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From the Sports Desk with John English

Lady Bears Claim Win Over Lady Rough Riders on Senior Night; Brewer Bears Fall to Burleson Centennial Spartans



Senior Lady Bears honored on Tuesday, Oct. 24 were: (l-r) **Ka-lyssa King, Monet Otieno, Ryleigh Self, Ashlynn Gehring, Bailey Brewer, Jazzlyn Morales and Kayla Pugh.**

The Brewer volleyball team lost to Aledo on Friday, Oct. 20, and coach Jill Barkey it was a difficult game.

“Aledo was tough,” Barkey said. “It was a must win to have a shot at playoffs. We knew going in it would be a big fight. If we would have taken care of Rider and Azle on the road, we wouldn’t have been in the position we were in. It was the toughest loss of the season.”

The Lady Bears wrapped up the season on Tuesday, Oct. 24 against the Saginaw Lady Rough Riders. Brewer claimed the 3-1 win; a great send off for Senior Night.

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From the White Settlement Police Department

Prescription Drug Take Back Saturday

The White Settlement Police Department is participating in National Prescription Drug Take Back day on Saturday, Oct. 28. If you have unused or expired prescription drugs this is a safe and easy way to dispose of them. No syringes please.

Bring medications to the Police Station located at 8900 Clifford Street between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

From the White Settlement Police & Fire Departments

Back the Boo Trunk or Treat Monday, Oct. 30

The White Settlement Police and the White Settlement Fire Departments are hosting a free Trunk or Treat event at in front of the police station located at 8900 Clifford Street on Monday, Oct. 30 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There will be free Kona Ice, candy and activities. Attendees may dress in their costumes.

From the City of White Settlement

Resident Tire Recycle Event Nov. 4

Residents are invited to the complimentary tire disposal event by bringing their tires (without rims) to the Municipal Complex located at 8211 White Settlement Rd.

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To participate, individuals must present their White Settlement water bill.

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Obituary



Donna Uptmore Holt

Donna Uptmore Holt passed peacefully at home on Oct. 16, 2023 surrounded with love by her beloved husband, Jackie Holt and daughters Rakisha, Alison and Shea.

Donna was born Sept. 15, 1948 to Alvin and Estelle Uptmore. She shared her childhood home with siblings, Dianne Pilotte, Debbie Deatherage and Clifford Uptmore.

Despite having beautiful, handmade dolls and dresses, she was a tomboy at heart and preferred jeans and a BB gun.

She met the love of her life Jackie Roy Holt in high school, and they were married on April 6, 1968. Their love is like no other, a rare kind of love. He adored her and she would do anything for him. Their first born, Rakisha Chenault, made her appearance on Oct. 21, 1971 in Irving, Texas.

Shortly after, they moved to their lifelong home in Fort Worth, Texas. They were later blessed with the births of Alison Holt-Fuller on Sept. 17, 1974 and Shea Holt July 3, 1980. Motherhood was her passion. Her daughters were her first and final thoughts of the day. She raised them to know that they could do anything. She always had time to help with an art project, or to raise their spirits. She had all the answers, and if she didn't, she would figure it out. Most importantly, she raised them with unfaltering love, sacrifice and the knowledge that family is everything. Her love had no boundaries and was extended through her immediate family to those who came to know them. By setting the stage and having an open-door policy the family gatherings were always abundant with good food and genuine laughter.

She not only raised three beautiful and successful women, but she also contributed to much of their children's growth. She showered her grandchildren, Holt and Haden Chenault and Stella and Sadie Lamb with love and attention. Her tender-hearted nature and steadfastness for what is right prevailed as a guiding path and as an example of how to love and care for others. She gave much grace, courage, and support to her children and her grandchildren to chase their dreams and to never shy away from a hard fight. She nourished the parts of us that we typically tend to overlook or not entertain, our imagination, our creativity, and our ability to be great. Donna led this life with the grace of God and raised a family to know and trust in Christ.

Sports Desk (continued from page 1)

The Brewer football team came up a little short on Friday night, losing to Burleson Centennial by a score of 31-15.

