

From the Sports Desk with John English

Benbrook Wrestling Shines at Cougar Classic as Bobcats Claim Championship



The Benbrook wrestling team competed in the Cougar Classic in Arlington this past week and with good results.

“The girls team got second behind Burleson with Mya Fenner and Emily Hassler getting first,” Coach Wade Cribbs said. “Judith Jimenez and Brileigh Satterwhite got second. Zoe Clark and Kiley West got third. The Boys team was also on fire with Ty Nelson, Gavin Henderson, Erik Morrison, Philip McFadden, and Mac Shafer all getting first. Gabe Helm, Zack Burks, Aiden Carpenter and Jacob Carpenter got second, and then Christian Cannon rounded out the medalists at third.” *(continued on page 4)*

From Benbrook News Staff Writers

Holly Jolly Holiday at the Benbrook Library Saturday!

The Benbrook Public Library (BPL) will welcome families for a day of festive activities during its annual Holly Jolly Holiday celebration on Saturday, Dec. 13. The free event runs from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is open to all ages.

This year’s celebration features live music from a harpist and holiday performances by the Uptown Carolers. Visitors can enjoy a reindeer photo opportunity, balloon creations, an appearance by Mrs. Claus, and a holiday elf show. Throughout the day, guests will also have access to arts and crafts, laser-engraved ornaments, hot chocolate and other seasonal refreshments.

Library officials encourage the community to stop by and take part in the free festivities as the holiday season gets underway.

For more information, reach out to BPL at 817-249-6632.

Benbrook Council Action by John English

Benbrook Council Reviews Floodplain Plan, Approves Grant Resolution

The Benbrook City Council meeting was held on Dec. 4 as scheduled. Mayor Jason Ward called the meeting to order. An invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Time was then allowed for citizen comments on any agenda item. Sayeda Syed of Colleyville approached the podium and reminded the council that she is running for the board of directors on the Tarrant County Appraisal district and asked for their votes. Candidate Eric Criles then approached the podium and also asked council for their votes. Resident Greg Clem then spoke and expressed his approval and concerns about various aspects of the annual floodplain management report.

The minutes from the previous meeting held on Nov. 20 were then approved unanimously.

The first item of the evening was a submission of votes for candidates for appointment to the Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors. The council voted unanimously to support Criles.

Next, Director of Public Services Ben- *(continued on page 5)*

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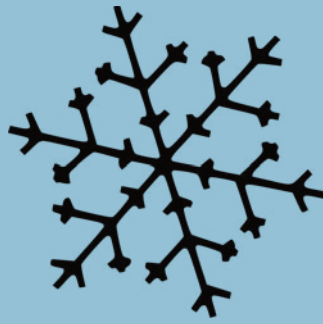
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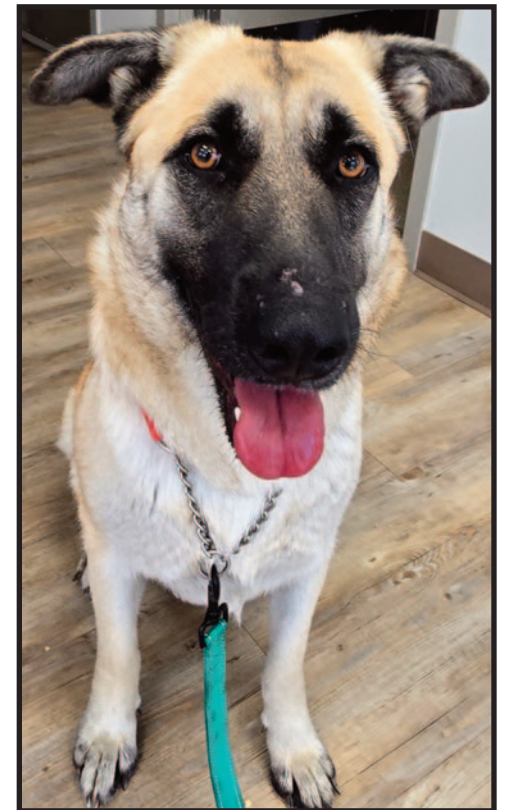
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The performance on the boy's side helped the Bobcats clinch the tournament championship over second place South Oak Cliff by 69.5 points.

