature.

"Most Texans won't hear the back-to-school bell for another month, but it's never too early to take (continued on page 5)

From the Project Linus Blanketeers

First Monday Quilt Club - Project Linus **Volunteers Needed**

Settlement from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on friendships. Monday, Aug. 1. Covid protocols will be in place.

organization. The members of this group are Tarrant County Chapter Project Linus volunteers who create handmade quilts and blankets that provide love, warmth, and comfort for local children who have suffered 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 desperate- of ly need volunteers with portable sewing machines to help assemble the quilts.

place for you. Anyone can help if you can 1263.

The First Monday Quilt Club will meet follow instructions, sew, tie a knot, crochet at Bethany Christian Church located at a blanket, or tell a good joke. Volunteers 1500 Meadow Park Drive in White have lots of fun and develop fantastic

High school students can receive community service credits for participating. Project Linus is a non-profit service Materials (fabric, batting, thread, and yarn) are provided.

> Donations of fabric, yarn, thread, sewing machines, sergers, or money to purchase materials are greatly appreciated.

> Come join the fun and enjoy fellowship with the Quilt Club volunteers while you make a difference in our community by being a blessing to others.

> For more information about the mission **Project** Linus. visit www.projectlinus.org.

For more information on this group and No experience is needed - there is a meetings, call Virginia Biela at 817-244-

NEW SCHOOL HOURS

Brewer High 8:25 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

Brewer Middle, **Fine Arts Academy** & Virtual Academy 8 a.m.-3:40 p.m.

Tannahill Intermediate 7:15 a.m.-3 p.m.

Blue Haze, Liberty & **North STEAM Academy** 7:30 a.m.-3:10 p.m.

West Elementary & Early Childhood Academy

Grades K-4: 7:30-3:10 Pre-K: 7:30-2:50

DAEP

8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

From the City of White Settlement

Last Summer Movie at the Library

Escape the heat with a free familyfriendly movie at the Library each Monday at 1 p.m. June 27 through Aug. 1 (no movie July 4). The movies will be shown on the large projector screen in the Storytime Room.

Showing Schedule

Aug. 1: Atlantis: The Lost Empire





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City of White Settlement Chief of Police, Christopher Cook



Christopher Cook serves as the Chief of Police for the City of White Settlement.

White Settlement Police Department (WSPD) is accredited by the Law Enforcement Agency Best Practices Accreditation Program through the Texas Police Chief's Association. Only 186 agencies out of 2,700 across the State of Texas have achieved this gold standard of recognition. The WSPD is a full service law enforcement agency with 53 team members.

Cook retired from the Arlington Police Department as a Deputy Police Chief.

As a Police Chief, Cook has experience in overseeing federal task forces, schools, jail operations, crime scene, intelligence, criminal investigations, and patrol operations. He has managed municipal budgets in the range of millions of dollars under his commands as a police chief and deputy police chief.

Chief Cook has a wealth of experience in the public relations and traditional media management, having overseen media relations, graphic design, video production and social media. He currently serves as the President of the National Information Officers Association (NIOA), ment communicators in the world.

Chief Cook was appointed as Chair for A&M University System. the Major Cities Chiefs Association United States and Canada. He was also Oklahoma and Texas.

President's Commission on Law Enforcement panel in 2020. He also provided testimony to the IACP Police Professional Standards Ethics and Image highest honor, a Distinguished Service Committee on the state of policing related to the value that public information officers provide to communities in the midst of calls for police reform and defunding media teams. Chief Cook is a veteran instructor on a multitude of topic areas. Speaking and executive training engage-Association, Institute for Law Enforcement Administration. Caruth Police Institute. Social Media Internet Law Enforcement Conference, and numerous other law enforcement-centric organizations.

Chief Cook began his career in law enforcement in 1995 and graduated at the top of his class. Chief Cook has served as a lead planner and PIO for several large scale events, including the MLB World Series in 2011 and 2020, NFL Super Bowl in 2011, Football Playoff National Championship in 2015, and the National Finals Rodeo in 2020.

