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From the Sports Desk with John English

Benbrook Baseball Caps Undeclared District Season, Eyes Playoff Run

The Benbrook baseball team has wrapped up another undefeated district season and is gearing up for the post-season, and coach Justin Chavez wants his team as prepared for playoff baseball as much as possible.

Last week was a case of David vs. Goliath for the Bobcats, and Benbrook came up just short in a dog-fight against a much larger opponent.

“We played a really tough game against a really good 6A Mansfield legacy team,” Chavez said. “We had an unfortunate mistake on defense that allowed them to beat us 3 -2. However, I was very happy with the way we competed against them.”

Chavez said he had a couple of standout performances this past week.

“Ethan Tucker continues to see the ball very well and hit two more home runs this weekend against (continued on page 3)

From the City of Benbrook

Upcoming Benbrook Artisans & Farmers Market Sunday!

Organized by the Benbrook Economic Development Corporation, the Benbrook Artisans & Farmers Market returns at 10 a.m. on select Sundays in 2026 at the green space near the Benbrook YMCA, 1899 Winscott Road. Dates are May 3, June 7, July 5, Aug. 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6, with signage directing traffic and parking.

The market features local farmers, makers and small businesses offering fresh produce, plants and flowers, along with baked goods, honey, cheeses, meats, preserves and tamales. Shoppers will also find handcrafted items including candles, soaps, jewelry, artwork, garden décor and dog treats.

The event continues to serve as a community gathering spot to shop local and connect with area vendors. For more information, call 817-821-7386.

From Benbrook News Staff Writers

Ridglea Street Overlay Project Scheduled to Begin May 13

A street improvement project in the Ridglea area is scheduled to begin May 13 as the city continues efforts to maintain and extend the life of its roadway system.

According to city officials, the asphalt overlay project is expected to take up to 30 calendar days to complete, weather permitting.

Asphalt overlay is a common and cost-effective method used to restore aging streets that have been impacted by years of vehicle traffic and exposure to the elements. The process is designed to improve driving conditions by creating a smoother, more uniform surface for motorists.

Work begins with the milling and removal of approximately two inches of existing asphalt. Once the worn surface is removed, crews apply a new layer of asphalt. A heavy rolling machine is then used to compact the material and ensure a consistent finish across the roadway.

City officials said streets selected for overlay are chosen based on several factors, including pavement condition, age of the roadway, traffic volume and street classification, such as whether the road serves as a thoroughfare, collector or residential street.

For individual streets, the overlay process is typically completed within the same day, minimizing disruption to residents and traffic flow.

Residents in affected areas will receive advance notice of construction through door hangers distributed prior to the start of work. Officials encourage drivers and residents to remain aware of crews working in the area and to follow any posted signage during the project.

The Ridglea project is part of Benbrook’s ongoing maintenance plan aimed at preserving infrastructure and improving roadway safety and reliability across the city.

For additional information and updates on the project, residents can visit the [City of Benbrook’s official website](#).

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Sports Desk (continued from page 1)

Legacy and Fort Worth Dunbar,” Chavez said on Saturday. “We beat Dunbar twice this week and we are moving on to play Bridgeport in round one on Thursday (tonight), but a site has not been determined yet. We will play a best two out of three series on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.”

Chavez said he is feeling pretty good about how his team is competing as well.

“Our pitchers have been doing a really good job of keeping us in the games and I expect that to continue in the playoffs,” Chavez said. “We can’t look past anybody so we are excited about round one and looking forward to getting a series win against Bridgeport.”

Senior day was Saturday against Dunbar and Benbrook has 11 seniors this year.

“I can’t say enough about this group,” Chavez said. “They have won 100 games in their four years at Benbrook high school. We are very proud of their accomplishments. However they have a goal of getting to state and that starts next week.”

In softball, the Bobcats won an undefeated district championship this season, but lost to Eagle Mountain in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

Benbrook finished with a 19-14 record for the regular season and 12-0 mark in district.

