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Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

American Legion Celebrates 106th Birthday

The American Legion turned 106 years old on March 16.

On this day, the American Expeditionary Force convened in Paris for the first American Legion caucus.

Founded by an act of Congress after WW1, Legions across the country fiercely advocate for the unique needs of every generation of veterans, service members and their families who pledge to protect our nation.

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American Legion Post 297 Commander Lora McGee and Auxiliary President Theresa Buyers with the cake for the American Legion's 106th birthday!

From the Sports Desk with John English

Benbrook Lady Cat Soccer Team Defeats Lake Worth in Bi-District Round

The Benbrook girl's soccer team opened up the post-season with a bang last week, defeating Lake Worth in the bi-district round of the playoffs by a score of 2-0.

Coach Luz Castillo said the victory over the Lady Frogs "was a hard-fought battle" under difficult conditions.

"The gusty winds made it challenging for the team to find the back of the net during the first half, but we adjusted and came out strong in the second half," Castillo said. "The girls showed incredible determination and teamwork, securing a 2-0 victory over

the Lady Bull Frogs. We are especially proud of the defensive effort in a solid shutout that highlighted the team's resilience and commitment to seeing the game through to the very end."

Castillo said she had several strong individual efforts in the game.

"We had outstanding standout performances from our defensive line, with Kira Cleveland, Fiona Chan, Leah Jimenez, and captains Lily Carias and Jessica Anzaldúa holding down the back and ensuring the shutout,"

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Benbrook Council Action by John English

March 20 Meeting Wrap Up

A Benbrook City Council meeting was held on March 20 as scheduled. The meeting was called to order and an invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Time was then allowed for citizen comments on any agenda item, but there were none. The minutes of the meeting held on March 6 were approved by all members.

The first item of the evening was a proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Larry Marshall read the proclamation designating the month of April 2025 Child Abuse Prevention month in Benbrook and urged all citizens to work together to reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in the years to come.

The next item of the evening was a motion to consider accepting the finance report

for the period ending Feb. 28.

For the General Fund, revenues for the month of February totaled \$3,491,737 and year-to-date revenues totaled \$18,893,557.

Expenditures for the month of February totaled \$1,761,573 and year-to-date expenditures totaled \$10,686,442.

For the Economic Development Corporation, revenues for the month of February totaled \$186,778 and year-to-date revenues totaled \$1,064,851.

Expenditures for the month of February totaled \$118,586 and year-to-date expenditures totaled \$266,547.

Investments for the City of Benbrook totaled \$40,186,833 and investments for the EDC totaled \$7,245,049.

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Visit www.4pawsinc.org or call 4 PAWS volunteers Ursula at 817-262-3086, or Lynda at 682-279-0760 to set up a meet-and-greet or to get more information about any of the dogs available.

Council Action

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nance report was unanimously approved by all members present.

Next up was a motion to accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). Per Chapter 103 of the Texas Local Government Code, an independent audit of the City's accounts and records has been made by the certified public accounting firm of BrooksWatson & Co. for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30. The audited financial statements or Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which include the auditor's unmodified or "clean" opinion on pages 1 through 4 of the ACFR is submitted for the City Council's information and consideration. The General Fund's ending balance was \$23,617,122 with a total debt of \$22,069,030. The net position (assets over liabilities) is \$85,582,930, which is a net increase of \$7,634,478 compared to fiscal year 2022-23. The ACFR was unanimously approved by all members present.

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

Time was then allowed for council member and staff comments, but there were none. The meeting adjourned.



