

From the Sports Desk with John English

Player Feature:

Cougar Mauricio Martinez

As the Western Hills football team looks to rebound from a disappointing 2025 campaign, coach Blake Moilan will rely on the likes of offensive lineman Mauricio Martinez to help lead the way.



The Cougars finished 2-7 overall last season, and for Martinez, that was a tough pill to swallow.

“My overall satisfaction this season was a little low,” Martinez said. “This was because I knew our potential as a team and we did not perform as we should’ve.”

Moilan said Martinez brings a lot to the offense in the trenches, and said he has a good mind for the game.

“Mauricio is a really good football player,” Martinez said. “Fundamentally, he is one of the best O-lineman we have had. He also is a leader and works hard on and off the (continued on page 5)

Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

Post Everlasting held at

American Legion 297, First Event at New City Hall on Memorial Day



Pictured above: SAL National Executive Committee Bill Kuehner used a brazier to burn the names of deceased members.



Pictured above: Mayor Jason Ward shared messages with the crowd, with Active Chaplains /Past Chaplains from American Legion Post 297 Ron Hand, VFW Post 10429 and Auxiliary, John Berry, Jesse Whitaker and Denise Honeycutt.

Members of American Legion Post 297 gathered on Memorial Day for the annual “Post Everlasting” ceremony, a solemn tradition honoring Legionnaires who have died during the past year.

The ceremony symbolizes a fallen member’s transfer from their local post on Earth to the “Post Everlasting,” described by the American Legion as an eternal gathering of departed comrades. (continued on page 4)

Residents, veterans and city leaders gathered on Memorial Day for a solemn ceremony of remembrance held at the new Benbrook City Hall, marking the first public event hosted at the facility.

Memorial Day, observed on the last Monday in May, honors members of the U.S. armed forces (continued on page 4)

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Western Hills HS

CLASS OF 2026

Friday, May 29

3 p.m.

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Post Everlasting (continued from page 1)

The observance serves as a reminder of the enduring bonds formed through military service and the continued remembrance of those who served their country and communities.

During the ceremony, the names of deceased members were read aloud in tribute. Their names were then placed into a brazier and burned as part of the memorial observance, while a black cloth was draped over the Post 297 charter in mourning and respect.

The annual tradition reflects the Legion's commitment to honoring the sacrifice, duty and fellowship of veterans whose service and memories continue long after their passing.



Executive Board members Chris Allen, Dave Marinelli and Ron Lumaban assemble the rifles.



Commander Lora McGee emceed the event.



Sgt. at Arms Arther Ramos drapes the cloth over the post charter.



Memorial Day (continued from page 1)

who died while serving their country. The holiday traces its origins to the years following the Civil War, when communities decorated the graves of fallen soldiers during observances once known as "Decoration Day."

The Benbrook ceremony focused on remembrance, sacrifice and gratitude for those who gave their lives in military service. Past Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10429 outgoing chaplain John Berry served as master of ceremonies for the event. As part of the observance, 230 flags were placed at veterans' gravesites in tribute to the men and women who served and died in defense of the nation.

Neighbors, friends, family members and city dignitaries attended the ceremony, joining together in reflection and remembrance. The gathering, hosted by VFW Post 10429, served as a reminder of the enduring cost of freedom and the community's commitment to honoring the memories of fallen service members.



Tristan Anderson played his bugle at the function.



Preparing for folds of the flag representing VFW Post 10429, Commander Eddie Terry, Benefits Advisor Troy Collum, Judge Advocate Paul Sights and VFW Motorcycle Group 19 (MGU19) President Donald Smallwood.



Committee member Jamie Bengford places a flag on a Veterans grave site.



Benbrook FD brought Fire Truck 53 and assembled a flag on the ladder that waved proudly; Adam, Abby, Evangeline, Will and Leslie Stone.



Committee Member Larry Grogan and Auxiliary Trustee 2 Anita Grogan, donated the wreath for the Memorial Day event, with Commander Eddie Terry.

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field.”

Moilan said Martinez will probably move into the center position this season and lead the interior of the line and said he has no doubt the Cougars lineman can handle that role.

“Mauricio is the leader of our team right now,” Moilan said. “He shows up everyday ready to put the work in. He leads by example, but also isn't afraid to correct a teammate.”

Martinez, 16, who also competes in power lifting, track and field and golf for Western Hills, said heading into the season in 2025, he had a few objectives.

“A couple of my goals coming into this season were first to overall do better than the previous year,” Martinez said. “I believe I did a lot better this season winning WHHS OL MVP and First Team All-District. My second goal coming into this season was to know the playbook efficient enough to be a resource to my teammates. I accomplished this goal because I learned the playbook very well.”