Over at Western Hills, the Cougars came up short in the bi-district round against Decatur after finishing third overall in district with an 8-4 mark in district competition.

On the gridiron, the Benbrook flag football team improved to 2-0 on the season last week with a 16-0 victory over Dunbar.

Benbrook defeated Diamond Hill Jarvis 14-0 in it’s season opener, where Arie Caldwell had two touchdown passes and two extra points throwing Libby Wilkinson and Lainey Owens both had receiving touchdowns, and Emily Hassler had an extra point reception.

Defensively, Lily Carias, Camila Rivera, and Victoria Arriaga each had an interception.

“Judith Jimenez and Olivia Bogan kept up the pressure all night with multiple sacks and Hurries,” coach Wade Cribbs said.

In the victory over Dunbar, Cribbs said the defense held it down again.

“The defense was led by Judith Jimenez, who had a safety and eight tackles for loss, and Camila Rivera who had two interceptions,” Cribbs said. “Offensively, Libby Wilkinson and Emily Hassler both had receiving TDs from Arie Caldwell.”

The Bobcats played for a District Championship yesterday against YWLA after the paper had gone to press.

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From the Project Linus Blanketeers

First Monday Quilt Club to Meet May 4

The First Monday Quilt Club meets from 9 a.m. to noon at the church, 1500 Meadow Park Drive, creating handmade quilts and blankets for people in need throughout the community.

The group's next meeting will be Monday, May 4. Instead of the usual potluck lunch, participants are asked to bring brunch or snack items to share.

The club is part of Project Linus, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing love, warmth and security to children facing trauma, tragedy or serious illness. Locally, volunteers serve as the Tarrant County chapter, making blankets distributed to children across the area. Members also create coverlets for veterans, nursing home residents and people experiencing homelessness. Organizers said growing community needs have increased demand for the handmade items.

The group is especially seeking volunteers with portable sewing machines to help assemble quilts, but organizers said no experience is necessary. High school students may earn community service hours by volunteering. All materials, including fabric, batting, thread and yarn, are provided. Donations of supplies or money to purchase materials also are welcome.

For more information about Project Linus, visit projectlinus.org. For details about the local group and meeting times, call Virginia Biela at 817-244-1263.

From Benbrook News Staff Writers

Benbrook Library Expands Convenient Pick Up Options

Getting a new book, DVD or other library material just became easier for local readers through expanded digital and curbside-friendly services offered by the Benbrook Public Library.

Patrons can now order materials at any time through the library's website or via the MetroShare app, a regional borrowing system that connects participating libraries across the area. Users may place holds on items from any MetroShare library, broadening access far beyond Benbrook's local collection.

Once requested items arrive, they are delivered to the Benbrook Public Library and placed on a designated hold shelf organized alphabetically by last name for quick and easy pickup. Staff will keep items available for 10 days, giving patrons a flexible window to stop by and retrieve their materials.

Library officials remind users that while holds are convenient, standard checkout procedures still apply once items are picked up, and patrons should remember to check out their materials before leaving.

The Benbrook Public Library is located at 1065 Mercedes St.

From Fort Worth ISD

Free Physicals for FWISD Student-Athletes Saturday

Student-athletes in Fort Worth Independent School District can check off a key requirement for the 2026-27 school year during a free, districtwide physicals event May 2.

The event, set for Saturday at the Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center, is open to incoming ninth- through 12th-grade athletes. An updated physical is required annually for participation in school sports, making the event a timely option ahead of summer workouts and fall competition.

Transportation will be provided, with pickup details coordinated at the campus level to ensure districtwide access.

Beyond meeting eligibility requirements, the exams serve as a preventive health screening to help identify potential issues before athletes begin training.

District leaders encourage students to take advantage of the no-cost opportunity, which can help families avoid scheduling challenges and added expenses.