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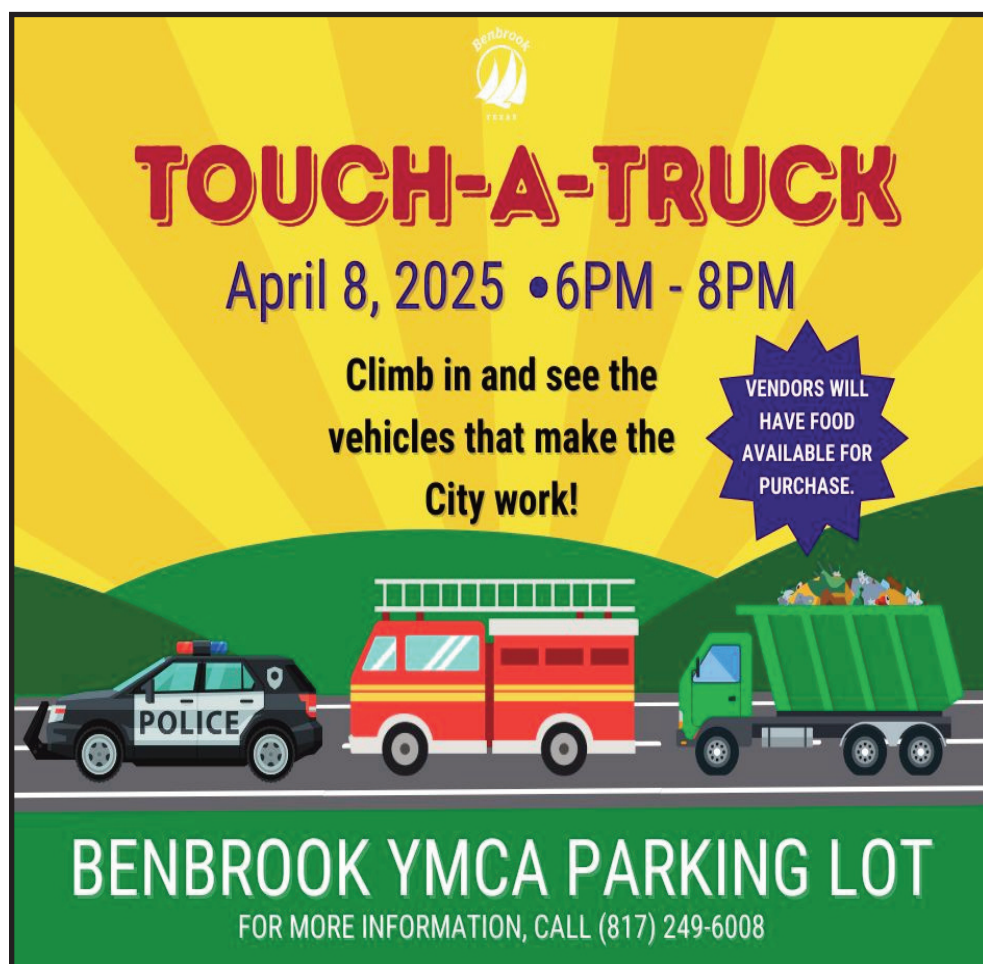
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Castillo said. "On offense, captain Sydney Chavez really shined, scoring both goals, one from an assist by Lily Chavez and another off a beautiful corner kick from Randee Slater. It was an all-around team effort."

Benbrook played Venus in the area round on Tuesday night after the paper had already gone to press.

Over at Western Hills, the Lady Cougars lost to Castleberry by a score of 2-0 in the bi-district round.

On the boy's side, Benbrook defeated Lake Worth in the bi-district round to advance to area.

Midfielder Evan Kramer was selected the player of the match.

The Bobcats played Brownwood in the area round on Tuesday night after the paper had already gone to press.

Over at Western Hills, the boy's team lost to Castleberry in bi-district, and coach Matt Collins said it was a tough game.

"We knew Castleberry was going to be good and they were," Collins said. "They are number 4 in the state and they played like it. Full respect to them. We played well at times, but for maybe the first time this season we played like the young team we are."

Collins said goal keeper Landon Whitaker "kept us in the game," as long as he could.

"Again Castleberry is very good," Collins said. "Landon did all he could. I'm very proud of him."

Reflecting on the season as whole, Collins said he is pleased with how things unfolded.

"I think the guys exceeded my expectations for the season," Collins said. "We graduated 16 seniors in 2024 and brought back only 3 players with varsity experience. I expect bigger things from us in 2026. We grew up a lot this year and will be ready to go next winter."

On the diamond, Benbrook went 2-0

against Southwest last week, beating the Raiders 18-1 on Tuesday and 6-1 on Friday.

The Bobcats improved to 12-4 overall and 4-0 in district, and coach Justin Chavez said his team played well throughout the games.

"Hudson Stockton and Daniel Stiefvater got the wins in both games," Chavez said. "At the plate, Tanner Madara, Sebastian and Giuliano Martinez, Jax Stockton, and Ethan Smith (freshman) had big hits in both games."

Benbrook plays Western Hills this week, and Chavez said he is looking for more of the same from his team.

"We are expecting to come out and just keep doing what we've been doing which is pitching well playing good defense and get some timely hitting," Chavez said. "And then after the Western Hills series, we will have Wichita Falls Memorial on Saturday at their place and that would be a good indication of where we are right now on the year."

Benbrook is ranked No. 9 in the state by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association.

