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From the Sports Desk with John English

Brewer Bears Fight Hard on Homecoming, Fall to North Forney

The Brewer football team came up a bit short on Friday night, but not before giving one of the top 5A teams in the state an impressive fight.

The Bears lost to North Forney by a score of 49-37, and coach Todd Peterman said his team did a lot of things right in the final non-conference game of the season.

"We had a slow second quarter and dug ourselves into a hold," Peterman said. "But the kids kept fighting and getting after it. That was a very, very talented football team we played, and we got better through out the game. We've gotten better every week. The kids are growing up."

Peterman said that he had a number of standout performances.

"Jordan Johnson, I talk about him every week, he went against a four or five star wide receiver, and the kid only had one catch," Peterman said. "So this is a freshman going against a senior who is going to Michigan State, and the freshman got the better of it. He's really special.

"Jaylen Spriggs came in at quarterback and did an exceptional job. Tyrelle Davis ran the ball really hard. We rushed for more than 300 yards again, and that was against a defense that had only given up 60 yards rushing all season."

The Bears have played some heavy hitters during the non-district portion of their schedule, and Peterman said he believes that has prepared his team well for district competition.



photo credit: Krystal Arnold

"It's let us know where we are at and what we need to work on," Peterman said. "Unfortunately, we are 1-2. We'd like to be 3-0. But we do know some problem areas we need to get fixed."

Brewer opens up district this Friday with Saginaw, and Peterman said he expects a competitive contest.

"Last year, it was a pretty close game," Peterman said. "They ended up beating us and going to the playoffs, but they had more than 40 seniors last year."

Peterman said he is very proud of his nine senior athletes this season and the grit and determination they have demonstrated though out their time with the Bears program.

"They are all playing hard, contributing and leading," Peterman said. "They are nine tough kids who have made it through our system."

Brewer will play Saginaw at 7 p.m. tomorrow night at Rough Rider Stadium in Saginaw.

From the City of White Settlement

Nov. 3 General Election Early Voting Schedule

Early voting began on Tuesday, Oct. 13. The White Settlement Public Library located at 8215 White Settlement Road is an early voting polling place.

Below is the schedule for early voting:

- Now through Oct. 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Oct. 19 through 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Oct. 24 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Oct. 26 through 30 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, visit <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections.html>.



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Obituary



Altha Ramona Burris

Altha Ramona Burris passed away on Oct. 1, 2020 at the age of 93.

She was born in Durant Oklahoma on Sept. 10, 1927 to Rufus and Iva Doss and was one of six children.

Ray, as she was known to friends and family, moved to White Settlement with her husband Herbert from Texarkana in 1958.

She was a retired home maker and floral designer. She worked as a floral designer at Cherry Lane Florist and Dillon Florist in White Settlement and was a member of the First Baptist Church of White Settlement.

Over the last couple of years, she loved her weekly trips to El Fenix and spending time with her family. She was preceded in death by her husband Herbert (Pop) Burris, her parents, four sisters and brother.

Ray is survived by: her daughter, Linda Dixon; son, Mike Burris and his wife Rhuenell; son, Phillip and his wife Rebel; son, Rick Burris and son, Todd Burris; grandchildren Karey Wilson, Shane Donaldson, Mandy Jenkins and her husband Chris, Tiffany Burris, Lindsey Walker and her husband Chris, and Josh Burris and his wife Christina; 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

A graveside service was held on Oct. 4, 2020 with internment at Tin Top Cemetery.

Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

White Settlement City Council Candidates Attend Question and Answer Session

City Council candidates representing White Settlement shared their experiences and future plans for the Community at the VFW Post 5617 on Friday, Oct. 9 with a Question and Answer session.

Among those in attendance were: incumbent and candidate for Mayor, Ron White; Volunteer Eddie Delgado assisting with tech support; VFW Post 5617 Adjutant Dean Vorries; candidates for position of Mayor, Jerry Burns and Alan Price; Place 1 incumbent

and candidate Paul Moore; current Place 5 councilmember Gregg Geesa; Commander VFW Post 5617 Ernie MonDragon and VFW Post 5617 Trustee Steve Nevels.

Not in attendance were Place 1 candidate, Mike Rogers and candidate for the position of Mayor, Michael Evans.

The returned 2020 City Council Candidate Filing applications can be found online [here](#).

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From the City of White Settlement

White Settlement City Council Approves Creation of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone

On Tuesday, Oct. 6 the White Settlement City Council voted unanimously to approve the creation of a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) within the City of White Settlement.

