

Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

Veterans Day Parade Honors Vietnam Veterans



The Veterans Day Parade Grand Marshal was Army CW4 (Ret.) Doug Peterson.



Mayor Mattie Parker presented the Distinguished Service Medal to Christine Willesen who is an Auxiliary member to American Legion Post 297 and VFW Post 8235.



More than 1000 spectators, veterans, community dignitaries and families gathered in downtown Fort Worth on Tuesday, Nov. 11, to honor America's service members during the city's annual Veterans Day parade.

Hosted by the Tarrant County Veterans Council (TCVC) in partnership with the City of Fort Worth, this year's parade carried the theme "Saluting Vietnam Veterans." Participants and spectators lined the streets under clear, sunny skies *(continued on page 5)*

Benbrook Council Action by John English

Benbrook Council Approves Fee Revisions, Year-End Fund Transfer at Nov. 6 Meeting

The Benbrook City Council tackled a full agenda during its Nov. 6 meeting, approving updates to city service fees, reviewing financial reports, and authorizing a major year-end fund transfer for the city's new Municipal Complex.

Mayor Jason Ward called the meeting to order, followed by an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. With no public comments on agenda items, the council quickly approved the minutes from its Oct. 16 meeting.

The first action of the evening was approval of a resolution amending Chapter 1.12 of the Benbrook Municipal Code to revise city service fees. City officials said the update was necessary to address increased operating costs, including rising personnel expenses and higher prices for medical supplies and equipment. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Council then reviewed and accepted the city's financial report for the period ending Sept. 30. The General Fund recorded \$806,141 in revenues for September and \$27.4 million year-to-date. Expenditures totaled \$1.7 million for the month and \$26.2 million for the year.

The Economic Development *(continued on page 4)*

From the Sports Desk with John English

Benbrook Football Charges Into Playoffs as Basketball Season Tips Off

The Benbrook football team defeated Venus by a score of 76-23 to wrap up the regular season on Friday night.

The Bobcats improved to 6-4 overall with the win with a 4-1 mark in district competition.

Jaxyn Donart passed for 205 yards and 6 touchdowns in the game, and Quentin Thomas rushed for 204 yards and two touchdowns.

Dorien Johnson was the top receiver, *(continued on page 3)*

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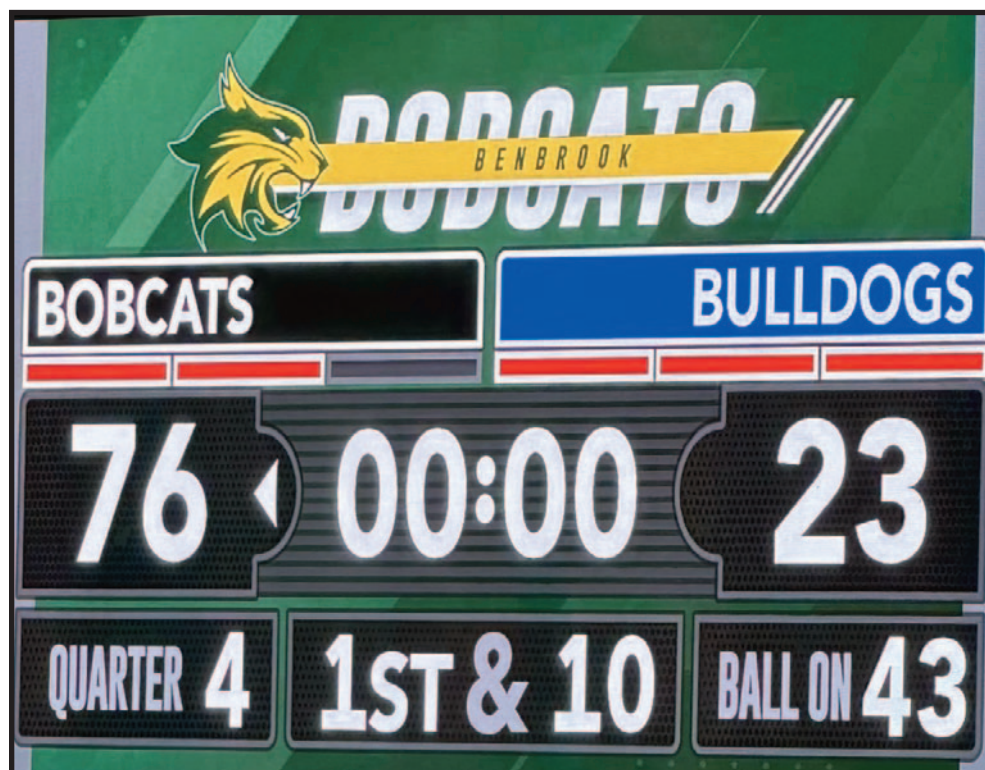
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finishing the game with 112 yards receiving and two touchdowns.

