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From the City of White Settlement

Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Park

A Memorial Day ceremony was held at Veterans Park on Monday, May 29.

Assistant Police Chief Roger Yount gave the opening comments, while Mayor Pro Tem Amber Munoz and Dean Borries of VFW Post 5617 gave speeches.

We'd like to recognize Chaplains Ernest Godsey and Charles Lavine for leading the prayers, Sarah Getz of P.A.W.S. for singing the National Anthem, the WSPD Honor Guard for the flag presentation, and the many veterans and community members

who attended the ceremony.

We remember the meaning of this holiday and think of those in the Armed Forces who gave their lives to protect and defend our freedom.



Pictured: White Settlement Police Department's Assistant Police Chief **Roger Yount**.



Pictured: Chaplain **Ernest Godsey** from VFW Post 5617.



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From the City of White Settlement

Early Voting Going on Now for June 10 Runoff Election

Early voting is now underway in the Runoff Election for the unexpired term position of White Settlement Mayor.

Early voting will last from through June 6 at the White Settlement Public Library, located at 8215 White Settlement Road.

For more information visit the [Tarrant County Elections website](#).

From the Sports Desk with John English

Brewer Bear Athlete Spotlight: Tyren Mitchell

Tyren Mitchell was a first-team all-district selection this past season and named Newcomer of the Year in district 5-5A in boys basketball.

Perhaps most impressive is that Mitchell, 17, was asked to take on a unique role for the Bears basketball team that ended up helping Brewer to a district
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championship and first round victory over FW Southwest.

“Tyren could have easily been a starter for us, as he was the first off the bench and normally quickly,” coach Jason Porostovsky said. “We just felt having that offensive punch off the bench was best for the team. Tyren accepted that role and excelled in it.”

Porostovsky said Mitchell proved to be quite the asset for the Bears in 2023 in what he brought to the court.

“Tyren is an explosive ball handler that can beat anyone off the dribble,” Porostovsky said. “He has very good athleticism with his quickness and ability to get off the floor quickly. The talent level is there for a big senior season if Tyren decides to be completely focused on what needs to be done.”

Mitchell said, “I’m really happy with the way the season unfolded and the success we had team wise and personally,” Mitchell said. “My goals for going into the season were to play a big role in our team’s success and go as far as we could in the playoffs.”

Mitchell, a devout Christian, said that being selected Newcomer of the Year this season was something he considers to be a great blessing for him, and said in 2024, he would like to accomplish two goals.

“My objectives for this season are to go deeper into the playoffs and be a major part in our team’s success,” Mitchell said.

Despite that success, Mitchell said what he enjoyed most this season had more to do with fellowship with his teammates.

“When we stayed in a hotel as a team and the time we spent together winning and getting closer and the meals we ate together were great experiences,” Mitchell said.

Porostovsky said his expectations for

Mitchell for next season are to continue to build on what he accomplished this year.

“Next season, we are expecting a bigger role with the ball in his hands making plays using his quickness and ball handling ability,” Porostovsky said. “Being a returner that got heavy minutes always opens the door for a more significant role in all aspects including being a leader.”

The Brewer coach said he also has a few things he would like to work on over the summer.

“This off season, we have focused on his overall skill level, which includes his ability to shoot the ball on and off the dribble,” Porostovsky said. “We need him to gain strength as well. Lastly and most impor-

tantly, we want a new attention to mental toughness in his game. Tyren suffered a broken wrist early on this off season which caused a setback to the start, but he is now back healthy and ready to go.”

Mitchell's Favorites

- Favorite Athlete: Sharife Cooper
- Favorite Sports Team: Golden State Warriors
- Favorite Food: cream chicken and rice
- Favorite Movie: “Percy Jackson”
- Favorite TV Show: *Naruto*
- Book Currently Reading: “The Great Gatsby”
- Favorite Musical Group/Performer: Giveon

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From the City of White Settlement

New White Settlement Fire Chief Sworn In

Pictured right: WSFD Fire Chief Rick Sanderson (left) with Chief of Police Christopher Cook.

