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From the Sports Desk with John English

Brewer Bears Defeat South Hills Scorpions to Move to 3-2 in District

The Brewer football team cruised to a 68-8 victory over South Hills on Friday night, improving its district record to 3-2 on the season and remaining firmly entrenched in the playoff hunt.

Coach Jason Wheeler said it took his team a little bit of time to get going, but once it did they were hard to stop.

"We came out flat," Wheeler said. "But we had a conversation at the end of the first quarter about doing our job and living up to the standard that we set, and after the first quarter, we played clean. There were some things on special teams that I would like to fix, but as far as making mistakes on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball, we were pretty clean. I was proud of that."

Jordan Clark rushed for 153 yards and two touchdowns and tossed three touchdown passes in the game.

Jaden Garrett rushed for three touchdowns in the game for the Bears, and Jovan Sparkman rushed for 141 yards and a touchdown. Cameron Carr caught three passes for 43 yards and two touchdowns for the Bears.

Defensively, Cameron Clay had three sacks in the game and Elizjah Richardson had four tackles, a tackle-for-loss and a sack.

Kaiden Foster and Matthew Sherrod both had turnovers for Brewer.

Brewer will host Burleson Centennial at 7 p.m. tomorrow evening, and Wheeler said his team can win if they play a specific brand of football.

"They run the flex bone triple-option football, and it's going to be assignment football for us," Wheeler said. "We've got to be disciplined in doing our job, and not trying to do more than our job. That's what it takes to beat option football."

On the court, the Brewer volleyball team came up short against Granbury on Friday, and coach Jill Barkey said this week is an opportunity for her team to take a big step toward the playoffs.

"We had a rough night against Granbury, just to be honest," Barkey said on Saturday. "We had a great practice this morning, though, and are really prepping hard for our game against Azle on Tuesday."

Brewer will play Aledo tomorrow night, but Barkey said the

Azle game played on Tuesday before the paper went to press was critical to Brewer's post-season aspirations.

"We know Aledo will be tough on Friday," Barkey said. "We're gonna do everything we can to perform well. But if we beat Azle and Saginaw again and the other teams land the same in round two as they did in round one, then we'll be in. But that all hinges on us beating Azle on Tuesday. It'll be a really great game."

On the trails, the Brewer girls cross country team finished third at the district meet on Saturday, just three points behind Azle, and coach Kathi Olson she was proud of her teams' effort.

"The kids did great on a challenging course," Olson said.

Brewer had two runners (Ki Rendon and Aolani Woldai), with top 10 finishes, and a third runner (Jade Reyes) finish in the top 15, and Olson said her runners executed their game plan well.

"I'm very pleased," Olson said. "They did a good job of running the race and focusing on placement to advance as a team."

The regional meet is up next, and Olson said there are a couple of objectives.

"The goal is to advance to state, placing in the top four teams," Olson said. "Ki Rendon went to state as an individual last year. She would love to go again, and have her team join her."

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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.

Obituary



Michael Joe Williams

Mike went to be with the Lord on Sept. 16.

A memorial service will be held at Broadway Baptist Church on Oct. 21 at 11 a.m., followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Memorials may be given to Broadway's Sack Lunch Ministry, Broadway's Chapel Choir, or the Pythian Home in Weatherford.

Michael Joe Williams was born Oct. 15, 1945, in Eastland, Texas. At age 4 he was sent to the Pythian Home in Weatherford with his five siblings, where he lived until age 20. Mike graduated from Weatherford High School, attended Weatherford College, and graduated from the University of North Texas with degrees in Physical Education and Industrial Arts, and later an M.Ed. of Industrial Arts.

He married Julia (Judy) Lumpkin in 1970 and began his 35-year teaching career at Castleberry High School.

Known at CHS as *Coach Big'un*, Mike coached football and golf for eight years and sponsored the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for over 20 years. He also drove a regular bus route, the cheerleaders, band and others for over 40 years. He taught Drafting, Architecture, Wood Shop, and other Industrial Arts classes. He was named the Texas State Industrial Arts Teacher of the Year in 1999.