The Bears moved to 3-3 in district competition with the loss, and coach Jason Wheeler said, "Defensively, we gave up some plays early that in my mind were the difference in the game," Wheeler said. "We got them third and three or four once, and they were able to convert. They had kind of a busted play that went kind of wacky and led to a field goal, but after that, we kind of settled in and made them earn what they got. Jade Garret ran the football really well. We were able to capitalize on a turnover by them. I was very proud of the kids and the way they fought and just kept playing."

Garrett rushed for 123 yards a touchdown in the game against the Spartans.

Wheeler said he has seen continued growth and improvement from his team throughout the season.

"Most of it is mental," Wheeler said. "Not letting one play get you down for the rest of the night. Just moving onto the next play and things like that. That's how you become better as football team."

Brewer will play travel to Denton this evening to play Ryan at 7 p.m. and Wheeler

said he is expecting a good game.

"We played them close last year," Wheeler said. "They're obviously very talented and have some really good football players. But our kids are going to go play and they are going to play hard, and just like when we're going against anybody else, we'll see what happens."



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From Take Care of Texas
Put Waste in Its Place

These tips offer some insight as to how Texans can cut down on waste that goes into landfills and down drainage pipes that can pollute waterways.

- Don't put fats, oil, or grease down the drain. It can cause pipes to clog, resulting in costly repairs and environmental contamination. Collect them in a container and dispose of it in the trash.
- Keeping your tires properly inflated can extend their life by almost 5,000 miles. When your tires can no longer be used, recycle them.
- Recycle used motor oil. The used oil from one oil change can contaminate 1 million gallons of fresh water – a year's supply for 50 people.
- Don't throw rechargeable batteries in the trash. Recycle them at your local home improvement and electronics retailers or community collection drop-off sites, where available.
- Each Texan generates about six and a half pounds of garbage each day. Reduce waste by buying less. Purchase only what you need, buy reusable products, and avoid items with a lot of packaging.

Items such as food, yard trimmings, paper, glass, metal, and plastics account for over 80 percent of household trash. Make a huge impact by composting and recycling as many of these items as possible.

- The average household has 28 electronic devices. Consider purchasing refurbished electronics. Also, donate used electronics or recycle these devices if they are no longer working.

If a collection opportunity exists in your community, take household hazardous waste, such as used fluorescent light bulbs, drain cleaner, and pesticides, to a community collection site or event.

Check out the website for resources for recycling and disposing of your waste at TakeCareOfTexas.org/land.

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City Seeking Participants for Light the Night Christmas Parade

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Learn more and sign up by following [this link!](#)

This event has become a major holiday tradition and the more people who are involved the better it is, so please consider learning more and signing up to participate!





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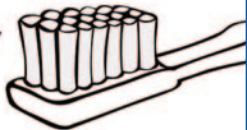
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From Brewer High School Class of 1974

Brewer HS Class of 1974 to Celebrate 50th Reunion

BHS Classmates of 1974 are reconnecting to celebrate our 50th year since graduation.

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Help us get the word out and leave no stone unturned in the search of our school chums.

For yourself and known classmates, please send contact info to cfbrewerclassof74@gmail.com; text or call Sheryl Reed Rascher at 817-680-5691.

Classmates may also join the Facebook group: *Brewer High Class of 1974*. The Instagram page is: *CF Brewer Class of 74*. We ask everyone to purchase tickets as soon as possible. This will provide funds to secure the venue and coordinate a memorable event.

Search for Brewer Class of 74 50th Reunion at www.eventbrite.com. The fun has begun and all are invited to participate in sharing photos and memories, attending planning lunches, and visiting.



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CITY CHARTER ELECTION

November 7, 2023



THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

A charter review committee was appointed by the City Council in December 2022 to review the City Charter and identify areas in conflict with state law or otherwise outdated. Proposed amendments were presented to the City Council to consider for a City Charter Amendment Election.

ELECTION DATES



Early Voting, October 23 - November 3
Election Day, Tuesday November 7

THE BALLOT

There are 21 proposed amendments to the city charter listed as Propositions A through U on the November ballot.