Rick Sanderson was recently sworn in as the new Fire Chief for the City of White Settlement. The event was attended by Chief Sanderson's family and friends, the White Settlement City Council, the White Settlement Fire Department, fire professionals from many agencies, community members, and City staff from across many departments.

Chief of Police Christopher Cook gave an introduction sharing about Chief Sanderson's background in the fire profession while City Manager Jeff James spoke about the selection and hiring process that led to Chief Sanderson joining the City.

In a brief speech, Chief Sanderson thanked all those who were there to show support and voiced his excitement about leading the WSFD.

Please join us in welcoming the new chief as he steps into his new role with the City!



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From the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Emphasizes Water Safety this Summer



Swimming in open water is more difficult than in a swimming pool. Statistics show that 90 percent of those who drown at United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) lakes and rivers may have survived if they had worn a life jacket. Although boating incidents have been the leading cause of fatalities at Corps lakes in the past, in recent years Fort Worth District has seen more swimming and wading accidents. These incidents are often due to sudden drop-off and swimmers misjudging the water while swimming and boating.

If you see someone in trouble in the water, remember, “Reach or throw, don’t go.” Reach for the person with a pole, a long stick, a boat paddle, even a towel, to reduce the chance the panicked victim will drag you under.

If you can’t find something to reach someone in trouble, or if the person is too far to reach, throw something that floats, like a life jacket, life board or lifebuoy. Even a small, closed water cooler can assist in keeping someone afloat long enough to get more help for a rescue.

“Obviously no one plans to drown when they head out for a fun day at the lake, so it’s important to expect the unexpected,” said Col. Jonathan Stover, Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District. “An essential item of your packing list should include a life jacket for anyone who will be in or near the water. And an essential action is to ensure that you and your loved ones wear life jackets properly by fastening the straps and zippers.”

While having a blast this holiday and summer, here are some water safety tips to help ensure you return home safely to those you love.

1. Wear a life jacket.

- Statistics show that 90 percent of those who drown at USACE lakes and rivers may have survived if they had worn a life jacket.
- Drowning is the nation’s second leading cause of accidental death.

- Accidents happen, even to responsible boaters. A life jacket can provide time for rescue.

2. Know your swimming ability.

- Swimming in open water is more difficult than in a swimming pool because a swimmer can tire more quickly and get into trouble.

- Conditions can change quickly in open water.

- Swim in designated areas and wear a life jacket. A life jacket will help conserve energy and provide flotation.

3. Be a “Water Watcher.”

- When on or near the water watch your children.

- A child can drown in 20 seconds

- Drowning happens quickly and quietly. A drowning victim’s head will be back, they will be gasping for air, they will not be yelling, and their arms will be slapping the water as though trying to climb out of the water.

4. Avoid exhaust fumes around boats.

- Carbon monoxide, an invisible killer, can accumulate anywhere in or around boats regardless of what type of boat. Install and maintain carbon monoxide detectors on and inside your boat. Maintain a fresh circulation of air through and around your boat at all times.

- Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include eye irritation, headache, nausea, weakness and dizziness. Know the signs and stay alive.

- Avoid areas around boats where exhaust fumes may be present. Do not let friends swim under or around the boarding platform where fumes can accumulate.

Questions regarding Fort Worth District’s ongoing Water Safety awareness campaign can be directed to USACE Public Affairs Specialist Bobby Petty at 817-886-1314 or Bobby.N.Petty@usace.army.mil.

From the City of White Settlement

Volunteers Needed for July 1 Summer Celebration

Would you like to volunteer for the upcoming Summer Celebration? The City of White Settlement tries to provide opportunities for our residents and other interested parties to get involved!

We have a great app that helps you find the right opportunities for you - called Helper Helper. The app can be found on the app store and Google Play. We are currently looking for several volunteers for the Summer Celebration Event.

If you have any questions about volunteering or the Helper Helper app, contact our Community Volunteer Coordinator by emailing kwsb@wstx.us or calling 817-246-5012.

First Monday Quilt Club - Project Linus Volunteers Needed

Come join the fun and fellowship with the Quilt Club volunteers while you make a difference in our community and bless others by making quilts for Project Linus.