Mike and Judy were members of Broadway Baptist Church, where he was recently named Deacon Emeritas. They were active supporters of Broadway's Baptist Center, organizing the assembly of thousands of sack lunches for Fort Worth's homeless. They also worked and traveled with Broadway's Chapel Choir for many years, and Mike served as the construction foreman on the choir's mission trips.

He was preceded in death by "Mom and Pop" Horstmann (Pythian Home superintendents), brothers Charles, Dickie, and Roger and sister Juanita Clary.

Mike is survived by: his wife, Julia (Judy) Williams; sister, Alyce Korn; son, Daryn Williams and wife, Tiff; son, Ryan Williams and husband, Julien Martineau; and grandchildren, Belle and Davis Williams (who Mike adored).

From WS Pride Commission

Halloween Yard Decorating Contest

The White Settlement Pride Commission is bringing back the Halloween Yard Decorating Contest! You may nominate your own house, or any other houses that you see around town that you think have a great decorations. Judging will look at factors, such as scariest decorations, funniest decorations, and most creative. We want to see the best of the best, so if you come across great decorations, be sure to nominate them!

The contest is limited to what can be seen from the street, in a homeowners front yard. People or live animals are not allowed in the display. Judging the nominated homes will be done on the evening of Oct. 26. Please have decorations turned on by 6 p.m. Judges decisions are final. To nominate a house, click here or email the address to kwsb@wstx.us and include the homeowner contact information, if you have it.

For questions, call 817-246-5012.

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Thousands Of Additional Donations Needed To Replenish Red Cross Blood Supply

Since announcing a national blood and platelet shortage a month ago, thousands of donors across the country have rolled up a sleeve to help rebuild the American Red Cross blood and platelet supply.

As that generosity continues, the Red Cross is working around-the-clock to ensure patients have access to lifesaving transfusions and must collect 10,000 additional blood and platelet donations – over and above expectations – each week over the next month to sufficiently meet hospital needs.

Donors of all blood types are urged to book a time to give now, especially those with type O blood or those giving platelets.

Don't wait – patients are counting on critical care.

To make an appointment, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

To encourage more blood and platelet donations, the Red Cross is offering new incentives to donors over the next month. All who come to give Oct. 21 through Nov. 9 will receive a \$10 gift card by email to a restaurant merchant of their choice to enjoy lunch on the Red Cross.

They'll also be automatically entered to win a \$5,000 gift card. There will be three lucky winners – one chosen at random each week. Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Lunch.

As cold and flu season quickly approaches, the Red Cross is reminding donors that they can still give blood or platelets after receiving a flu vaccine, so long as they are feeling healthy and well on the day of their donation.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Oct. 21 through Nov. 9:

Arlington

- Saturday, Oct. 21: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1500 California Ln.

- Wednesday, Oct. 25: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Central YMCA, 2200 S. Davis Dr.

Bedford

- Friday, Nov. 10: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Bedford Center YMCA, 2801 Forest Ridge Dr.

Burleson

- Monday, Oct. 23: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints - Burleson Chapel, 390 John Jones Dr.

Dallas

- Monday, Oct. 23: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., White Rock Family YMCA, 7112 Gaston Ave.

- Wednesday, Oct. 25: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Plaza of the Americas, 600 North Pearl, 12th Floor

- Friday, Oct. 27: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Moorland Family YMCA at Oak Cliff-Multipurpose Room, 6701 S Hampton Rd.

- Monday, Oct. 30: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., American Red Cross Dallas Chapter, 2055 Kendall Dr.

- Monday, Nov. 6: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., American Red Cross Dallas Chapter, 2055 Kendall Dr.

Denton

- Friday, Oct. 27: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Medical City Denton-Professional Building, 3537 South Interstate 35 E

Fort Worth

- Saturday, Oct. 21: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Fort Worth, 500 W. Bonds Ranch Road

- Wednesday, Oct. 25: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Hulen Mall, 4800 South Hulen Street

- Friday, Oct. 27: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., American Red Cross FTW Office, 6000 Western Pl. #6000, Ste. 100

- Friday, Nov. 10: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., American Red Cross FTW Office, 6000 Western Pl. #6000, Ste. 100
- 11/10/2023: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Texas Christian University, 2901 Stadium Drive

Plano

- Saturday, Oct. 21: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Haggard Plano Library, 2501 Coit Rd.