Chief Cook holds a Master of Arts in Criminology & Criminal Justice from the University of Texas and is currently pursu-

representing the largest group of govern- ing a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice at Tarleton State University, a member of the Texas

He maintains a Master Peace Officer (MCCA) - Public Information Officers Certificate from the Texas Commission on (PIO) Committee in 2018, representing 78 Law Enforcement. Chief Cook graduated of the largest police departments in the from the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration 96th School of Police elected as General Chair for the Supervision in 2009, the Bill Blackwood International Association of Chiefs of Law Enforcement Management Institute of Police - PIO Section from 2015-2018. Texas 67th Leadership Command College Chief Cook currently serves as a Regional in 2012, and the Senior Management Vice Chair for the IACP covering Institute for Police Session #63 from the Arkansas, Louisiana, Kansas, Missouri, Police Executive Research Forum in 2016. He is a member of the Academy of Chief Cook testified before the Criminal Justice Sciences, the American Law Society of Criminology, Enforcement and the Administration of Professional Photographers Association Justice-Community Trust and Respect for and the Professional Photographers of America Association.

> Chief Cook received Arlington's third Medal, in 2021 for his continued contributions to the policing profession.

He was nominated for the prestigious Gary P. Hayes Award with the Police Executive Research Forum in 2020. He received the 2018 Leadership in Public Information Management Award from the ments include the IACP, NIOA, MCCA, IACP. He received the 2013 Connected FBI, Law Enforcement Management COPS Social Media Leadership Award for Institute of Texas, Texas Crime Prevention his distinguished and exemplary leadership in the use of social media.

Chief Cook has been published in sev-Government Social Media Conference, the eral high profile journals and magazines including the IACP Police Chief Magazine, FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, Police One, and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

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Obituary Player Feature (continued from page 1)



Eulan (Bill) Wilson Abbott, Sr.

Eulan (Bill) Wilson Abbott, Sr. 83, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, July 18, 2022.

Funeral services were held on Friday, July 22, 2022, at The Word at Lakeside Church of God.

Bill was born Sept. 29, 1938, in Eustace, Texas to Fred Ervin and Lucille (Kirkpatrick) Abbott.

He graduated from C.F. Brewer High School in 1958.

Bill worked for Motheral Printing Company from 1958 to 2005. He was very involved in all five of his children's activities in school through PTA, athletics booster and band boosters for the White Settlement ISD.

He was a member of the Lakeside Church of God for 65 years where he was Sunday School Superintendent for 48 years, Pastor's Council member, greeter and Prayer Warriors leader.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Myra Jo (Hanson) Abbott; daughter, Cheryl Lynn (Abbott) Little; and two brothers, Varrel Abbott and Ivan Abbott.

Survivors include his brother, Royce Dean Abbott and wife, Gloria; sons, Eulan Wilson Abbott, Jr., and wife, Darla and Dennis Keith Abbott; daughters, Jo Elaine James and husband, Mark, Sr., and Carol Gwen Hatfield and husband, Robert (Bob); 17 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and one on the way; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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next year is to play to it's potential.

know we can beat and we should strive to can be an impact player. beat teams that are favored over us," best player I can be and continue to get better and widen the variety of what I can do on the court."

Johnson said the adversity he faced last season has helped him to appreciate the opportunity he has been given this coming year.

"I know what it's like to have to earn a spot, and I know that I'm not entitled to anything, which makes me work even harder to earn what I want," Johnson said.

"On JV, I didn't get much playing time even though it was the JV level and it frustrated me and it was something I had to work through during the season.

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ing up really well," Johnson said. "Even But when I got moved up to play with varthough some of us new players are new sity, I expected that and it allowed me to make the best of the opportunities I was given."

Porostovsky said he needs Johnson has Johnson said his objective for the team been working hard to get stronger and improve his passing game this off season "We shouldn't lose games to teams we and said he believes the incoming junior

"I think JJ has a good chance at starting Johnson said. "My objective is to be the this year and providing a nice scoring punch at the guard spot," Porostovsky said.

