Benbrook News

84th Year, No. 51 • 7820 Wyatt Drive, White Settlement, Texas 76108 • www.suburban-newspapers.com • December 19, 2024

From the Sports Desk with John English

Bobcat Wrestling Teams Win at FWISD Tournament



The Benbrook MHS wrestling team competed in the Fort Worth in both games. We just need to do a better job protecting those ISD Championship this past week, and coach Wade Cribbs said that leads." event went "really well," for his teams.

"It has grown tremendously, with over 100 more wrestlers than ment. last year," Cribbs said. "The Benbrook boys and girls teams both won, making it three years in a row they've been tournament Champions."

Nadia Borjas and Kas Stevens were both tournament champions on the girls side, while Erik Morrison, Dominic Nunez, Landry Wilkinson, Desmond Chambers, Jacob Carpenter and Jayden Nunez were all tournament champions on the boys side.

"The season is starting off well," Cribbs said. "We're just battling some injuries and still getting our football kids back into the fold."

On the court, the Bobcat boys basketball team competed in the Godley Tournament this past weekend and coach Blake Mendez said his team showed some promising signs.

The Bobcats won two games in the tournament, but Mendez said the final record was not necessarily indicative of how things unfolded.

"Godley hosted a great tournament," Mendez said. "The competition is exactly what we needed to see. We ended up 2-2, but felt like we should have been playing in the championship game. Our two losses were by a combined 7 points and we had leads late

Mendez said he did have a standout performance in the tourna-

"Jayden Bradshaw had a great tourna- (continued on page 4)

Dear Readers,

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May you and your loved ones have good health, success and joy in 2025.

Thank you for letting us share your accomplishments, preserve your memories and promote your businesses in our newspapers. We truly could not do this without you and look forward to continuing our friendships in the new year.

Sincerely,

Suburban Newspapers, Inc. publishers of the

Benbrook News, River Oaks News and the White Settlement Bomber News Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

VFW Post 10429 Hosts Annual Holiday Event

Individuals gathered at the facility on Sunday, Dec. 15 for the annual Cookie and Ugly Sweater Contest.

Judges sampled an array of holiday treats and a cookie exchange was held after winners were announced.

A silent judge selected the winner of the Ugly Sweater contest.



Anna Leone and Doc Schuricht had the pleasure of sampling baked goods at the cookie contest.



Cookie winners (l-r) 3rd place Kathy Kinder, 2nd place Patty Bravo and 1st place Lynn Toomer.



Kelly Sears won the Ugly Sweater contest.



Legal Notice

Application has been made with the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission for a BG Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealers on-premise by Family Pho Restaurant LLC dba Pho House Asian Kitchen, to be located at 9400 Clifford St. Suite 130, Fort Worth, TX 76108 - Tarrant County Texas. Officers of said corporation Family Pho Restaurant LLC are Ky Lam - Owner.



Suburban Newspapers, Inc.

~ Veteran Owned ~



Publishers of the

Benbrook News, River Oaks News and White Settlement Bomber News

Publisher: Boyden Underwood, publisher@suburban-newspapers.com

Editor: Emily Moxley, suburbannews@sbcglobal.net

Classifieds: Vee Horn, classifieds@suburban-newspapers.com

7820 Wyatt Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76108 817-246-2473

http://www.suburban-newspapers.com

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

PETER POLINSKY INSURANCE AGENCY

(817) 560-9400 peter@polinsky-insurance.com

6777 Camp Bowie Blvd., Ste 222 Fort Worth, TX 76116 www.polinsky-insure.com FREE QUOTES for

• Auto

• Home

• Commercial

From Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation

Christmas and New Year's Drivers Urged to Move Over or Slow Down for Tow Trucks and Other Emergency Vehicles

If you see tow trucks and other emergency vehicles stopped on the side of the road with their emergency lights activated, do you know what to do?

Texas law requires drivers to slow down at least 20 miles per hour under the posted speed limit or, if able, to change lanes when they're passing a first responder stopped on the roadside.