- Monday, Oct. 23: 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Whiskey Cake Kitchen & Bar, 3601 Dallas Parkway

- Monday, Nov. 6: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Chase Oaks Church: Legacy Campus, 201 Legacy Dr.

The Colony

- Monday, Oct. 30: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Nebraska Furniture Mart, 5600 Nebraska Furniture Mart Dr.

Waxahachie

- Thursday, Oct. 26: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Baylor Medical Center of Waxahachie, 2400 N. I-35 E

Weatherford

- Monday, Oct. 30: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Weatherford College Texas Hall, 225 College Park Dr.

- Thursday, Nov. 9: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2251 Bethel Rd.

How to donate blood:

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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If you dream of homeownership, having your mortgage application denied can be devastating. If this does happen to you, it's important to remember that you're not alone. Thirteen percent of all purchase mortgage applications -- a total of nearly 650,000 -- were denied in 2020, according to federal government data.

Before quickly reapplying for a loan, it's important to first understand the reasons your loan was denied. The lender is required to disclose that information to you within 30 days of its decision. You can also call your lender for further explanation. Having this knowledge will help you work toward building your eligibility for a mortgage.

In some instances, the situation involves a quick fix, such as providing missing or incomplete documentation. However, if the reasons cited for your application denial involve down payment cost, a low credit score, an adverse credit history or a high debt-to-income ratio, here are six steps you can take toward recovery:

1. Consult a Housing Counselor. Consider speaking to a community-based credit counselor or a HUD-certified housing counselor. They can help you create a plan to increase your savings, decrease your debt, improve your credit, access down payment assistance or take advantage of first-time homebuyer programs.

2. **Improve Your Credit.** In a recent Freddie Mac survey of consumers denied a mortgage application in the past four years, three in five cited debt or credit issues as reasons given for their initial

denial. If this describes you, take time to improve your credit profile before applying for another loan. Good credit demonstrates responsible money management and gives you more purchasing power, opening doors to better loan terms and products.

3. **Pay Down Debt.** In the application process, lenders will look at your recurring monthly debts, such as car payments, student loans and credit card loans. By lowering or paying down monthly debts, you can build a positive credit history and lower your debt-to-income ratio. Not sure where to start? Tackle your debt with the highest interest rate first.

4. Obtain Gift Funds. If you're short on money for your down payment, you may be able to use gift funds from a family member to decrease the amount you need to borrow.

5. Find a Co-Signer. A co-signer applies for the loan with you, agreeing to take responsibility for the loan should you default. The co-signer's credit, income and debts will be evaluated to make sure they can assume payments if necessary. In addition to ensuring your co-signer has good credit, you should make sure they are aware of this responsibility and have sufficient income to cover the payment.

6. Look for a Lower-Cost Home. Remember, you should only borrow an amount you feel comfortable repaying. You may need to look for a lower-cost home than you're financially prepared to purchase and maintain.

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The Brothers Lubbock - Politicians and Civil War Figures

by Dr. Ken Bridges



Francis Lubbock



Thomas Lubbock

Two orphaned brothers headed west in search of adventure and a new life. The story is common in the annals of the frontier. In the case of brothers Francis and Thomas Lubbock of South Carolina, their story would play an important role in Texas history.

Francis Richard Lubbock was born in Beaufort, South Carolina, in 1815 to Dr. Henry and Ann Lubbock. While still an infant, the family moved to Charleston, where younger brother Thomas was born in 1817. Tragedy struck the family in 1829 when their father died. With the family struggling, the 14-year-old Francis quit school to work as a clerk.

In 1835, after the death of their mother, the two brothers moved to New Orleans, where the elder Lubbock worked with a variety of businesses and the 17-year-old Thomas worked as a cotton agent. The revolution erupting in Texas captivated their attention.

Thomas Lubbock and a group of other New Orleans residents organized a unit, the New Orleans Grays, and marched into Texas to support independence. He participated in the Siege of Bexar in late 1835, temporarily wresting San Antonio from Mexican control. After the Texas Revolution, he worked as a businessman and a Texas Ranger.

In 1836, Francis Lubbock followed his brother to Texas and settled in what became Houston and set up a store. He became heavily involved in politics and was appointed as comptroller by Texas President Sam Houston in 1837.