"This tournament had 20 schools and Benbrook was by far the smallest," Cribbs said. "But definitely had the most fight."

Benbrook will host the FWISD championship at Wilkerson Greines tomorrow and Saturday.

On the court, the Benbrook boy's basketball team competed in the Brock Tournament this past weekend, and Coach Blake Mendez said his team competed well.

"This tournament always has great competition and this year was no different," Mendez said. "We started Thursday strong with a win over Godley, but ran into a juggernaut in Martins Mill and dropped game two, which put us in the silver bracket. We played a tough Ponder team, and we felt like we were the better team for three quarters, but they have a great program and we couldn't hold on to a late lead. "Our last game, Springtown, gave us everything we could handle, and even though we didn't shoot wells we were able to play good defense and got a 4-point win."

Mendez said Brennan Barton, Jayden Hall, and Cael Denson "were huge" for the Bobcats.

"They're so crafty and extremely tough to guard," Mendez said. "They had a great tournament."

Benbrook will be competing in the Wildcats Hoops Tournament this coming weekend, and Mendez said it will likely be tough sledding.

"We are in a competitive pool, but we know we have a good team capable of getting us into that winner's bracket," Mendez said. "We hope to fix some things we know we need to get better at and compete for some hardware."

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Council Action

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nett Howell delivered an update on the Floodplain Management Report, which is required by FEMA to be provided on an annual basis. Benbrook currently has 1,235 properties within the flood plain, 302 of which or 24 percent of which have flood insurance properties. Benbrook received a CRS score of 6, which places the city among the top 17 percent in Texas and top 13 percent in the country. The floodplain management goals are to reduce flood losses and increase the policy count, continue to attend NFIP/CRS user's meetings and continue to develop it's city-wide disaster team.

Other goals are to ensure that flood insurance rate maps are updated and maintained, to acquire, elevate and relocate structures in flood prone areas, improve the CRS rating and design, and construct and maintain drainage improvement projects. Council member Dustin Phillips asked what responsibility the city has in case of a flood to residents who do not have insurance.

"FEMA will have low interest loans available through the Small Business Administration, typically," Howell said. "...but the city itself doesn't have any financial responsibility."

Next up was a motion to consider approval of a resolution and authorization for a Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant Application. The application is to replace the Castle Park and Robot Park equipment, which were a top priority of the 2022 Parks Master Plan. The grant application includes a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the grant application, Certification & Program Assurances document and the application. The resolution was approved unanimously.

Time was then allowed for informal citizen comments, but there were none.

Then council member and staff comments, and council member Renee Franklin reminded residents about an event on Dec. 13 where Wreath's Across America will take place at the Benbrook Cemetery at 11 a.m.

Franklin then paid tribute to the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 and received a round of applause.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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**Community
Blood Drive
Friday, Dec. 12**

Friends of the Benbrook Library is inviting locals to help save lives by donating blood during a Carter BloodCare blood drive scheduled for Friday, Dec. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., offering donors a convenient opportunity to give during a time of year when blood supplies often decline.

The drive, held at Benbrook Public Library located at 1065 Mercedes Street, encourages donors to [schedule an appointment in advance](#). Walk-ins may be accepted as space allows, but organizers say appointments help streamline the process and reduce wait times.

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Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges

Peacemaker of the Plains: Jesse Chisolm's Legacy Lives on Through the Legendary Trail That Bears His Name

The Old West became notorious for the violence that befell communities and individuals. Some individuals, however, acted as peacemakers. Jesse Chisolm, a merchant who developed a network of trading posts from Texas up to Kansas, became known for his mediation efforts and his efforts to expand commerce in the area. He was never wealthy, but his reputation as a guide, translator, diplomat, trader, and explorer gave him an important role in shaping the West. His most lasting legacy was creating the legendary Chisolm Trail, which became a vital pipeline for the famous cattle drives of the late nineteenth century.

Jesse Chisolm was born in the Great Hiwassee area in the mountains of southeastern Tennessee around 1805, inside what had been Cherokee territory. His exact date of birth is uncertain. He was the oldest of six children born to Ignatius Chisolm, a Scottish immigrant and trader, and Martha Rogers, a Cherokee. His father was involved in sales of all sorts, respectable and otherwise, including trading slaves in the Knoxville area.