Voters will have the option to vote “for” or “against” each proposition.

They propose changes to the following areas:

- Municipal Boundaries
- Elected Officials
- Administrative Operations
- City Officers
- Election Procedures
- Financial Operations
- General Areas



THE CITY CHARTER

The City Charter is the most important document of the city.

WHAT DOES THE CITY CHARTER DO?

The charter

- establishes city structure
- outlines authority and restrictions over city matters

WHO CAN CHANGE THE CHARTER?

YOU, the voter! The Charter can only be changed by a majority vote of qualified voters who live within the city limits.

WHEN DID THE CITY ADOPT THE CHARTER?

The first Charter Election was held on April 6, 1954. By a vote of 199 to 88, the first City Charter was adopted on April 13, 1954.



CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

Mayor and Council Member Place 1 are also on the Nov. 7 ballot. Candidates are:

- For Mayor - Faron Young
- For Council Place 1 - Paul Moore and Zachary Moten

VOTING DATES & TIMES



EARLY VOTING

- Mon - Fri, Oct 23 - 27, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct 28, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Mon - Fri, Oct 30 - Nov 3, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

ELECTION DAY

- Tues, Nov 7, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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QUESTIONS?



Visit <https://www.tarrantcountytexas.gov/en/elections.html> to:

- Locate places to vote in Tarrant County
- View up to date wait times
- View sample ballot
- Confirm early voting hours have not changed

Email city election questions to the City Secretary at: aarnold@wstx.us

VOTING LOCATIONS

Tarrant County voters may vote at ANY location in the county during Early Voting AND on Election Day.

Voting Locations in White Settlement are:

Early Voting:

- White Settlement Public Library at 8215 White Settlement Road
- Election Day:
- White Settlement Public Library at 8215 White Settlement Road
- Pecan Grove Convention Center at 405 North Las Vegas Trail



THE PROPOSITIONS

ABOUT PROPOSITION A - MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES

Proposition A pertains to MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES. This proposed change would:

- Confirm boundaries are as previously established.
- Provide for the keeping and amending of the official city map.

ABOUT PROPOSITIONS B through F - ELECTED OFFICIALS

Propositions B through F pertain to ELECTED OFFICIALS. These proposed changes would:

- Remove qualifications that conflict with the election code.
- Establish that election dates are according to state law and the election code.
- Remove language that is redundant and in conflict with the election code.
- Define procedures to fill a vacancy and establish options to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term of four (4) months or less.
- Give the council the ability to appoint a Mayor ProTem when no seated member has one (1) year prior experience. The current charter requires a minimum of one (1) year prior to appointment.
- Clarify compensation for mayor and council members.

ABOUT PROPOSITIONS G through I - ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

Propositions G through I pertain to ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS. These proposed changes would:

- Give council the ability to enact ordinances, resolutions, and orders so long as notice of the meeting has been given in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.
- Describe procedures for adoption and publication of ordinances.
- Give the council the authority to establishment boards, commissions and committees as they deemed necessary. This would not change the current board appointments or procedures.

ABOUT PROPOSITIONS J through L - CITY OFFICERS

Propositions J – L pertain to CITY OFFICERS. These proposed changes would:

- Express that the city manager duties listed are not all-inclusive.
- Comply with Government Code Ch 30 for the appointment of a judge and a court clerk.
- Add a section regarding the appointment of a city attorney.

ABOUT PROPOSITIONS M through P - ELECTION PROCEDURES

Propositions M – P pertain to ELECTION PROCEDURES. These proposed changes would:

- Include election procedures that are in accordance with the election code.
- List specific ordinances not subject to initiative or referendum.
- Establish procedures for initiative or referendum elections.
- Establish procedures for recall elections.

ABOUT PROPOSITIONS Q through S - FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Propositions Q – S pertain to FINANCIAL OPERATIONS. These proposed changes would:

- Reflect recent state law changes on the way a tax rate is enacted.
- Include a new section on municipal finance and the administration of the budget.
- Establish authority over public property, services and utilities and establish franchise policies.

