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From the Sports Desk with John English

# BHS Cross Country Team Prepared for **District Meet Tomorrow**



The Brewer cross country team had a strong showing at their home meet last week, and coach Kathi Olson it was a good warm up for district.

"The teams did great yesterday," Olson said on Saturday. "Our course is a tough one, and the kids did great to prepare for next week's District meet at Central Park."

**Ki Rendon** won the Varsity girls' race, Kailee Carr was 12th, Claire Simons placed 15th, and Jade Reyes was 17th overall.

The varsity boys' top runner was Vontez Castillo.

Olson said she expects a challenging district meet this coming weekend.

"We have a very competitive District, and all the teams have great runners," Olson said. "It's going to be a battle for those three spots to advance to the Region 1 meet."

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From White Settlement ISD

# Fightin' Bear Band Earns Highest Rating at UIL Marching Competition



High School Fightin' Bear Band earned the highest rating at the Region 30 UIL Marching Competition! The band will now advance to Area Competition on Oct. 28 at the Birdville p.m. at the Birdville Showcase at the Bird-Fine Arts/Athletic Complex.

Drum Majors are Jason Martinez, Alexia Terrazas, and Hannah Poff. Percussion Captain is Stockton Lowry, and Color Guard Captain is Julianne Laboy.

Band Director is Andrew Williams; Asso-

For the ninth consecutive year, the Brewer ciate Director, Stephanie Ballaro; Assistant Director, Keith Duke; and Color Guard Director, Nathanael Esparza.

Watch them perform this Saturday at 2 ville Fine Arts/Athletic Complex.

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From White Settlement Public Library

# TinkerLab Today at the Library

At TinkerLab, kids of all ages will enjoy a variety of STEAM-based activities individually or in small groups. Currently, TinkerLab is held on the second Thursday of each month from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. This is a come-and-go event, you will not miss out if you need to arrive late! Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

From White Settlement Public Library

# Teen Game Night at the Library

This month's Teen Game Night at the White Settlement Library will be held on Monday, Oct. 16 at 4:30 p.m.

We'll be playing Animal Trivia and yes, there will be prizes for the winners!

This is a free event and registration is not required - if you have a teen who would be interested, let them know!

# $Sports\ Desk\ (continued\ from\ page\ 1)$

The Brewer football team lost a tough one to The Colony on Friday night to move thier district record to 2-2.

The Bears lost 43-36 in a game they led by 15 at the half, and coach Jason Wheeler said turnovers really hurt them.

"The first half we came out and performed really well offensively," Wheeler said. "We came out in the second half and had three turnovers. It's hard to keep that lead when that happens."

Brewer got on the board first when Jordan Clark connected with Cameron Carr on a 53-yard touchdown pass to make it 7-0 bears.

With 3:35 to go in the first quarter, Clark broke a 44-yard run to give Brewer a 14-0 lead before The Colony was able to get on the board.

Brewer answered by driving 57 yards and scoring just before the end of the first quarter on a 2-yard run from Jaden Garrett.

But the Cougars came right back with a touchdown of their own to make it 21-14 Brewer at the end of one.

In the second quarter, Garrett extended Brewer's lead, capping off a 70-yard drive with a 4-yard touchdown run to make it 28-14 in favor of the Bears.

The Colony scored again to bring the game to within 7, but with 1:17 remaining in the half, Garrett scored again on a 7-yard run, and 2-point conversion from Clark made it 36-21 Brewer.

The Colony scored 22-unanswered points in the second half to get the victory.

Brewer will play South Hills tomorrow night, and Wheeler said his team needs to focus on execution.

"They're well-coached and they are going to be prepared," Wheeler said. "I expect us to get a win, but then I expect us to win every week. We're going to go out and focus on us getting better."

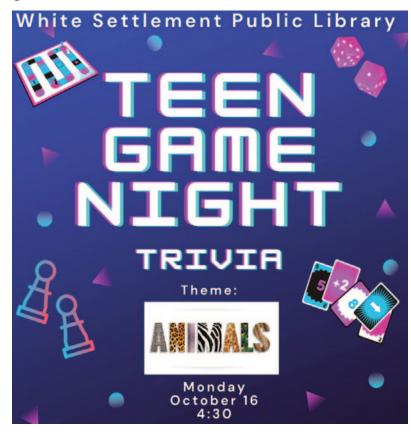
On the court, the Brewer volleyball team came up short against Wichita Falls Rider on Friday night, losing by a score of 3-1.