Chisolm's lifetime would be marked by the dramatic collapse of tribal control of their territories. Even as a child, he was already living with its effects. By this time, relations between the Cherokees and the settlers were breaking down. Many settlers were encroaching on Cherokee lands, seizing it for themselves in violation of treaty while the federal government did little to stop it. By the early 1810s, many Cherokees were starting to see the writing on the wall and started moving west. The Chisolms left with this first wave westward, settling in what is now western Arkansas for a time.

In the 1820s, the family moved further west near Fort Gibson in what was soon to become the Indian Territory, or modern-day Oklahoma. His father brought him into the merchant business, and he made a respectable living as a guide and a trader. Chisolm steadily built and maintained a series of trading posts throughout the area.

Though he spent most of his adult life as

a merchant, Chisolm's most sought-after product was peace. Respected among both white politicians and Native American tribes, he was routinely sought out to mediate disputes between the tribes and the settlers. Chisolm reportedly spoke a dozen languages, mostly the languages of the different tribes of the Great Plains. As a trader, such skills of language and diplomacy were vital to his business success.

Sam Houston, while serving as President of the Republic of Texas, sought out Chisolm often to negotiate between Texas and the tribes. Houston himself had lived among the Cherokees for a time and believed that peace was possible between the settlers and the tribes. Chisolm managed to convince several tribes in the North Texas area to meet with Houston and Texas officials in a series of meetings called the Tehuacana Creek Councils in 1843 and 1844 near Waco. Through these efforts, several treaties of peace and trade were established between Texas and the different tribes. The success of these meetings helped expand his reputation as a translator and a mediator.

In the 1850s, Chisolm provided similar services helping to mediate between officials in Kansas and tribal representatives there. Throughout his efforts, Chisolm repeatedly tried to relay the good will and peaceful intentions of the tribes to leaders in Texas and Kansas.

During the Civil War, tribes in the Indian Territory were deeply divided and often sided with the Confederacy. Chisolm tried to stay out of the conflict, often trading with both the Union and Confederate sides. By 1864, he was operating out of Wichita, Kansas, and serving as an interpreter for the Union Army.

In 1865, Chisolm hoped to resume his trade business and expand his range of customers. He loaded a team of wagons with goods and left Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, south to his trading post near modern Oklahoma City. He extended the trail south to the Red River in order to give ranchers access to

his trading posts along the way. Word of this safe and well-marked trail spread. As Texas ranchers saw the potential profit in driving cattle to Kansas for sale and shipment to eastern markets, Chisolm's trail became the obvious route to use as the cattle drives began by 1867.

After the end of the Civil War, it became increasingly obvious that the federal government intended to clamp down control over the tribes and force them onto reservations in spite of existing treaties. Chisolm attempted to bring tribal leaders together with federal officials in the Indian Territory to discuss the issues at hand. Tribal leaders were reluctant to meet, realizing that any treaty at that point probably meant a surrender. Within two years, leaders slowly gathered to talk with federal representatives. The result was the Medicine Lodge Treaty, a series of three treaties signed between the tribes and the federal government starting in October 1867. The treaty stipulated that the tribes would be assigned reservation territories within the Indian Territory, effectively putting an end to their way of life.

In April 1868, Chisolm died suddenly, apparently of food poisoning, while in the Indian Territory. He was respected for his efforts to broker peace on the plains. His efforts at expanding trade, however, would become his most famous legacy. As he died, the great age of the cattle drives was just beginning.

As more ranchers began shipping their cattle to Kansas from the late 1860s through the 1880s, his trail became a popular route and soon became known as the *Chisolm Trail*.



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Weekend Forecast

Friday, Dec. 12:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 69. S/SW wind around 5 mph becoming NE in the afternoon.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 44. N/NE wind around 5 mph.

Saturday, Dec. 13:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. N/NE wind around 5 mph becoming S/SW in the afternoon.
PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 41. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming N/NE after midnight.

Sunday, Dec. 14:

AM - Partly sunny, with a high near 54. N/NE wind 5 to 10 mph.
PM - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 39.

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