The incoming senior said for 2026, to earn a post-season berth, it will take a total team effort.

“Next year I feel that to make playoffs in football it will take everyone on the team to be on the same page. Another thing I feel that it will take is for all players to give 100 percent at all times and be committed to making the playoffs.”

Reflecting on this past season, Martinez said something in particular stands out to him as especially fun.

“My favorite memory from last season had to have been when Coach Cab would host 'lineman lunch,’” Martinez said. “This was when the offensive line would meet and go over scouting reports and watch film of the opponent of the week. This was my favorite memory because it built a brotherhood between the offensive line so we would all be on the same page every week.”

Martinez said what he wants most of all is to set a good example.

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Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and Executive Order 11988, the United States Air Force has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact on the human environment and No Practicable Alternative to work within the floodplain for Storm Drain System Improvements at Air Force Plant 4, operated by Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, located in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, TX. The project will upgrade storm drain systems to reduce flood risk.

The Environmental Assessment and FONSI/FONPA are available for public review and comment during a 30-day period ending on May 31, 2026. These documents may be reviewed at White Settlement Public Library, 8215 White Settlement Road, White Settlement, TX 76108; and at Fort Worth Public Library Clifford Crossing, 9336 Clifford Street Suite 120, Fort Worth, TX 76108.

Written comments must be received by May 31, 2026, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Facilities Engineering, Attn: Angela K. Pereira, PE, PO Box 748 MZ 6445, Fort Worth, TX 76101, or via email to angela.k.pereira@lmco.com.

“The type of legacy I want to leave for my younger teammates and upcoming players is to be known as a dedicated, hard worker,” Martinez said. “I want them to know that the path isn't always easy and you're gonna have to work when people aren't watching.”

Moilan said he is confident that Martinez will help set the tone for the Cougars his year.

“We want to see Mauricio dominate this season,” Moilan said. “He has had a really good spring and is much stronger as a senior this year. He will definitely be a leader on our offense.”

Martinez' Favorites:

Favorite Athlete: Aaron Donald

Favorite Sports Team: Dallas Cowboys

Favorite Food: spaghetti

Favorite Movie: “2 Fast, 2 Furious”

Favorite TV show: *SpongeBob*

Book Currently reading or last book Read: “*The Hunger Games*”

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Benbrook Council Action by John English

Benbrook Updates Zoning Code to Meet New Texas Manufactured Housing Requirements

The Benbrook City Council meeting was held on May 21 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, but there were none. The minutes from the meeting held on May 7 were then approved unanimously.

The first item of the evening was a presentation by the planning and zoning commission to consider an amendment to Title 17 (Zoning) of the Benbrook Municipal Code, in accordance with S.B. 785, 89th Texas Legislature (2025), to allow new HUD-code manufactured homes as permitted dwelling units within the residential zoning district "SD" Suburban District, and to make related zoning text amendments.

The bill requires that municipalities with zoning regulations have to permit new HUD-code manufactured homes by right in at least one residential district within the city and include that residential area on the zoning map. The bill also prohibits any discriminatory permits or fees.

HUD-code homes are factory-built homes, built to federal HUD safety and construction standards and identified with a certification label. To comply with the bill, the City of Benbrook would need to identify an area of the city to allow new HUD-code manufactured homes.

The Planning and Zoning commission did vote to recommend the "SD" Suburban District as the district that would potentially allow the manufactured home.

The recommended motion from the Planning and Zoning commission was to adopt Ordinance 1520, amending title 17 of the Benbrook Municipal Code to comply with S.B. 785, as presented.

Council member Renee Franklin asked if the state is mandating HUD construction to be allowed and was informed by City Planner Doug Howard that the allowance of HUD-code construction was state-mandated.

Council member Ryan Reagan then asked what would happen down the road if a resident puts in a mobile home and then someone came in and wanted to rezone it, and what that would require.

Howard said if the City no longer has an SD district and if S.B. 785 were still in place, another area of the city would have to be chosen where that would be allowed.

Member Keither Tiner then asked about the type of homes that could be allowed for this purpose, and Howard said any manufactured homes that are HUD certified, and reiterated the ordinance is only adding the option to add a manufactured home if they choose to do so.

Member Sean Moore then asked about any impact the new ordinance would potentially have on the Rowan Ranch area, and Howard said this would have no affect on that area at all.

A public hearing followed, and Ward invited anyone who

wanted to speak in favor of or against the proposal to do so. There were no comments.

A motion was made to adopt ordinance 1520, amending Title 17 of the Benbrook Municipal Code to comply with S.B. 785 as presented, and it was unanimously approved.

Next up was a motion to accept the finance report for the period ending on April 30.