The First Monday Quilt Club will meet at Bethany Christian Church located at 1500 Meadow Park Drive in White Settlement from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, June 5. Ladies may bring brunch or snack foods to share with others if desired.

Project Linus is a non-profit service 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 desperately need volunteers with portable sewing machines to help assemble the quilts.

No experience is needed - there is a place for you. Anyone can help if you can follow instructions, sew, tie a knot, crochet a blanket, or tell a good joke. Volunteers have lots of fun and develop fantastic friendships. High school students can receive community service credits for participating. 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 of Project Linus, visit www.projectlinus.org. For more information on this group and meetings, call Virginia Biela at 817-244-1263.



Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ White Settlement ISD _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ 5:30 pm, June 19, 2023 _____ in _____ Board Room, 8224 White Settlement Rd _____ White Settlement, TX _____. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ _____ .9374 _____ /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

School Debt Service Tax

Approved by Local Voters \$ _____ .48 _____ /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	_____ 6 _____ % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)
Debt service	_____ 6 _____ % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	_____ 6 _____ % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ _____ 3,871,364,725 _____	\$ _____ 4,619,549,736 _____
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ _____ 74,310,919 _____	\$ _____ 89,582,415 _____
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ _____ 3,187,789,872 _____	\$ _____ 3,899,272,827 _____
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ _____ 66,948,602 _____	\$ _____ 85,446,178 _____

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ _____ 250,905,769 _____

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$.9374	\$.48 *	\$ 1.4174	\$ 6,749	\$ 5,415
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$.8143	\$.44197 *	\$ 1.25627	\$ 6,964	\$ 4,936
Proposed Rate	\$.9374	\$.48 *	\$ 1.4174	\$ 6,992	\$ 5,297

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 225,525	\$ 282,877
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 173,464	\$ 211,096
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.4174	\$ 1.4174
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 2,458.16	\$ 2,992.07
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 533.40

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is _____ 1.4174 _____. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of _____ 1.4174 _____.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 12,632,364
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 13,736,771

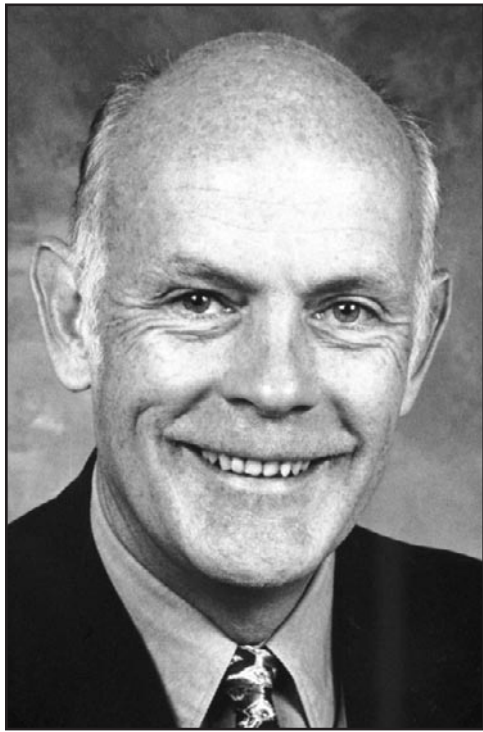
A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Texas Chemist and Nobel Prize Winner - Dr. Richard Smalley

by Dr. Ken Bridges



Sometimes it is the smallest thing that makes the biggest difference. And in science, the discovery of a whole new type of molecule may make the difference for the future of medicine and engineering. All this thanks to **Dr. Richard Smalley**, Texas chemist and Nobel Prize winner.

Richard Errett Smalley was born in June 1943 in Akron, Ohio. He was the youngest of four, and when he was still very young, the family moved to Kansas City, Missouri. Smalley later described it as a happy childhood with a stable and loving family.

His father worked in the newspaper industry and eventually became the editor of a farming magazine.

