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From the Sports Desk with John English

### **Brewer Cross Country Teams Shine on Galveston Beach**



Pictured are: (l-r) Brewer High School Cross Country runners Kailee Carr, Ki Rendon, Jade Reyes and Claire Simmons.

Brewer competed in the Galveston Island Beach Run at East Beach Pavilion with good success on a challenging course.

"The kids did great," Olson said. "This was our first time run-

ning in the Galveston Island Beach Run and didn't know what to expect, except 95 percent is running on the beach."

The girls' team won first place scoring 54 points out of 25 teams.

Ki Rendon won first place by almost 2 minutes running, 20:43, with second place being 22:34.

Kailee Carr finished sixth overall, followed by Jade Reyes in 14th place, and Claire Simons in 18th place out of 216 runners.

"Friday was Claire's birthday too," Olson said.

The Boys' side was led by Vontez Castillo placing 55th overall, followed by Alex Vega in 57th place out of 297 runners.

The boys' team placed 17th out of 33 teams.

Olson likes to use out of town meets as an opportunity to build camaraderie and to bond, and the Brewer coach said in that respect, the mission was accomplished.

"They loved it," Olson said. "We stayed right on the beach and had a few kids who have never seen or been to the ocean before. It was a great trip for them to not only compete, but bond together as a group."

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From City of White Settlement

### Trash Bash Saturday at Veterans Park

Join us Saturday, Sept. 16 at 8 a.m. at Oak Point Pavilion at Veterans Park for our fall cleanup event Trash Bash.

Community members are invited to help us with our commitment to educate about litter prevention and Keeping White Settlement Beautiful.

From the White Settlement Historical Society

# Living History Presentation at Society Meeting Saturday

The White Settlement Historical Society will hold their 48th fall quarterly meeting on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the White Settlement Senior Services Center, located at 8211 White Settlement Rd.

Special guests will be Ray Bassham with (continued on page 3)

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### Sports Desk (continued from page 1)

Brewer will compete in the Mansfield definite objective.

son, so we need to really buckle down and given day." focus on our training," Olson said.

opened up district on a positive note, defeat- district competition tomorrow night against ing Wichita Falls Rider by a score of 3-2.

Coach Jill Barkey said she was pleased with the way her team remained focused in win of the season against the Texans, and spite of some mid-game adversity.

"Rider surprised us," Barkey said. "I tough contest. think we surprised them as well. Not sure what happened to us in the third and fourth game," Wheeler said. "They are big up sets, but we rallied and got it back together in the fifth."

Barkey said the victory was a team effort, and every athlete played.

"We had to make some moves and everyone did their job to come together for the win," Barkey said.

Brewer will play Northwest tomorrow night, and Barkey said

"We know Northwest is in the running to front. They are going to try to control the Legacy Invitational at Chisenhall Park this be undefeated in district," Barkey said. clock and take their shots whenever they

On the gridiron, Brewer football team is On the court, the Brewer volleyball team coming off of it's bye week and will open up Northwest.

> The Bears will try to pick up their first coach Jason Wheeler said he is expecting a

> "It's going to be a physical football

coming weekend, and Olson said there is a "We're going to go into it worrying about can. So we're going to have to play well deour game, not theirs, and give them every- fensively and keep them off balance and "We are now halfway through the sea- thing we've got. My motto is always 'any keep them guessing. Offensively, we've got to control the game running the ball and take our opportunities in the passing game."













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### Historical Society Meeting (continued from page 1)

members of the living history group Los Diablo Tejanos (The Devil Texans) and will present a program on "How the West was able at \$10 single and \$15 family/group and Once - Texas Rangers 1823 - 1880."

their service will discuss their lives, careers, cemeteries and other related activities. accomplishments and weapons carried as well as three of every day old west life in- http://www.wsmuseum.com/WSHS cluding that of a School Marm, Laundress more details or any questions. and Crochet Lady will be presented.

Members, family, friends and the general public are invited to attend the meeting.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Annual Society memberships are availhelp fund an annual \$500 BHS Society Vignettes of individual rangers during Scholarship, maintain several local historic Business

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### WSPD Take Me Home Project



The White Settlement Police Department launched the Take Me Home Project in October of last year. This program was created by the Pensacola Police Department in Florida and was designed to help people who may need special assistance.