In 1857, he was elected lieutenant governor of the state but lost re-election in 1859 to Ed Clark, a Unionist. Nevertheless, Lubbock was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1860. He and other southern delegates clashed with northern delegates over the conciliatory platform they pushed to preserve the Union. The Democratic Party fractured, and a convention of southern Democrats, chaired by Lubbock, pushed their own candidate, Vice-President John Breckinridge over the national Democratic candidate,

Stephen A. Douglas.

In the meantime, Thomas Lubbock was an ardent secessionist and campaigned for years for secession. Once Texas seceded in 1861, he went to Virginia to enlist in the Confederate Army, fighting in the Army of Northern Virginia during the Civil War. He saw many battles and died at a Kentucky hospital in 1862 as a colonel at age 44.

Ed Clark became governor in 1861 after then-Gov. Sam Houston was forced from office. That fall, Lubbock challenged his old foe Clark in the gubernatorial election. Lubbock won by a scant 124-vote margin.

As governor, the Civil War was the focus of Francis Lubbock's administration. He was an outspoken defender of the Confederacy and the draft. He even pushed for drafting non-citizens into the army as well. He attempted to increase trade with Mexico, even offering to trade United States bonds held by Texas and cotton for weapons. Lubbock attempted to spur defense manufacturing in Texas, to little effect. The chaotic whirlwind of Civil War politics consumed his administration, and he declined to run for re-election in 1863.

Lubbock enlisted in the Confederate Army at the age of 46 and was made a lieutenant colonel. He helped organize supplies and troops for the defense of Louisiana during the 1864 Red River campaign and served on the staff of several generals. In August 1864, Lubbock was appointed as a military aide to Confederate President Jefferson Davis. He went to Virginia to update Davis on activities west of the Mississippi River. This voyage was made even more difficult with the Union naval blockade of the South and that Union forces now controlled the Mississippi River, cutting the Confederacy in half. Lubbock spent the next several months in Richmond, watching the Confederacy disintegrate as Union forces encircled the city and laid siege to it.

The Union Army broke through Confederate lines in April 1865, and the Confederate government fled, Lubbock included. Davis, Lubbock, and a number of others headed south in a mad flight to avoid capture and to try to keep their government alive. Several days later, Lubbock was captured in Georgia. He was held at an army prison in Delaware where he awaited his fate. After eight months, he was released as part of an amnesty program and returned to Texas.

In 1876, the Texas legislature organized Lubbock County in West Texas in honor of Thomas Lubbock. Its namesake city was organized a few years later and a century later would grow to a city of more than a quarter of a million residents.

The surviving Lubbock brother, Francis, continued to piece his life back together after the Civil War and Reconstruction and eventually re-entered politics. He served as state treasurer from 1878 to 1891.

Francis died quietly at his home in Austin in 1905 at age 89.

TDLR Seeks Volunteers to Serve on 17 Advisory Boards and Committees

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation seeks volunteers to serve on 17 advisory boards and committees to provide technical knowledge and industry expertise to the agency, which regulates 38 occupations in Texas. The agency also seeks public members who have no attachment to the industry being regulated

“TDLR needs Texans who care about their communities to participate on our advisory boards and committees,” said TDLR Executive Director Mike Arismendez Jr. “Thanks to a change in state law, we’re able to hold most of our advisory board meetings online, so members no longer have to travel to Austin to meet. We hope that more people will want to get involved.”

Many of the vacancies that TDLR seeks to fill are for public members who will represent Texas consumers and do not have a connection to the industry of their appointed board. . Most terms on the boards and committees last for six years, although some terms may be shorter because a seat has been vacated by a member who was unable to complete their term.

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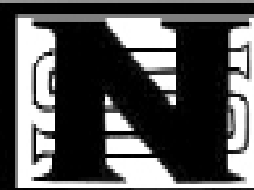
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PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 60. NE wind around 5 mph becoming south after midnight.



Saturday, Oct. 21:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. S/SW wind 5 to 10 mph.
PM - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. SE wind around 10 mph.



Sunday, Oct. 22:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. S/SE wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
PM - NightPartly cloudy, with a low around 66.

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