Both his parents had a powerful impact on him. When he was a teenager, his mother went back to school and earned a bachelors degree. Smalley was fascinated by all the tales of great scientific figures his mother was excited to tell him. He credited his father with his drive and ambition and also his early interest in woodwork. As a youngster, he and his father built and designed various gadgets. In high school, Smalley took four years of drafting classes where he learned about the importance of design and structure. By the time he was 17, Smalley became so fascinated by different aspects of science that he built a small library in the family's attic where he read science books for hours on end.

His aunt, Dr. Sara Jane Rhoads, a respected chemist herself, encouraged him to study chemistry and gave him his first scientific job after high school – working in her organic chemistry lab at the University of Wyoming in 1961. Smalley then attended Hope College in Michigan for two years before transferring to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor to complete his bachelors degree.

After his graduation, he went to work for Shell Chemical Co. in the quality control lab. He enrolled in the doctoral program at Princeton University in 1969, graduating in 1973. After he earned his doctorate, he began working with a team of scientists on the use of lasers for spectroscopy, understanding what light patterns certain substances emitted and absorbed in order to learn more about their properties. In 1976, he became a professor of chemistry at Rice University, making his move to Texas.

By the late 1970s, Smalley and a team of researchers at Rice began using these techniques to study carbon in new ways. Many scientists theorized that new configurations of carbon-containing molecules could pave the way to new energy sources or a variety of synthetic materials with all sorts of possible uses. Smalley's work helped show that carbon atoms could organize in ways never before

seen. By 1985, Smalley, along with Robert Curl, James Heath, Harold Kroto, and James O'Brien discovered that carbon atoms could arrange themselves into a ball made of carbon. These 60-atom carbon molecules resembled soccer balls and were eventually dubbed "Buckminsterfullerenes," after architect Buckminster Fuller and his famous geodesic domes.

The discovery of fullerenes was followed by the discovery of carbon nanotubes, molecule-size tubes with walls made entirely of a thin layer of carbon atoms. The scientific world was excited about the possibilities. One of the most intriguing possible uses was identified in medicine. Their structure would help aid imaging processes in MRI scans and X-rays. Additionally, portions of medicines and even genes could be "stored" inside them, making it easier to transport medicines or genes for gene therapy and research much easier and much more efficient.

Several researchers have theorized that one day nanotechnology could even be used to treat diseases such as cancer. With the ability to work on the molecular level, repairing damaged genes as seen with cancer and other maladies could become much easier in these instances.

Engineers also realized that the discovery of fullerenes and nanotubes had created a whole new field – nanotechnology. By being able to repair cells and genes on the molecular level, Smalley and his team had created molecule-sized machines with endless possibilities. What once had been mere science fiction had become an exciting new reality.

Smalley was widely honored in the scientific community, and he pushed for funding for continued research and development of nanotechnology. In 1990, he co-founded the Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology at Rice, which was later renamed for him. In 1996, he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Chemistry, the highest honor in science, along with Curl and Kroto for their work discovering fullerenes.

In 1999, Smalley received the devastating news that he had cancer. He fought the disease for years with the best doctors available, but the cancer gradually overtook his body. In the meantime, he fought for continued development of nanotechnology and encouraging your students to pursue careers in science and engineering. He once told a crowd, "Be a scientist and save the world."

As part of this effort, he spoke out for the National Nanotechnology Initiative in 2003 and to expand nanotechnology research. He died at the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston in October 2005 at the age of 62.

It was a life cut short, but it was one that had left an incredible impact. Congress honored him after his passing by naming him the Father of Nanotechnology.

Already, his discoveries are having an immense impact in research. And the foundation he laid with his work could one day herald a revolution in science and medicine scarcely imaginable today.

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Three Day Weekend Forecast



Friday, June 2:

AM - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny; high near 89.
S/SE wind 5-10mph.
PM - A 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy; low around 68.
E/SE wind around 10mph.



Saturday, June 3:

AM - A 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny; high near 86. E/SE wind 5-10mph.
PM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy; low around 67.
NE wind 5-10mph.



Sunday, June 4:

AM - A 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny; high near 85. NE wind 5-10mph.
PM - A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy; low around 67.
Chance of precipitation is 20%.

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