In softball, Western Hills defeated Southwest by a score of 18-14 last Friday.

Taylor Torres led the way offensively, going 2-2 with 2 triples, 3 RBI and a 4 runs scored.

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Six Stress Reduction Tips for Caregivers During National Stress Awareness Month in April

Stress doesn't just affect your mood, it can have long-term health impacts as well if you don't take steps to manage it constructively. For individuals who face the stressful task of caring for a family member with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia-related illness, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) is offering six stress reduction tips for caregivers as part of National Stress Awareness Month in April.

"Family caregivers often find it challenging to make time for themselves, but being proactive about addressing caregiver stress and self-care is not selfish; it's essential and it benefits both the caregiver and the person for whom they are caring," said Jennifer Reeder, LCSW, AFA's Director of Educational and Social Services. "Failing to manage stress increases the risks of caregiver burnout, depression, and many other mental and physical health issues. Caregivers need to take care of themselves so they can provide the best possible care for their loved ones."

Family caregivers of people with Alzheimer's and related dementias are at greater risk for anxiety, depression, and poorer quality of life than caregivers of people with other conditions, and provide care for a longer duration of time, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

AFA offers these six stress reduction tips for family caregivers:

- Be adaptable and positive. Your attitude influences stress levels for both you and the person you're caring for. If you can "go with the flow," and avoid fighting the current, that will help you both stay relaxed—conversely, becoming aggravated or agitated will increase the chances that your person will as well. Focus on how to adjust to the situation in a constructive way.
- Deal with what you can control. Some things are totally out of your control. What is in your power to control is how you re-

spond and react to these outside factors. Concentrating on finding solutions can help make the problem itself a little less stressful.

- Set realistic goals and go slow. Everything cannot be resolved at once, nor does it need to be. Don't hold yourself to unrealistic expectations. Prioritize, set practical goals, do your best to achieve them, and take things one day at a time.

- Mind your health. Inadequate rest, poor diet, and lack of exercise can all exacerbate stress (and cause other health problems as well). As best you can, make it a priority to get sleep, eat right, drink plenty of water and find ways to be active. You cannot provide quality care to a loved one if you don't take care of yourself.

- Clear and refresh your mind. Exercise, yoga, meditating, listening to music or even taking a few deep breaths can all help relax the mind and reduce stress. Find something that works for you and do it regularly!

- Share your feelings. Disconnecting from your support structure and staying bottled-up increases stress. Whether it's with a loved one, trusted friend or a professional, don't be reluctant to talk about your stress, because that can actually help relieve it! AFA's Helpline has licensed social workers available for caregivers seven days to provide support or even just listen.

AFA's Helpline, staffed entirely by licensed social workers who are specifically trained in dementia care, can provide additional information and support for families. The Helpline is available seven days a week by phone at 866-232-8484, text message at 646-586-5283, and web chat at www.alzfdn.org.

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With more and more people enjoying the outdoors and working from home, you may have noticed more wildlife in your backyard, neighborhood or surrounding areas.

Species including birds, deer and snakes are active this time of year and their young often stray or appear to be abandoned. But wildlife experts caution against lending a helping hand.

The deer fawning season begins in early to mid-May. A newborn fawn's mottled coat and mother's care usually hides them from predators. But as fawns mature, they shed these coats for a more adult color which causes them to catch the eye. With mothers leaving fawns for hours at a time, you may spot one lying alone in tall grass or in a brushy area. Well-meaning people sometimes pick up these fawns, thinking that they have been abandoned by their mothers and need help. This is rarely the case.

Leave all young animals alone unless it is obviously injured or orphaned. To be sure, spend time observing the wild animal from a distance in order to make that determination. Staying too close may deter the mother from returning, so be sure to view safely from a distance. By interfering too soon, you may be doing more harm than good.

The same applies to young birds, who might be out of their nests but cannot fly. If the bird's eyes are open, it has a coat of feathers and is hopping around, it is probably fine. Grounded fledglings will usually be up and flying within a few days.

If it is determined that a wild animal is sick or injured call the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's wildlife information line, 512-389-4505, during business hours for a referral to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

After-hours callers can get the names of rehabilitators from TPWD's dispatch line at 512-389-4848 or by checking <https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/rehab/list/>.

Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges

Jimmy Allred: Resilient Leader Who Guided Texas Through the Great Depression and Left a Lasting Legacy

Gov. Jimmy Allred became governor of Texas in a desperate time for Texas. The Great Depression created many hardships for families and crippled state finances. Though he had met with several defeats and reverses in his life, Allred's persistence guided Texas in a difficult time and cemented lasting changes for the state.