A TIRZ is an economic development tool that captures the projected increase in tax revenue that is created by development within a defined area and reinvests those funds into public improvements and development projects that benefit the zone.

The creation of the TIRZ is part of a long term strategic plan developed in conjunction with our Citizens, Mayor, Council, City Manager, City Staff and the City's economic development consultant.

The primary focus of the TIRZ will be on infrastructure improvements in the zone that will help development already present as well as make the area more attractive for future development.

The TIRZ funds will not be used to issue new debt and will instead be saved in an account where only what is available will be used.

This approach makes sure that the TIRZ does not create any new impact on White Settlement taxpayers via debt service payments.

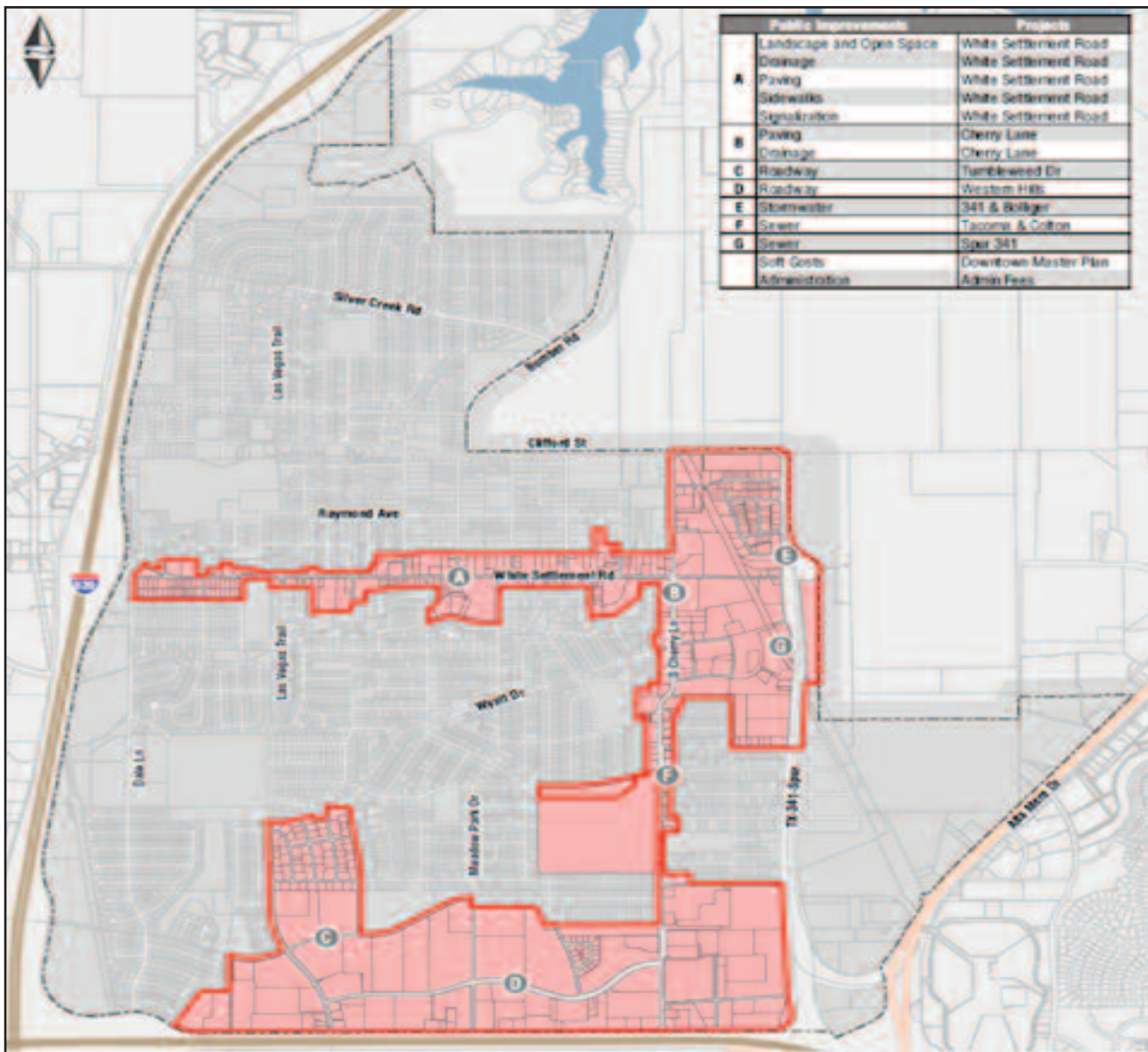
While the creation of the TIRZ has already taken place, work is still underway finalizing the TIRZ area and identifying the first projects that will be pursued within it.