Large numbers of travelers are expected on Texas roads during the Christmas and New Year's holidays and chances are, they may break down, get involved in crashes or be stopped by law enforcement. Pay attention to what's happening around you and be prepared to react quickly.

TDLR regulates tow truck companies and tow truck drivers, driver education and driving safety courses, and motorcycle safety courses, and as always, the agency asks all drivers to please slow down or move over when you see emergency vehicles stopped on the side of the road.

Tow truck drivers work hard every day to help people who are stranded on the side of the road. And, like everyone else, they are anxious to return home safely each night. Holiday memories are made when family gathers. Please do your part to make that happen for all.

Safety tips for driving this holiday season:

- Slow down and pay attention to what you're doing. If you get tired, pull over in a safe spot and walk around to re-energize.
 - Don't drink and drive, even a little bit.

From 4PAWS & Benbrook Animal Shelter

Adopt Dolly Today!

Dolly is a one-year-old Anatolian /shepherd mix and weighs 44 pounds. She is gentle, does great on a leash and knows basic commands.

Dolly is available for adoption at the Benbrook Animal Shelter, located at 469 Winscott Road. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Visit www.4pawsinc.org or call 4 PAWS volunteers, Ursula at 817-262-3086 or Lynda at 682-279-0760, to get more information about any dogs available for adoption.



- Designate a (sober) driver.
- Stay off the mobile phone this includes texting. Designate a "co-pilot" to oversee the phone while you're driving so you can concentrate on the task at hand.
- Buckle up all occupants of the vehicle, every trip no matter how short. Most traffic crashes happen close to home.
 - Traveling by motorcycle? Wear a helmet.
- Stay weather-aware. If it's snowy or icy, you'll need to slow down significantly so you don't slide on unexpected icy spots. If it's raining heavily, turn around and don't drown if water is running across the road. Only two feet of rushing water can sweep away a vehicle.
- Leave plenty of time to get to your destination. Roadways are likely to be crowded.

Drive friendly – the Texas way!

Suburban Newspapers, Inc. will close Monday, Dec. 23 through Friday, Dec. 27 and Wednesday, Jan. 1.

There will be no newspapers on Dec. 26.

The deadline to appear in the Jan. 2
digital publications is Monday, Dec. 30 at 4 p.m.



Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

Christmas Tree Lighting & Fireworks Show Draws Crowd

Rain and cold weather postponed the originally sceduled date for the annual Benbrook Christmas Tree Lighting and Fireworks Show, but hundreds of spectators still showed up for the reschedule on Dec. 14! Kids of all ages were witness to an amazing fireworks display, a beautiful Christmas tree lighting and Santa arriving on a fire engine!



Five generations in this photo! They are: (back, l-r) Sherry Boyd, McKenzie Armentrout, Joshua Armentrout and Abby Armentrout; (front) April Wolfe, Geraldean Duke (97 years old) and Hayden Armentrout.



Thomas S. sported his holiday glasses.



Lynda and Lee Puppin pose in front of the Christmas tree.



Anticipating the arrival of Santa are (front, l-r) Oliver Chavolla and Bentley Longdon. (back) Harper Longdon and Abby Utz.

Benbrook City Hall will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24, Wednesday, Dec. 25 and also on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025.



Katherine Moser, Evie Carberry, Ellie Carberry and Ckylar Cantro wait patiently for the fireworks to begin.



Sports Desk (continued from page 1)

ment for us," Mendez said.

"He found is stroke from the three this weekend which will be huge for us moving into district."

With district set to start this coming week, Mendez said his team is seasoned and ready to roll

"I feel like our non-district schedule was exactly what we needed to see," Mendez said. "We saw a variety of teams that play different styles of basketball, which mirrors our district. We played a lot of close games that hopefully will help us when we tip off district play."

On the girl's side, the Lady Cats went 1-1 last week in their first two games of district competition, defeating Diamond Hill-Jarvis on Tuesday and losing to Southwest on Friday.

Coach Leta Lofton said last week was a mixed bag for her team.