James V. Allred, affectionately known as Jimmy to friends and family, was born in the small Montague County community of Bowie in 1899. His childhood was uneventful, and he graduated from Bowie High School in 1917. He headed to Houston to enroll at Rice University. He ran out of money, which derailed his initial attempt at higher education, but he regrouped and pressed ahead.

The United States had entered World War I by this time, and Allred enlisted in the navy. After the war, he found a job as a law clerk in Wichita Falls. Inspired to resume his education, he enrolled at Cumberland University in Tennessee and received a law degree in 1921.

Allred returned to Wichita Falls and opened his own law firm. A respected attorney, Gov. Pat Neff appointed him as District Attorney for Archer, Wichita, and Young counties in 1923. Allred delighted in the role as a fighter for the common man, often taking on corrupt businesses and the Ku Klux Klan. He ran for attorney general, losing a close race in 1926. He rebounded, concentrated on his law firm and marrying Joe Betsy Miller of Wichita Falls in 1927, with whom he would have three children. Allred re-entered politics and became attorney general in 1930.

As the Great Depression deepened in Texas, Allred became increasingly popular for his actions taking on monopolies and corrupt business practices that hurt consumers and workers. As a result of his success, he ran for governor in 1934, seeking to replace the controversial Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson. In what became an unusual race for Texas, all three leading candidates for the Democratic nomination were from Wichita Falls: Allred, Tom F. Hunter, Charles McDonald. Allred came out on top and won the general election easily.

Allred made combating the Great Depression the focus of his administration. Unemployment was high, and farms were failing. He created the Texas Planning Board as an advisory commission

to the state legislature to help determine how federal aid through President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal programs should best be utilized. Thousands of Texans were put to work through Works Progress Administration and Civilian Conservation Corps projects, building new parks, constructing schools and other public buildings, and paving streets and sidewalks. With these projects, the worst effects of the Depression were alleviated as many were able to put food on the table again.

He pushed through reforms to the state's Prohibition laws, allowing local-option alcohol elections.

He reorganized law enforcement in the state. He consolidated the Texas Rangers and the highway department into the Department of Public Safety in 1936. Because of concerns over the issuing of pardons by previous governors, a constitutional amendment required all new pardon applications be reviewed by a special board first. The state also celebrated its centennial of independence in 1936, which included not only public observances – a welcome diversion during the Depression -- but also the construction of monuments and museums across Texas. He also established the Interstate Oil Compact Commission to cooperate with other oil-producing states.

During his governorship, the family welcomed a new addition. In 1937, Joe Betsy Allred gave birth to a healthy son at the governor's mansion in the Sam Houston Bedroom in the Sam Houston Bed. He was one of the few children born in the governor's mansion. Naturally, the son was christened Sam Houston Allred.

He had been stymied by the legislature in earlier attempts to establish a pension system for the elderly, but he pushed again after the Social Security Act was passed by Congress in 1935. In 1937, Allred enacted reforms to education, which included a pension for teachers and expanded funding for schools and students. New programs for the poor and elderly were also enacted, mostly paid for through new taxes on oil, gas, and liquor.

Allred was appointed a federal judge by President Roosevelt in 1938, a position he took after his second term as governor ended. He made one more attempt at office in 1942, resigning his position as federal judge to run for U. S. Senate in a losing bid against popular Gov. W. Lee "Pappy" O'Daniel.

In 1949, President Harry S. Truman re-appointed Allred to the federal bench, and the family moved to Corpus Christi. In 1959, Allred was presiding over a trial in Laredo when he halted the proceedings, complaining he was not feeling well. A few hours later, he collapsed and died at the age of 60.

His wife returned to Wichita Falls some years later, a respected, motherly figure in the community who lived a relatively quiet life until her passing in 1993. In 1995, the state opened a new prison, the James V. Allred Unit, between Wichita Falls and Iowa Park, naming it in the governor's honor.

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The MetroShare Library Consortium is funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and Texas State Library and Archives Commission (Grant #LS-252486-OLS-22).

Visit www.imls.gov for more information regarding the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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Weekend Forecast



Friday, March 28:

AM - Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. High near 72. S/SE wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

PM - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. S/SE wind around 10 mph.



Saturday, March 29:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



Sunday, March 30:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. S/SW wind 10 to 15 mph becoming West in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 51. N/NE wind around 10 mph.

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