For more information, families can contact boys athletic coordinator Joseph Turner at joseph.turner@fwisd.org or girls athletic coordinator Kylie Johnson at kylie.johnson@fwisd.org.

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From the White Settlement Historical Museum

WSHM Brings History to Life at Third Annual “Walk Through History” Event May 9

Community members will have a chance to step back in time as the White Settlement Historical Museum hosts its third annual “Walk Through History” reenactment event on Saturday, May 9.

The free, family-friendly event will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the White Settlement Historical Museum grounds, located just west of City Hall and the fire station on Hanon Dr.

Organizers say the event is designed to celebrate the city’s heritage while giving residents a hands-on look at daily life from earlier eras.

The day will begin with an Honor Parade at 10:30 a.m., featuring members of the White Settlement Fire Department and Police Department. The parade will recognize local first responders while setting the tone for a day focused on community pride and history.

Throughout the event, visitors can take part in a variety of interactive demonstrations and activities. Families and children will have the opportunity to experience traditional tasks such as corn grinding, washboard laundry and butter making, offering a glimpse into the routines of past generations.

Live entertainment will also be featured, with period-style music performed by Buttermilk Junction. Organizers say the music will help create an immersive atmosphere reflective of earlier times.

Additional highlights include blacksmithing demonstrations, costumed historical reenactors and antique-style chuckwagon and fire pit cooking. Attendees will also be able to view a World War II-era Jeep, adding a military history element to the event.

The “Walk Through History” event has grown in recent years, drawing families, history enthusiasts and longtime residents interested in preserving and celebrating White Settlement’s story. Mu-

seum officials say the goal is to make history accessible and engaging for all ages.

By combining education with hands-on activities, the event provides a unique opportunity for younger generations to connect with the past while giving longtime residents a chance to reflect on the traditions that helped shape the community.

Admission to the event is free, and organizers encourage residents to attend, bring their families and spend the day exploring local history.

For those looking to experience a piece of White Settlement’s heritage, the “Walk Through History” event offers a hometown celebration of the people, skills and stories that continue to define the community.

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From the Department of Transportation's National Highway
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NHTSA Reminds Drivers to Avoid Distractions

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Cell phone use and any activity that takes the driver's attention away from safe driving are distracted driving behaviors. Distracted driving endangers everyone on the road including other drivers, passengers, pedestrians and bicyclists.

According to NHTSA, 16,482 people died and about 1.6 million people were injured in distraction-affected crashes from 2020 to 2024.

In 2024 alone, there were 3,208 people killed in traffic crashes involving at least one distracted driver, accounting for 8 percent of all traffic fatalities that year.

An estimated additional 315,167 people were injured in traffic crashes involving distracted drivers in 2024.

Safe driving requires focused attention. Adopting these phone-free driving habits is key to creating a safe driving environment for everyone on the road:

- Pull over and park in a safe location before using the phone to send or read a text message.
- Ask a passenger to be the "designated texter" and allow them to manage calls and messages during the drive.
- Avoid social media scrolling and any form of messaging while behind the wheel.
- Use "Do Not Disturb" mode to silence notifications.
- Drivers can put their phone in the trunk, glove box or back seat of the vehicle to break the habit of driving distracted.

Cell phone use while driving is dangerous. Phone-free driving and keeping hands on the wheel is committing to keeping all eyes on the road and focusing on driving. Remember: Eyes Forward. Don't Drive Distracted.

For more information on distracted driving, visit [NHTSA.gov/DistractedDriving](https://www.nhtsa.gov/DistractedDriving).