The Bobcats will open the playoffs with Eagle Mountain at 7 p.m. tomorrow night at Birdville ISD Stadium.



Over at Western Hills, the Cougars dropped their season finale to Carter-Riverside by a score of 36-34 on Friday night.

Reflecting on the regular season, coach Blake Moilan said going 2-7 with a 1-5 mark in district was not the plan at the outset, but added that he did see some promising signs from his team and has several strong returning players for 2026.

“Losing is hard,” Moilan said. “Losing close games is really hard. We lost three games by one score, that’s never easy. But, it says we are competing and playing well. We have to figure out a way to get over the hump and win those close games.”



As basketball season gets underway, local programs are gearing up for what promises to be another strong year on the hardwood.

The Benbrook boy's finished 18-15 overall last season and reached the bi-district round of the playoffs.

Coach Blake Mendez is excited about the coming season and believes the Bobcats will compete for a playoff spot.

“We had a really good off-season in the weight room and on the court and are probably further along going into this season than we’ve ever been,” Mendez said. “We have a great group of senior leadership that has a lot of experience playing varsity basketball here. We had some great shootouts this off-season that have us excited about this year.”

Jayden Hall, Jayden Bradshaw, and Brennan Barton are among the players Mendez expects to lead the way in 2025-26, and the Benbrook coach said the objectives this season are three-fold.

“Our goal is a Gold ball,” Mendez said. “Last year we got so close and I think the disappointment is going to drive us this year. I think we have a great shot to compete for the district championship and make a run at that first ever playoff win.”

On the girl's side, the Lady Cats finished last year with an 11-12 overall record and reached the bi-district round as well.

Coach Leta Lofton said things are shaping up well for 2025-26.

“We had our first scrimmage this past Saturday versus Arlington Sam Houston,” Lofton said last week. “Besides being a little rusty, the team fared well with the same returning starters led by Grace Klaerner and Giuliana Lucero. Our Lady Bobcats are looking to be a much more experienced team.”

Lofton said her expectations for this year are the same as every other season.

“We are looking forward to getting past the first round of play-offs by taking one game at a time,” Lofton said.

The Lady Cats returning all district players include Captain and Offensive Player of the District Klaerner and point guard Lucero. Lofton also expects Klarissa Lomus, Julianna Velasquez, Maddy Blocker, and Captain McKinzie Brookshier to be impact players as well.

Over at Western Hills, the Cougars will try to rebound from a 3-9 mark in district competition last season. Coach Justin Harrison could not be reached for comment.

On the girl's side, the Lady Cougars finished 8-4 in district last season and reached the bi-district round of the playoffs. Coach Suzette Pritchett could not be reached for comment.

From the City of Benbrook
**Dutch Branch Creek Low Water
 Crossing Maintenance**

The Dutch Branch Creek low water crossing on Lake Shore Drive closed Oct. 29. It is anticipated the gate will reopen in early January. For questions, email Heath Haseloff at hhaseloff@benbrook-tx.gov.

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Corporation reported revenues of \$192,920 for September and \$2.6 million year-to-date, with expenditures of \$98,864 for the month and \$1.4 million for the year.

Also approved was the quarterly investment report for the same period, which showed city investments totaling \$32.4 million and EDC investments of \$7.6 million.