"The Lady cats used defense and ball control to defeat Diamond Hill on Tuesday," Lofton said. "Going into the game 1-0 in District 4A against Southwest with a full head of steam and with confidence we fell short due to the vacancy of 2 players, which left us shorthanded. Without an additional guard play we gave into the Southwest's ball pressure and looking for answers. Too many turnovers and too little on the offensive end left us on the short end of a win."

Lofton said she had a couple of strong efforts in the games.

"Our captain Grace Klaerner continues to lead our team in outstanding fashion," Lofton said. "Point guard Giuliana Lucero is continuing to get stronger on the offensive end of the court with 16 points versus Diamond Hill. Post Maddie Blocker is beginning to join the offensive party with 10 points versus Diamond Hill."

Post Juliana Velasquez led the way offensively against Southwest with 11 points.

Benbrook plays Eastern Hills this evening, and Lofton said she expects a tough game.

"Eastern hills will be difficult to defeat," Lofton said. "With all their players returning from last year's playoff team, this will be a tall order. However, although tough, with our team cohesion we should be able to handle what is thrown at us."

Benbrook Library Hosts Annual Holly Jolly Christmas

The annual Holly Jolly Christmas was held at the library on Saturday, Dec. 14.

Participants enjoyed holiday tunes performed by the Uptown Carolers that strolled through the building with their amazing harmony and vintage festive attire.

Arts and crafts tables were available as well as light snacks, cider and hot cocoa.

Mrs. Claus made an appearance and read story books to the children who listened diligently.





Library Staff (front, 1-r) Krystal Curry, Haley Beasley and Keri Krider; (back) Miranda Bauer, Tatiana Gustarson and Jenni Faller.



The Uptown Carolers are: (l-r) Colman Scheubmeir, Alicia Marks, Robin Willis and Cameron Young.



Freya Shelly admires ornaments on the Christmas tree.



December 19, 2024, PAGE 5

Children enjoyed story time with Mrs. Claus.

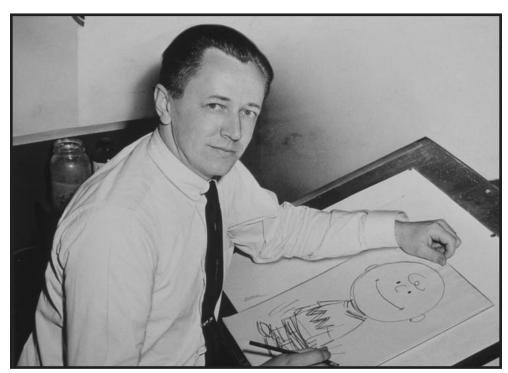




Pictured left: Shonda Medford (center) brought her twins, Colbi and Caleb, to the event.



The History of Charles M. Schulz's Christmas Classic



Charles M. Schulz created a comic strip that captured the hearts of millions in the nearly 50 years that *Peanuts* ran in thousands of newspapers around the world. Schulz, an amiable and soft-spoken Minnesota native and World War II veteran, had been drawing the daily strip since 1950. Fifteen years later, he would be responsible for a Christmas story that has since become a cultural icon. But it was almost entirely by accident.

In April 1965, executives at the Coca-Cola Company contacted their advertising agency, McCann-Erickson in New York, and asked if there were any Christmas specials they could sponsor that winter, still months away. The ad agency immediately suggested an adaptation of Schulz's *Peanuts* strip even though none had even been proposed and Schulz had not even thought of the idea.

Within days, Schulz, along with producer Lee Mendelson and animator Bill Melendez, produced a story outline. Executives at CBS agreed to air the special but only gave it a budget of \$76,000 (or \$768,000 in 2024 dollars).

In spite of the special's purpose of advertising Coca-Cola, Schulz chose a storyline that was critical of crass profiteering and emphasizing the simple message of the Christmas spirit. By the early 1960s, many cultural commentators had already criticized the commercialization of Christmas and the emphasis on gifts and holiday spending. In 2023, Americans spent hundreds of billions on Christmas by one estimate, so much that many businesses depend on brisk Christmas shopping to stay afloat. The number is likely to be repeated in 2024.