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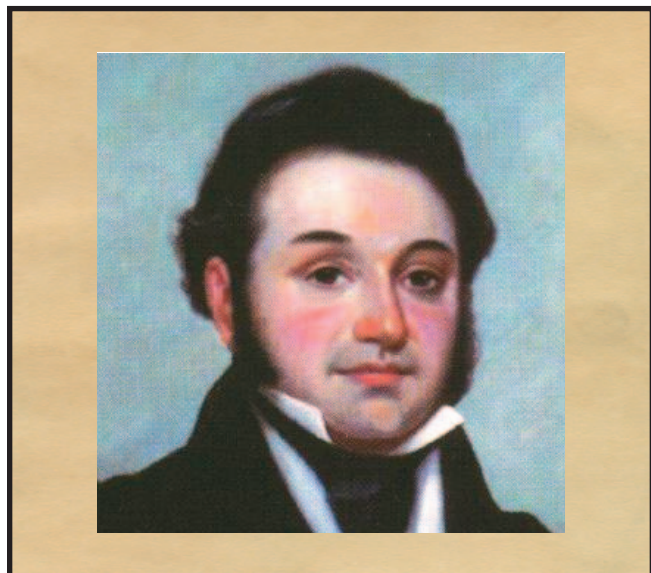
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Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges

Zavala's Vision and Leadership Helped Shape Texas Independence



Lorenzo de Zavala was a man of great ideas. He was an outspoken writer and editor as well as a diplomat, businessman, physician, and statesman. With all these accomplishments in his short life, he became revered as one of the architects of Texas independence.

He was born in 1788 in the Yucatan in southern Mexico when it was still under Spanish rule. From a young age, it was clear he had a brilliant mind, voraciously reading any book he could find. His family arranged for the best education possible, and he eventually learned to speak four languages.

He started several newspapers as a young man, writing against the Spanish monarchy and its oppressive rule over the region. Because of these stands, he was arrested in 1814. Unswayed, he continued his writings and also began studying medicine. By the time he was released in 1817, he had become a practicing physician.

After Mexico's independence in 1821, he was elected to the national Congress in 1822 and to the Senate in 1824. He briefly served as governor of the State of Mexico, the largest state in Mexico and briefly served as the secretary of the treasury.

Zavala's star was rising in the politics of the young Mexican nation. However, the infighting and intrigues that plagued Mexico in those years soon derailed his ca-

reer. In 1830, the president was ousted in a coup led by the vice-president, and Zavala was arrested once again.

Recognizing the danger to his life, Zavala fled to New York. When the government changed again, he returned to Mexico. By 1834, with Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna in charge, Zavala was sent as a diplomat to France. But when Santa Anna became a dictator to put down the unrest in Mexico, Zavala resigned and returned to America.

In 1835 while in New York, he reunited with Stephen F. Austin, whom he had met on many occasions while in Mexico. Austin convinced him to come to Texas. Zavala settled in what is now Channelview, a Houston suburb, at a home he called Zavala Point.

As the Texas Revolution erupted, Zavala served on the Permanent Council in October 1835 and helped coordinate supplies for the Texas army. To protect themselves from Santa Anna's despotism, he and others began arguing that Texas must be independent.

Zavala was elected to represent the Harrisburg (modern-day Houston) area in the Convention of 1836. There, with 58 other delegates, he signed the Texas Declaration of Independence on March 2.

He led the effort to create a stable constitution, one close to the Constitution of the United States. Thus, the Republic of Texas was born.

Impressed by his accomplishments and his passion for the cause of Texas, the convention chose him to be the interim vice-president, serving under interim President David G. Burnet. He served for seven months until the elected administration of President Sam Houston took charge in October.

Initially, Zavala was selected to accompany Santa Anna back to Mexico to argue for their government to accept the agree-

ments he had made with Houston after his defeat at San Jacinto. Mexico, however, argued the treaties were made under threat and therefore invalid. The outright rejection ended the plan to escort him back.

He died after a sudden illness in November 1836, at the age of 48. Zavala helped steer Texas through its most desperate days. He would be honored greatly across the state in future years. Legislators named Zavala County in South Texas for him in 1858.

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PM - A 30% chance of showers. Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly cloudy, with a low around 48. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph, gusts as high as 20 mph.



Saturday, May 2:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 71. North wind around 5 mph.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 51. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.



Sunday, May 3:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 76. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 56. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

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