The latest version of the preliminary TIRZ map shows what areas are being considered.

You can also read the full TIRZ documentation that includes a listing of the estimated project costs for the proposed projects (page 24) and a thirty year look at the TIRZ financials (page 26) by going to this link.

The City will be holding another public hearing on the TIRZ at an upcoming City Council meeting but you can also give your input now by emailing it to ahall@wstx.us.

We would like to hear any suggestions that could help shape the TIRZ area itself and projects that could promote economic development within the TIRZ.



From the City of White Settlement

Catch a Virtual Storytime with the Public Library on Thursdays



Virtual storytime has resumed at the White Settlement Public Library.

Join Library staff live on the City of White Settlement Facebook page on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Storytime is geared toward pre-school-age kids (though all are welcome) and includes stories, songs, and activities.

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Bullfrog West Fest Rodeo Draws Crowd *by Denise Honeycutt*

The annual Bullfrog West Fest Rodeo was held on Saturday, Oct. 10 sponsored by the N.W. Tarrant Lions Club.

This was a sanctioned event and several vendors, food trucks, music, fun and fellowship were enjoyed by a huge crowd of participants!

Winners of a Calf Scramble and Mutton Busting, consisting of younger ages ranging from 3 to 8 years old, received a Rodeo Belt Buckle and trophies for first place winners.



Pictured: Rodeo clowns (l-r) **Joey Shoats, Kelly Clark and Tanner Fanning.**



Pictured: The Crew consisting of **Ky Clark, Kelly Clark, Charlene Clark, Craig Perkins, Tina Perkins, Ethan Reid, Jerry England, Judy England, Shelby Wiggins, Donnie Mosley, Johnny Tucker, Michael Lawson, Nicole Jacobs, Will Rouse, Candace Cooks and Dale Mason.**



Pictured left: **Joe Banks** enjoys his snow cone on a very hot day.

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Pictured: Members of the Lions Club (l-r) **Jody Johnson, Michelle Greco, Gregg Fox, Rodney Clayton, Sue Clayton, Nell Dahl, Jeanie Adkison, Jack Adkison and David Farmer.**

From the City of White Settlement

Carter Blood Care Mobile Blood Drive at Senior Center Oct. 16

The City will host a Carter Blood Care blood drive at the White Settlement Senior Center located at 8211 White Settlement Road on Friday, Oct. 16.

To help facilitate social distancing, anyone who would like to donate will need to make an appointment by going to this [link](#).

From the White Settlement Historical Museum

Clean-up at Thompson Public Cemetery Continues

Tracy Houpt and Carol Davis from the White Settlement Historical Society joined members of the Fort Worth Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in another cleanup session at Thompson Public Cemetery Saturday, Oct. 10.

The Texas Historical Marker researched and ordered for the cemetery by the DAR Chapter is still pending shipment from the foundry.



Pictured: Tracy Houpt.



Pictured: Several Fort Worth Chapter DAR members cleaning other Farmer Family tombstones.



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Pictured: Fort Worth Chapter DAR members.

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From the City of White Settlement

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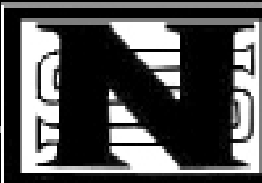
The Utility Billing drive through at City Hall is temporarily closed for maintenance.

You can pay your water bill by coming into City Hall Tuesday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. using the overnight drop, or by utilizing online pay, text to pay, or over the phone pay options.

For more information on all of the payment options, visit <https://www.wstx.us/222/Utility-Billing-Customer-Service>.

The drive through will be back online as soon as maintenance is completed.

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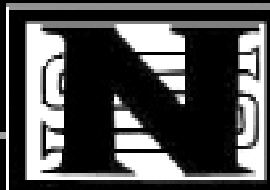
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Friday, Oct. 16:



AM - Sunny, with a high near 69. Northeast wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 49. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south after midnight.

Saturday, Oct. 17:



AM - Sunny, with a high near 77. South wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 62.

Sunday, Oct. 18:



AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 80.
PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Extended Forecast Click Here:

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