In the storyline that emerged, inspired by strips that Schulz had run previously, the main character Charlie Brown was feeling disconnected and depressed as Christmas approached. Everyone around Brown made demands on receiving extravagant gifts, including his sister, Sally, asking Santa Claus in a letter to make it simple by just sending "\$10s and \$20s."

As part of directing a Christmas play, Charlie Brown and his friend Linus, a blanket-toting theologian, attempt to buy a Christmas tree. The two find a lot filled with the aluminum Christmas trees that had become popular by the early 1960s. Thinking the aluminum trees were too superficial, Charlie Brown chose the one live tree available - a small, dilapidated sapling. Mocked by his friends about his choice of tree later, he asked what the meaning of Christmas was, prompting Linus to quote Luke 2:8-14 from

the Bible, on the birth of Christ. "And that's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown," Linus said to Charlie Brown, satisfied and inspired by the answer.

The network, studio executives, and advertisers were reluctant to include the monologue. The biggest question they had was whether it was in good taste to take a scriptural message so special to millions of Americans and turn it into a cartoon.

Television had only been widely available for a little over a decade by the 1960s. Television animation had been around for almost as long, but critics did not see it as very sophisticated. Schulz, however, insisted that the scene be included.

In the process, it became the first time the Bible was quoted in a television cartoon.

Animators worked feverishly to produce the thousands of images needed for a cartoon before the deadline. With 12 images needed each second for a 25-minute special, their work was cut out for them as each needed to be drawn and colored by hand. Children auditioned to voice the characters with 8-year-old Peter Robbins cast as Charlie Brown and Christopher Shea as Linus, who would both repeat their roles in future specials. CBS executives were uncertain how audiences would react to the cartoon, trying without success to convince Schulz, Mendelson, and Melendez to make changes to the production, already over budget.

A Charlie Brown Christmas aired on Dec. 9, 1965. More than 15.5 million households watched. It immediately became a classic. The heartwarming message that Christmas was more than about shopping became a comfortable reminder for millions. The special won an Emmy Award in 1966. It had such a profound impact on American culture that aluminum Christmas trees ceased to be made by 1968. In the following years, the special was translated into numerous other languages and broadcast in countries around the world. CBS agreed to produce more *Peanuts* cartoons, averaging about one per year into the 1990s. And a slew of other Christmas specials, inspired by the *Peanuts* success, would follow in the years afterward.

With the popularity of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, CBS would air the special each December until 2000 when it was picked up by ABC for a few years afterward. Now, it is broadcast on digital streaming networks.

Nearly 60 years after the first airing, it is still a program enjoyed by millions of children and also parents and grandparents who grew up watching it. Its simple message criticizing the commercialization of the holiday and emphasizing the true meaning of Christmas still resonates in the twenty-first century as countless people continue to look to Christmas as a time of family and togetherness.



Fort Worth, TX 76116 817-244-1372



Open 7 Days a Week!

Mon. thru Sat.:
6am to 9pm

Sunday: 6am to 3pm 4705 River Oaks Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76114 817-378-9262

Mary Isham Keith Chapter, NSDAR Awards Vocational Nursing Scholarships

Mary Isham Keith Chapter recently presented scholarships to three vocational nursing students at Tarrant County College.

The chapter began awarding scholarships to deserving students in the Tarrant County College LVN program at the Trinity River East Campus in downtown Fort Worth in 2018.

Regent Charlsey Holler presented Briana Becerra, Jazima Alford, and Jayeda Trosclair with a \$250 scholarship and certificate.

Honorary Regent Diana Lussier pre- orary Regent Joye Evetts. sented them with gift cards. Several of the cluding Dr. Nikolaos Moraros, Divisional ety with the mission of community service, Nursing.

The scholarship committee includes Dr. Judith Carrier, founding president of the your American Revolutionary patriot or Southeast Campus, Dr. Linda Hines who DAR and programs, served for 46 years at the college, and Hon-gent2023@gmail.com.