This initiative will help both children and adults who have Autism or other developmental disabilities, including adults with diminished intellectual abilities or Alzheimer's.

The database will allow police officers to search by name or physical description when responding to calls of found children or adults who cannot readily identify themselves. Once the matched

From City of White Settlement

### Community Clean Up Sept. 23 & 24

Just a reminder that if you have extra bulk the next Community Cleanup Weekend is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 23 and Sunday, Sept. 24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to get rid of excess limbs, brush and bulk by bringing them to the corner of Melrose and Meadow Park.

This is for White Settlement residents only. Remember to bring proof of residency (driver's license, most recent water bill).

Residents may only drop off on these days when city staff is in attendance. No illegal dumping per City Ordinance 30.47(c) 1-11.

record has been located, police officers will have important information, such as emergency contacts and how to appropriately assist them. This will further speed up the reunification process.

The Take Me Home Project is free to the community. The process to register someone is fast and easy. Applications will be available at the police station. Once they are completed, the person registered will have their digital photograph taken and their information from the application is transferred into a specialized database.

All officers will have easy access to this information and the availability to query the database, should a situation arise while they are on patrol or responding to a call.



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### **Expert Tips to Organize Your Home for Fall**

From the walk-in closet to the kitchen pantry, catch-all spots make all the difference in daily routines -- but only if they're kept neat and tidy.

Family organizing expert Jessica Litman is on a mission to help families declutter and stay organized. She's sharing her pro tips for getting your home in shape for this busy time of year.

Clear Away Cabinet Clutter. 'Tis the season for autumn chili, stew and other comfort foods. That means it's also time to put your essential slow cookers and pans where you can reach them, so food prep will be hassle-free.

"When the weather starts to cool, I swap out summer cookware for winter bakeware," says Litman. "I put the grilling items in the back of the cabinet and pull the turkey roaster and baking dishes to the front."

For added storage, Litman recommends using a shelf rack or vertical organizer to keep cutting boards and pie pans neatly upright and easily accessible.

**Prep the Pantry**. Create a system that gives grab-and-go snacks and cooking necessities a home. This will help keep the kitchen tidy in the midst of busy work and school schedules.

"Do a pantry cleanout," Litman says. "Remove everything from the area and wipe down the shelves. Take the canned goods you didn't eat and donate them to a local food bank."

Use a combination of shelf liners and new containers to restore order to the space. Measure the shelves, cut the liner to length and then lay it flat. The shelf liner is durable, waterproof and designed to keep surfaces dry while making them easy to wipe clean. Use the measurements to get an idea of what size bins will best fit the area. Store crackers, cereal, oats and pasta in clear containers with labels, and put spices and seasonings in a slim organizer.

"Set up items similarly to grocery store shelves by placing like items together," Litman suggests. "When you do this, it's like you are shopping in your pantry instead of hunting for things.

Out with the Old. Before pulling out your fall wardrobe, declutter the piles of "stuff" from the closet. This will make your space seem bigger and more organized.

"Remove clothes from this past season," Litman recommends. "Look through each garment. If you didn't wear it, donate, toss or sell it."

Now that there is more room, hang an over-the-door shoe rack for rain boots and work shoes and use a closet organizer to store accessories, such as belts, purses and scarves. Litman also recommends dry cleaning winter jackets now so they're ready to wear when cold weather comes.

**Find Balance in the Bathroom**. Whether it's the primary bath or the kids' washroom, make the most of your space by organizing everything into different categories, like towels and haircare. Once everything is grouped, you can decide what will be kept where based on the available areas. Use a tray on the counter and bins in pullout drawers.

Litman says to wipe and line surfaces, especially under the sink before putting essentials away. She also recommends waiting until after the organizing process to buy bins and caddies, so you know exactly what you need.

From Protecting Animals of White Settlement

### **Low Cost Vaccination Clinic**

The Protecting Animals of White Settlement (PAWS) team will host Texas Coalition for Animal Protection (TCAP) at the White Settlement Recreation Center for a low cost vaccination clinic on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon.