ABOUT PROPOSITIONS T through U - GENERAL AREAS

Propositions T – U pertain to GENERAL AREAS. These proposed changes would:

- Identify a substantial interest of an elected or appointed officer.
- Delete redundant provisions.
- Reorganize the charter for clarity and functionality.
- Authorize new Article and Section headings based on the election outcome.

American Composer and Pianist, Scott Joplin *by Dr. Ken Bridges*

Scott Joplin was an early musician who transformed much of the landscape of popular music in the early 1900s. Though many details of his short life are uncertain, his impact on early American music is undeniable.

Joplin was born just after the Civil War in 1867 or 1868 possibly in East Texas, though even his place of birth is not entirely certain. His parents had been



slaves. When he was young, the family moved to nearby Texarkana where his father worked on the railroad that effectively created the city. As a child, he learned piano and classical music from a variety of tutors in Texarkana.

In 1885, he left home, travelling across the country and playing piano in bars and houses of ill repute or anywhere he could find work. Joplin also attended college briefly to further study music theory and composition. Between 1895 and 1917, he published more than 80 songs, including classical music, operas, and a new form of popular music, ragtime.

Ragtime was known for its upbeat tempo, often played on piano or accompanied by fiddles, banjos, or trumpets. Joplin tied this new music in with classical musical theory with far less improvisation and turned it into an art form. By the mid-1890s, he was touring with his own group, the Texas Medley Quartet. His band performed at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair to wide acclaim. Music historians believe his performances started a ragtime craze

in the country. In 1899, the *Maple Leaf Rag*, was published and became the most popular sheet music sold that year.

He moved to St. Louis in 1900 with his new wife, where he concentrated on teaching and composing. However, a string of tragedies began to unravel his life. An infant daughter died not long after his arrival in St. Louis, and he and his wife divorced. One of his operas, *The Guest of Honor* (1903), was a failure. His second marriage to Freddie Alexander of Little Rock ended when she died just 10 weeks after their 1904 wedding.

Joplin moved to New York in 1907 and remarried. In 1910, he completed his next opera. *Treemonisha* was set in Rondo, just east of Texarkana, in the 1880s. In the story, a young woman on a plantation learns to read and write and discovers that education is a defense against fear and superstition that crippled her community. Crushed by poor reception of his opera, bankrupt, and his physical health collapsing, he had a nervous breakdown and was committed to a hospital in early 1917. He died three months later, not yet 50 years old.

After Joplin's passing, his influence only grew. Many musicians continued to imitate his style, and ragtime music remained extremely popular, ultimately inspiring the genre of jazz by the 1920s and the big band music of the 1930s and 1940s. His *Maple Leaf Rag* was used often for the soundtracks of several movies made in the 1920s and 1930s.

In 1973, composer Marvin Hamlisch adapted Joplin's popular song from 1902, *The Entertainer*, for the musical score for the film *The Sting*, which starred Robert Redford and Paul Newman. The next year, Joplin was awarded a special posthumous Academy Award for Best Song. Portions of *Treemonisha* also began to be performed for audiences in the 1970s.

In 1976, he was awarded an honorary Pulitzer Prize for his contribution to American music. Joplin's music came to embody the early 20th century for many Americans as they looked back to the seemingly simpler times of nearly a century before.

Overall, the nation again came to appreciate the unheralded artistic genius of Scott Joplin, the man who inspired so much of the music that America has enjoyed through the years.

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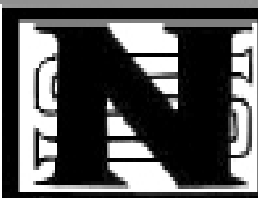
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Friday, Oct. 20:

AM - Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 80. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.
PM - Showers likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northwest after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 70%.



Saturday, Oct. 21:

AM - A chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 75. North wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.
PM - A 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southeast after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.



Sunday, Oct. 22:

AM - Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north 15 to 20 mph in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%.
PM - Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

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