Johnson's Favorites

Favorite Athlete: Michael Jordan My favorite sports team: Dallas Cowboys My favorite Movie: Megamind My favorite tv show: Naruto My favorite subject: ELA Book currently reading: 1st Peter Favorite musician all time: Michael Jackson



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Sales Tax Holiday (continued from page 1)

advantage of the opportunity to save money on everything from book bags to ballpoint pens," Hegar said. "With inflation driving prices higher on just about everything, this sales tax holiday provides Texas families some small relief managing the costs associated with kids heading back to the classroom. As the father of three school-aged children myself, I know how these expenses can add up."

The Comptroller's office estimates that shoppers will save \$112 million in state and local sales tax during this sales tax holiday.

Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free are listed on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

During the annual sales tax holiday, qualifying items can be purchased tax free online or by telephone, mail, custom order or any other means (including in-store purchases) when either:

- the item is both delivered to, and paid for by, the customer during the exemption period; or,
- the customer orders and pays for the item, and the seller accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period ends.

Texas' sales tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

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- 8. Dine out.
- g. Use a Smart thermostat.
- 10. Clean your AC Unit/change filter and vaccum vents.
- 11. Use dryer early in the morning or later at night.
- 12. Check your central cooling duct system for leaks.

City Council Candidate Filing Period Deadline Aug. 22

Election is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 8, to elect members of the Council for Place 2 is submitted. and Place 3.

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 an Application for Place on Ballot deadline is Aug. 22, 2022. There is and Tarrant County; a \$30 filing fee for candidates filing for Council Member Place 2 and Place 3. A candidate may also file a petition in lieu of a filing fee.

Candidates must submit Form CTA to the Office of the City Secretary prior pay- older at the time of filing for and/or assum-

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Candidates must meet the following from the resulting disability. 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 TinkerLab Fridays have been a resident for a period of not less than twelve (12) months immediately pre- at the Library ceding his election;
- A qualified voter of the State of Texas
- Shall not be employed by the City of p.m. through Aug. 5. White Settlement;
- ernmental office;
- Shall be eighteen (18) years of age or

- Shall not have been determined to be mentally incompetent by a final judgment
- Shall have not been finally convicted of mitted timely to allow for review of a felony or misdemeanor offense involving requirements. All fields must be completed moral turpitude from which the person had not been pardoned or otherwise released

From the City of White Settlement

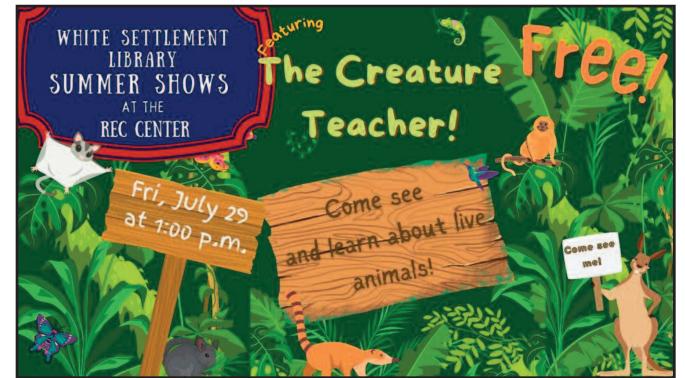
The library's TinkerLab program will run weekly this summer on Fridays at 2:30

TinkerLab is a program that facilitates • Shall not hold another elective gov- creativity and learning. During TinkerLab hours, kids of all ages can participate in a variety of activities with a focus on STEAM learning (Science - Technology -Engineering - Arts - Math).

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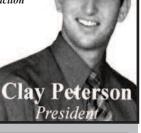
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Friday, July 29:

AM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Mostly sunny and hot; high near 100. S/SW wind 5-10mph; gusts as high as 20mph.

PM - A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy; low around 77. Chance of precipitation 20%.



Saturday, July 30:

AM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny; high near 96. **PM** - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 76.



Sunday, July 31:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 98. PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 78.

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