Coach Jill Barkey said it was a tough loss.

"We lost our footing against Rider," Barkey said. "We got outplayed. Saira Terrazas stepped up in set 4 to set for us so we could get some swings on the board."

Brewer will play Granbury tomorrow night and Barkey expects another difficult game.

"We know Granbury will be tough," Barkey said. "We've been preparing since Wednesday. We're going to give them everything we've got."



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From White Settlement Public Library

# Halloween Community Storytime

Join us at the Library for a fun Halloween Storytime on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 4:30 p.m.

This free, all-ages event includes stories, activities, a craft, and Halloween treats.

Costumes are encouraged!

The winners of the Storybook Pumpkin Contest will be announced during the event, and your decorated pumpkins can be taken home to enjoy on Halloween.



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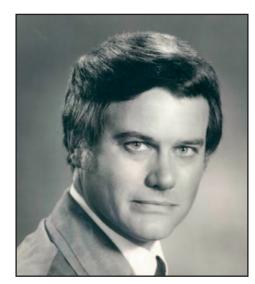
# Girl Scout Troop 2518 Visits White Settlement Fire Dept.

The White Settlement Fire Department hosted local Girl Scout Troop 2518 for an evening of fire safety, function of the fire engine and water hose. The scouts appreciated learning the skills of our fire fighters.





# Fort Worth Native, Actor Larry Hagman by Dr. Ken Bridges



Texas has produced many colorful characters and gifted actors and artists in its long history. Among those is actor Larry Hagman. He played one of the most notorious villains on TV but was the opposite offscreen, known instead for his wit and his devotion to friends.

Hagman was born in September 1931 in Fort Worth. His father, Benjamin Jackson Hagman, was an attorney and an accountant in nearby Weatherford, who later worked as a prosecuting attorney and was a decorated artillery officer during World War II.

His home life was difficult. In 1936, his mother, Mary Martin, was anxious to resume her career as a singer and stage actress and filed for divorce. For the next several years, Larry Hagman alternated between his mother and his grandmother while living in California. His mother sent him to a series of boarding schools before he went to live with her again in New York City after World War II. In 1946, he returned to Weatherford to live with his father and his new wife and half-brother.

He attended Weatherford High School and took several jobs. One summer, he worked for oilman Jess Hall, Jr., the owner of Antelope Tool Company. Hagman said he would later base his character of J.R. Ewing on memories of Hall. He graduated high school in 1949. His father encouraged him to become a lawyer, but Hagman instead pursued acting. He attended Bard College in New York City majoring in drama and dance but quit after one year.

Hagman acted in small stage productions

before he was drafted in 1952. He married articles, and magazine covers across the pearance was a guest shot on the 1957 series in-law and mistress. Decoy. In 1958, he made three guest ap-

in the thriller Failsafe.

In 1965, he made a huge breakthrough Good Life (1971-1972) and Here We Go in 2011. Again (1973).

tuned in every week to see his latest scheme new cancer diagnosis was revealed in 2012. and whether his co-star, Patrick Duffy, who played the younger brother Bobby Ewing, could thwart his plans. Many scenes were shot in and around the Dallas area, to the delight of Metroplex residents. In spite of his TV character, Hagman developed close relationships with all his fellow cast members.

The tensions in the Ewing family and the web of his backstabbing plans led to the famous "Who Shot J.R.?" cliffhanger in 1980, leaving millions wondering if he would survive the shooting and who was responsible. The question was the subject of interviews,

Maj Axelsson in 1954, with whom he had globe. In November 1980, in one of the two children. After four years in the air most-watched episodes in television history, force, he returned to New York City and 83 million Americans tuned in to learn that acted in a series of plays. His first TV ap- he had survived and was shot by his sister-

The series lasted for 14 seasons. He was pearances on Sea Hunt with Lloyd Bridges. nominated for two Emmy Awards and four He kept making small appearances on Golden Globe Awards. Hagman was the stage and screen, and his career steadily only actor to appear in all 357 episodes begrew. From 1961 to 1963, he had a recurfore the cancellation of Dallas in May 1991. ring role on the CBS soap opera The Edge He and other co-stars would appear in six of Night. His first film role was in 1964 in TV movies in the years afterward. Hagman Ensign Pulver. Later that year, he appeared once said about his character, "It's fun to play the villain."