PAWS will also distribute city licenses for accompanying rabies shots. The cost for each dog license is \$10 (cash or check).

For more information, call 817-246-1043.



### The 1937 New London Natural Gas Explosion by Dr. Ken Bridges

it is a tragedy that still haunts a small East aches, a symptom of gas poisoning, but no judge prevented any possibility of anyone Texas town. On one terrible day in 1937, a one made the connection between the reports ever being held accountable for the worst school building in New London exploded, of illness and the odorless natural gas supply killing nearly 300 children.

The oil industry had transformed Rusk County in a very short time since oil was first than 500 students attended, along with 40 discovered in 1930. Oil workers and investors had swarmed into the area. The oil industry was creating many jobs, shielding the community from the effects of the Great Depression that affected the rest of the country. In the ensuing years, oil workers were injured or killed in natural gas explosions or oil rig accidents. Safety and environmental regulations did not exist, and company owners viciously fought any suggestion that they should ever be enacted. The easy money kept coming in, and practically no one thought about the consequences.

the rewards of the oil money in the meantime and built the impressive \$1 million London School building (\$17.6 million in 2016 dol- to New London. lars) in 1932.

with the full knowledge and consent of the school board and the superintendent, cancelled the \$300 monthly natural gas bill (or \$5,028 in 2016 dollars). Instead, a team of neighboring Louisiana. plumbers tapped into a residual gas line from Parade Gasoline Co., owned by H. L. Hunt, put at 319. and connected the unrefined gas to the some homeowners and local businesses, and Parade was aware of the school district's plans.

Not long afterward, some students re-

It is every parent's worst nightmare. And portedly began complaining about headthe building was using.

> teachers. At around 3:05 p.m., as the day was winding down, Lemmie Butler, a rethe sander in his classroom as he had many times before.

A spark flew.

And the gates of hell opened.

The spark ignited a cloud of natural gas that destroyed half of the building in an instant. Desperate parents rushed to the scene, digging through rubble with their bare hands. Police and firefighters were overwhelmed. Local oil workers brought heavy moving The New London School District reaped equipment and torches to cut through the debris. Within the hour, Gov. Jimmy Allred

The new Mother Frances Hospital (which tragedy. In January 1937, school district officials, still exists) was scheduled to open in nearby Tyler the next day but opened early to accommodate the injured from New London.

The death toll, including teachers, was

In the aftermath, the school district was filed against the district and Parade, but Judge Robert T. Brown, ignoring law, precedent, and evidence, dismissed them all.

In one moment, an unfeeling and uncaring school disaster in American History.

Hundreds of families were devastated, and March 18 started as a typical day. More one judge decided that business would proceed as usual. No justice was ever served. No one was ever convicted, and neither the school district nor the gas company nor spected shop teacher, innocently turned on anyone else responsible ever had to pay a dime.

> School superintendent W.C. Shaw, whose son died in the blast, resigned and left New London.

Texas passed important new safety regulations in an emergency session later in 1937. These laws included a requirement that an odor be added to natural gas in case of leaks. The Engineering Registration Act was passed to ensure that engineers would be licensed and that only qualified personnel could run gas lines. Fire drills in schools are now resent Texas Rangers and emergency services quired; and all public buildings must have doors that open outward, all in light of the

The school was soon rebuilt. A memorial was placed near the site in 1939, listing the names of all those who perished. A museum Volunteers came from across the state and across the street from the explosion site opened in 1998, curated by a survivor.

The tragedy has been the subject of several books and documentaries, including "When Even Angels Wept" (2009), a firstschool. This was a common practice among exonerated. More than 70 lawsuits were hand account told by survivors. The physical wounds healed, but for hundreds of families and an entire community, the hearts remained broken.







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### Friday, Sept. 15:

**AM** - Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82. East wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**PM** - A 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.



### Saturday, Sept. 16:

**AM** - A 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 84. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

**PM** - A 20% chance of showers before 1am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. North wind 5 to 10 mph.



### Sunday, Sept. 17:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 85. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. **PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 64.

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