For the General Fund, revenues for the month of April totaled \$1,201,180, while year-to-date revenues totaled \$22,921,144. Expenditures for the month of April totaled \$1,960,301, while year-to-date expenditures totaled \$16,048,885.

For the Economic Development Corporation, revenues for the month of April totaled \$262,074, while year-to-date revenues totaled \$1,564,445. Expenditures for the month of April totaled \$291,651, while year-to-date expenditures totaled \$1,766,285.

Investments for the City of Benbrook totaled \$38,996,160, while investments for the EDC totaled \$7,320,885.

The finance report was accepted unanimously.

Time was then allowed for informal citizen comments, and resident John Berry approached the podium.

Berry is the chaplain for the VFW Post 10429 in Benbrook and spoke of the Memorial Day activities that the VFW would be holding this year.

Resident Greg Clem then came to the podium and expressed some concerns about the Trinity Estates Flood Plain and the construction that's being completed in the area. Clem also thanked the city for lowering a sign that had been an issue.

Time was then allowed for staff and council member comments, and member Laura Mackey pointed out that the day of the meeting was also the last day of school for students in the FWISD, and congratulated all graduates and students for completing the school year.

Mackey also reminded residents be mindful of children when backing out of their driveways now that school is out.

Tiner then also congratulated the students, along with teachers and staff and gave special recognition to the Benbrook school's volunteers.

Franklin then reminded residents that the city offices would be closed on Memorial Day and recognized all veterans.

The meeting was then adjourned.



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From National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Dedication of America 250! Patriot Marker



photo credit Rick Irving

Mary Isham Keith Chapter, NSDAR, members gathered on May 9, 2026 at Oaklawn Cemetery to dedicate a DAR America 250! Patriot Marker. The purpose of placing the marker was to honor all the American patriots of the American Revolution who fought for our freedoms and in honor of the nation's 250th birthday.

The event was presided over by Chapter Regent Pat Sinclair, with 1st Vice Regent Dianne Rubenkoenig and Chaplain Karen Allison participating in the ceremony. The chapter was honored to have Texas State Regent Susan Johnston deliver remarks and the Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, post the colors. Mrs. Johnston was presented with a statue of an eagle with outstretched wings over the flags of the United States and of Texas in appreciation of her time and efforts on behalf of the chapter. The chapter is grateful to photo-journalist Rick Irving, who photographed the event.

Mary Isham Keith Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution has proudly given 128 years of service to God, Home and Country. Organized June 15, 1898 and chartered August 5, 1898, it was the first chapter formed in Fort Worth, the third chapter in Texas, and one of the five founding chapters of the Texas State Society in 1900.

Three charter members of the chapter - Elizabeth Douglas Keith Bell, Rose Douglas Brabson Bullard and Minnie Colburn Naylor - were honored to name the chapter for their ancestor Mary Isham Randolph

Keith, a patriotic mother whose sixteen sons, sons-in-law and grandsons gave service in the American Revolution. Mrs. Bell was accepted to DAR membership 4 June 1896 in Fort Worth and was a charter member and organizing regent of Mary Isham Keith Chapter, NSDAR when it was organized in 1898. Her niece Rose Brabson Bullard and great niece Minnie Colburn Naylor were also charter members of the chapter.

There are currently 50 Mary Isham Keith members buried in Oakwood Cemetery, including Organizing Regent Elizabeth Douglas Keith Bell and Mary Isham Keith Chapter's Real Daughter, Susan Spratt Polk Rayner. Mrs. Rayner, daughter of American Revolutionary soldier Col. William Polk, was one of few DAR Real Daughters buried in Texas. She was accepted into DAR membership on 4 November 1897 while living in Stephenville and became a charter member of Mary Isham Chapter when it was organized, along with her daughter Sallie Polk Rayner Hyman and her granddaughter Susan Polk Hyman Matlock.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a non-political women's service organization whose members can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. If you are interested in learning more about DAR membership, please email mikregent2025@gmail.com.



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Mary Isham Keith Chapter Regent Pat Sinclair and Texas State Regent Susan Johnston.



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TXDAR State Regent Susan Johnston and Mary Isham Keith Chapter Regent Pat Sinclair

Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges

More Than a Midnight Rider: Paul Revere's Enduring Impact on America

One daring ride in the middle of the night made him a legend. But the life of Paul Revere was much more than that one moment in April 1775. He was a noted businessman who often put the needs of the community before his own.

Paul Revere was born in Boston on New Year's Day 1735, the third of twelve children. His father had been born in France into a Protestant family in a nation that was officially Roman Catholic and offered no religious freedom. He fled France on his own at the age of 13 and eventually ended up in Boston where he was apprenticed to a silversmith. His father came to own a respected silversmith shop. As a child, Paul Revere began learning the trade.