DAR is a non-profit, non-political volnursing faculty attended the presentation, in- unteer service organization and lineage soci-Dean of Nursing and Dr. Karen Heard, As- historic preservation, and education. More sistant Dean of Nursing, PCT & Vocational than 1 million women have found purpose in DAR membership.

> For more information about how to find email mikre-



Pictured: Dr. Linda Hines, Jazima Alford, Briana Becerra, Jayeda Trosclair, Regent Charlsey Holler with Honorary Regents Diana Lussier and Dawn Needles.



Pictured: Regent Charlsey Holler, Briana Becerra, Dr. Nikolaos Moraros and Dr. Karen Heard.



Pictured: Regent Charlsey Holler, Jayeda Trosclair, Dr. Nikolaos Moraros and Dr. Karen Heard.



Pictured: Regent Charlsey Holler, Jazima Alford, Dr. Nikolaos Moraros and Dr. Karen Heard.

CLASSIFIEDS 1

7820 Wyatt Drive • Fort Worth, TX • 76108

817.246.2473

DEADLINE: Monday at Noon.

AIR & HEATING

PRECISION AIRE & HEAT

"Licensed and insured for your protection" Warranty on all parts and labor • Up-front pricing. No overtime charges. Senior & Military discounts. 100% Financing available. W.A.C. • All credit cards accepted. Call 817-563-COOL(2665) TACLB26642

COMPUTER



Virus Removal & Upgrades, Office Furn. Fax & Copy Services Toner Cartridges A+, Network+ Certified call for an Appointment

817-945-comp(2667) or 817-437-8580

CONCRETE

LEON'S

CONCRETE SERVICES Commercial, Residential, Sidewalks Slabs, Patios, Driveways, Steps Retaining Walls Brushed

817-371-8597

Licensed and Insured leon@leonstreeservice.biz

DRAIN CLEANING

Bill Blankenship Contracting Inc.

Sewers, sinks, grease traps, camera & locating.

A+BBB Rated contractingblankenship@outlook.com Master Plumber M8479. 817-831-4000

ELECTRIC SERVICES

CALL MORTON ELECTRIC

For All of Your Electrical Needs & Wants! No Job is too Small! Located in White Settlement & will serve the surrounding areas. Fair Prices! TECL 25541 John Morton 817-771-6356

HANDYMAN

HARTMAN'S HONEY DO'S

We will do the job your Honey can't or won't. Lite-electrical, plumbing and carpentry. Fences, roof, tile & sheetrock repair. Handicap grab bars & much more. Free Est. 817-249-2028

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Bill Blankenship Contracting Inc.

YOUR ONE STOP REMODELING CONTRACTOR
Residential/Commercial
Kitchens, baths, showers, add-ons, custom
cabinets. lic.# M8479 A+BBB Rated
contractingblankenship@outlook.com

817-831-4000

D & M SERVICES Small to Big Jobs. Repair/remodeling, painting, plumbing drains lines cleared, & Fencing, reasonable. Military & Senior Discounts **817-233-5339**

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

ALPINE SERVICES. We do it All! Roofing, siding, patios, windows, brick work, foundations work, Ext./Int. Painting & Sheet rock, carpentry, wood & chain fencing, handicap work 817-296-2880

PAINTING SERVICES HAYWOOD PAINTING

Interior & Exterior. Remove popcorn, wallpaper, tape bed texture & exterior wood repair, Over 30yrs. exp. Ref. Free Est. Call **817-454-6489**

PLUMBING SERVICES

LONNIE BRAVO PLUMBING

Drain cleaning, slab leaks, electronic locate & repair. Sewer repair, gas test, tankless water heaters, bathroom & kitchen remodeling **817-715-6747** M38813 Senior & Veterans discounts.

FINANCING AVAILABLE W/LOW PAYMENTS. WWW.LONNIEBRAVOPLUMBINGLLC.COM

Bill Blankenship Contracting Inc.

Drain stoppage, water leaks, water heaters, sewers replaced, water repiping, camera sewers, faucets installed, gas lines, Repair/Replaced.