He would make brief film appearances, with his career when he landed the lead in I and directed a number of episodes of In the Dream of Jeannie. Hagman played Maj. Heat of the Night, which starred his close Tony Nelson, an astronaut who found a friend Carroll O'Connor. But he faced a genie in a bottle on a deserted island. His major health crisis in 1995. Hagman had character was often bewildered and over- been a heavy drinker for many years and had whelmed by the antics of the genie played to undergo a liver transplant. The operation by Barbara Eden, who would become a life- was a success, and he quit drinking. He long friend. The popular series ran until wrote an autobiography, "Hello Darlin", in 1970. After the end of the series, he ap- 2001. When his wife developed Alzheimer's peared in two short-lived sitcoms, The Disease, he stayed by her side until her death

In 2011, he was approached about a re-He was looking for a new role in early vival of Dallas. His first question was, "Are 1978 when his wife suggested he read the all my friends going to be there?" The rescript of a proposed new drama about a vival premiered in 2012 with most of the Texas oil family. Hagman immediately felt surviving series originals and fared well in drawn to the scheming character of J.R. the ratings. However, Hagman was dia-Ewing and got the role. When Dallas pre- gnosed with throat cancer. He received miered in April 1978, it was an instant hit. treatment while he worked on the series, and "J.R." became a cultural icon, and millions it initially seemed successful. However, a

> Hagman died at a Dallas hospital in November 2012 at age 81.





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# **How to Navigate Your Medicare Options During the Annual Enrollment Period**

The average Medicare beneficiary in 2023 has access to 43 Medicare Advantage plans, the largest number of options ever, according to KFF. With so many plans to choose from, the Medicare and Prescription Drug Plan Annual Enrollment Period (AEP), taking place from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7, may be overwhelming medicare.gov/medicare-and-you. and confusing.

is when you can shop for a new plan, if you want to," says Kate Long, consumer financial wellness advocate at Assurance IQ.

As Long points out, shopping for a new plan doesn't necessarily mean you cannot stay with the same carrier. They may have multiple plans available in your area. The important thing is finding a Medicare Advantage plan that addresses your unique healthcare and budgetary needs. To help you navigate your options, consider these tips from Assurance IO:

- The first tip is to review your Annual Notice of Change, which should have been mailed to you before Oct. 15. This document explains changes to your plan, such as providers, prescription drugs or services no longer covered. Make sure to review it carefully to understand if these changes could impact your plan benefits.
- Next, you'll want to assess your healthcare needs and financial standing. Are there services you know that you'll need in the coming year? If your finances have changed, can you still afford your current plan? Are you taking a new prescription that your current plan doesn't cover?
- Now it may be time to shop around. Before enrolling in a plan, make sure that your preferred doctor, specialists and any prescriptions you need are covered. Ask which outof-pocket costs you will be responsible for. It's important to find an affordable plan for
- You could also speak with a licensed insurance agent about your needs. Prep for the conversation by having a list of your prescriptions on hand, having your Medicare card nearby, and having a list of your doctors and medical equipment you use. Knowing which

company provides your medical equipment is also important. Be sure to also read the "Medicare & You" handbook that is mailed to all Medicare beneficiary households in late September.

You can also find it online by visiting

Medicare options are more expansive than "The Medicare Annual Enrollment Period ever. And while that makes the Annual Enrollment Period more complicated, the upside is that by doing your homework, you'll be more likely to find a plan that works for you.







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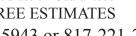
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## Friday, Oct. 13:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny, with a high near 82. SW wind 10 to 15 mph becoming N/NW in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

**PM** - Clear, with a low around 52. North northwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



### Saturday, Oct. 14:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny, with a high near 73. N/NW wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. <u>PM</u> - Clear, with a low around 50. North wind 5 to 10 mph.



## Sunday, Oct. 15:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 72. North wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. **PM** - Clear, with a low around 47. North wind 5 to 10 mph.

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