He became a renowned silversmith in his own right, noted for his precision and elegance of design.

Revere's father died in 1754, and Revere, now at age 20, struggled to keep his business afloat. In 1756 as the French and Indian War erupted, he volunteered for service in the Massachusetts militia. He served for a year and returned home. In 1757, he married Sarah Orne, with whom he had eight children and joined the local Masonic lodge.

After the French and Indian War, he continued to struggle. When the British Parliament passed the Stamp Act in 1765, it crushed trade and made Revere's financial situation worse. Revere actually learned and briefly practiced dentistry as a way of making extra income.

The Stamp Act, a tax on all printed materials, had shocked the colonists. They had no representation in Parliament and had no voice in the process. By tradition, taxation had always been a local matter.

He soon joined Samuel Adams and others into the Sons of Liberty, a secretive organization determined to protest the Stamp Act and British actions in the colonies. The Sons of Liberty organized protests, boycotts, and even attacks on British troops and officials in Boston. The British repealed the Stamp Act within a year, but tensions between British officials and locals simmered across Boston.

In March 1770, an argument between locals and British troops at a sentry house exploded into violence. British troops shot and killed five Bostonians in the Boston Massacre, an event that horrified the entire British Empire. Revere soon produced an engraving of the incident, one showing a British officer appearing to give the order to fire into the crowd and the Redcoats almost seeming to smile as they did it. The image was quickly circulated across the colonies.

His wife died in 1773, and he married Rachel Walker soon afterward, with whom he would have another eight children. Parliament passed the Tea Act that year, which gave a massive tax break to the East India Co., one with special connections to senior British politicians. As British tea was already being boycotted in the colonies, Revere and others organized protests that prevented British ships in Boston from unloading their tea. What role Revere played in the Boston Tea Party that followed, where that same tea was dumped into the harbor, was never made clear.

In response to the Boston Tea Party, which caused nearly \$3 mil-

lion in damages (in 2026 dollars), the British decided to punish the entire city and increase the military presence. By 1774, the new military governor of Massachusetts, Gen. Thomas Gage, had effectively placed Boston under martial law and closed the port. Colonists soon formed the Massachusetts Provincial Congress in response and organized the Committee of Public Safety to speak out against the British and organize the people.

On the night of April 18, 1775, Revere and others received word that the British were going to seize the weapons and gunpowder at the colonial supply depot in Concord, about 20 miles west of Boston. Revere and William Dawes quickly rode out of the city to warn the Minutemen and residents of the approach of the British. They were soon joined by Dr. Samuel Prescott. Late in the night, the three were stopped by a British patrol. Revere was captured. After questioning, he was released. But the word was already out and spreading rapidly. The next morning, April 19, Minutemen confronted the British at Lexington, where the British opened fire on them. Other militia units had secured the weapons and gunpowder in Concord and repelled the British, the opening shots of the American Revolution.

Revere's ride was memorialized in 1861 with the famous poem "*Paul Revere's Ride*" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, a famed poet and fellow Massachusetts resident.

In the months afterward, he hid out away from Boston. In late 1775, Revere began a gunpowder factory in Massachusetts which became critical for the war effort in Massachusetts.

After the recapture of Boston in March 1776, Revere returned to the city and volunteered for service. He was appointed as a major in April and spent most of his time in the artillery. His primary assignment was at Castle William overseeing Boston Harbor to prevent the British fleet from returning to challenge the Americans again.

In 1778, Revere served in an expedition with French troops to retake nearby Newport, Rhode Island, from the British. When the French fleet was kept away by storms, the expedition was halted. The next year, the British attempted to establish a base in Penobscot Bay, north of Boston. Revere and other Massachusetts units were sent to force the British out of the area, but the effort quickly fell apart because of poor coordination, lack of American naval support, and reinforcements from the British.

Revere faced sharp criticisms for delays in his actions. In 1782, after requesting a full court martial, Revere was fully exonerated.

He concentrated on his business after the war. With the help of his son Joseph, he founded Revere Copper Company, a company now based in New York and marking 225 years in business.

Revere remained active in local politics and in the Freemasons for the rest of his days. He died quietly at his home in 1818 at age 83. In the decades since, many schools, streets, and cities were named in his honor.

To this day, he is still admired for his legendary ride on that spring night in 1775.

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Weekend Forecast



Friday, May 29:
AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. Calm wind becoming south southwest around 5 mph.
PM - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. South wind around 5 mph.



Saturday, May 30:
AM - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. South wind around 5 mph.
PM - A 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.



Sunday, May 31:
AM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 87. South wind around 5 mph.
PM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71.

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