A+BBB Rated contractingblankenship@outlook.com

Master Plumber M8479. 817-831-4000

LANDSCAPE & LAWN SERVICE

ALEX'S LAWN SERVICE

FREE Est. Trash hauls, cleanup, tree trimming leaf removal & fertilizing. No job too Big/Small Sr. Disc. 817-793-9096.

I MOW 4 YOU



Will Do Your Mowing & Leaf_Work!

Free Estimates W/Scheduled Work!

817-988-2249

TILE WORK

Bill Blankenship Contracting Inc.

Tubs, showers, floors, backsplashes etc. A+BBB Rated, contractingblankenship@outlook.com 817-831-4000I



TREE SERVICES

Rubens Tree Service

Fire Wood Special Removal, Trimming, Pruning, Hauling off. Call Ruben 817-513-0233

• Trimming
• Hauloffs
• Stump Removal
Lic. & Insured 817-371-8597

eons Tree Service

Expert Takedowns

Chad's Tree Service

Insured For Your Protection

- Trimming Removals Stump Grinding
 - Systematic Tree Feeding



817-246-5943 or 817-221-2201

SERVICES PROVIDED



Mr. Sweeps
Chimney Cleaning
Special!
\$10 OFF

Dryer Vent or Chimney Cleaning www.MrSweepsChimneyCleaning.com

817-692-5624





8120 White Settlement Rd. FW 76108

BUSINESS DIRECTORY



SUBURBAN NEWSPAPERS, INC.

White Settlement Bomber News • Benbrook News • River Oaks News
7820 Wyatt Drive Fort Worth, TX 76108
817-246-2473



www.suburban-newspapers.com

PRECISION Aire & Heat 817-563-2665 precisionaire@sbcglobal.net

APPLIANCES CALLAHAN'S APPLIANCE

8120 White Settlement Rd 817-439-2080

COMPUTERS

MICHAEL'S PC Repair 817-945-2667

michael spcs@hotmail.com

ELECTRIC

E-CONN ELECTRIC 817-831-2600 www.econnllc.com FENCING

LYNCO Fencing 817-246-5641 BOB YOUNG Fencing 817-495-5543

bobyoungfences@hotmail.com

REAL ESTATE

TAMMY WRIGHT, BROKER
Wright Realty Services DFW

Cell: 682-472-9041 wrightrealtyservicesdfw@gmail.com

PAINTING

HAYWOOD Painting 817-371-8597

REMODELING

ECE Construction LLC 817-831-2600

ANDSCAPE/LAWNS

I MOW 4 YOU 817-988-2249

corvetteron@hotmail.com

ALEX'S Lawn Care 817-793-9096

PLUMBING

LONNIE BRAVO Plumbing 817-715-6747

lonniebravo@sbcglobal.net www.lonniebravoplumbingllc.com

ROOFING

ECE ROOFING LLC 817-831-2600

TREE SERVICE

CHAD GREEN Tree Service 817-246-5943 or 817-800-6059 (cell) INSURANCE

PETER POLINSKY Insurance 817-560-9400

peter@polinsky-insurance.com HEALTH INSURANCE

(all year/ages) Medicare & Obamacare 817-874-7569 Marilyn-Kaye.com - Online Quotes

ingii ikuyeleom omme (

SERVICES PROVIDED

AMERICAN LEGION Post 297

817-249-2791

alpost297@sbcglobal.net CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING 3290 Lackland Rd. Fort Worth, Tx 76116 Every Sunday worship at 9:30am

Business Directory Listings - \$10 per month! • classifieds@suburban-newspapers.com

Three Day Weekend Forecast



Friday, Dec. 20:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 57. N/NE wind 5 to 10 mph.

PM - Clear, with a low around 32. N/NE wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.



Saturday, Dec. 21:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 56. Calm wind becoming S/SE around 5 mph in the morning. **PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 39. SE wind around 5 mph.



Sunday, Dec. 22:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. S/SE wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. **PM** - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. S/SE wind around 10 mph.

Extended Forecast Click Here