Finance Director Rick Overgaard presented the annual review of the city's Administrative Regulation F-5 Investment Policy, noting that no changes were recommended to investment strategies, policies, or broker/dealers. The city's broker/dealers include Cantor Fitzgerald, National Alliance Securities, Multi-Bank Securities and Time Value Investments. The council adopted the resolution unanimously.

A major item of the evening involved a year-end fund transfer of \$1,246,329 from the General Fund to the Municipal Complex Fund. The transfer aligns project accounts with the planned funding structure for the new Municipal Complex, ensuring that site and contingency costs are properly recorded. Those costs—originally budgeted at \$500,000 for site work and \$800,000 for contingencies—totaled \$1,246,329, funded through existing cash reserves. Officials emphasized that the transfer does not result in any net fiscal impact to the city.

During the public comment portion, resident Kevin McGuirk expressed concern about the newly revised fee schedule, specifically the increased percentages for ambulance services.

In closing comments, Councilmember Renee Franklin took a moment to remind residents about available community support services, including food banks at local churches, the Benbrook YMCA's free food shelf, and resources at the Benbrook Library.

"As we enter this season, I know Benbrook is known for having a hometown feel," Franklin said. "Please look out for your neighbors, not only your family members, but those who have become family in our community."

The meeting concluded with the council adjourning after approving all items unanimously.

From Senior Expo USA

Fort Worth Fall Senior Expo Tuesday, Nov. 18

The city of Fort Worth will host the Fall Senior Expo on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd.

The free event will feature local organizations offering resources on Medicare, assisted living, veterans' benefits, mobility, and more.

Attendees can also enjoy free health screenings, refreshments, giveaways, and educational displays on senior-focused services.

Admission is free, but registration is requested for entry.

For more information or to register, visit the event's [online registration page](#).

From the White Settlement Museum

White Settlement Museum to Celebrate Native American Heritage Saturday

The White Settlement Historical Museum will host "Voices of the Land: Celebrating Native American Heritage" on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The free, family-friendly event, presented with the Indigenous Institute of the Americas, will feature Southern Drum Buffalo Medicine with head singer Michael Tongkeamha of the Kiowa Nation. Guests can enjoy Native music, dance, art, educational displays, food, and children's activities.

Organizers encourage visitors of all ages to learn about Native traditions and history while honoring the land's cultural heritage.

The museum is located at 8320 Hanon Drive in White Settlement. Admission is free.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS:

- **Dec. 5: Pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Claus**
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- **Dec. 6: 34th Annual Tree Lighting and Fireworks Show, Dutch Branch Park**
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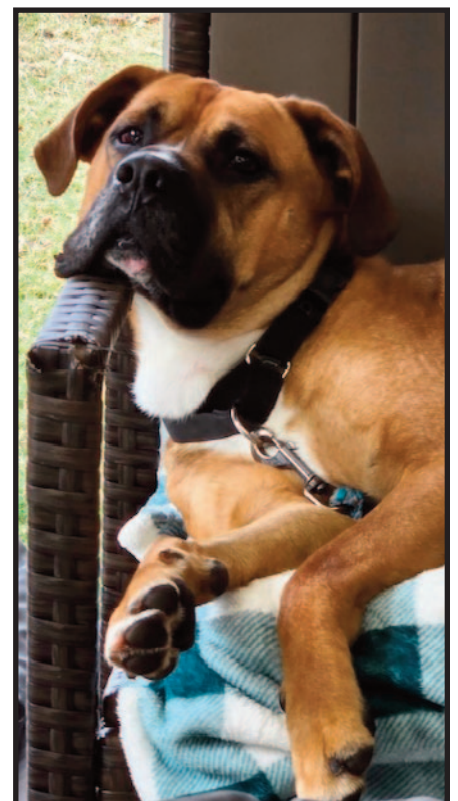
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despite the chilly morning temperatures.

The Fort Worth Veterans Day parade has a long and proud history, tracing its origins to an armistice procession held in 1919 to mark the end of World War I. The event has since grown into a cherished local tradition, celebrating more than a century of honoring those who have served.

The parade featured military units, veterans' organizations, school bands, civic groups and community leaders, all joining together to pay tribute to the sacrifices and service of America's veterans.

The Tarrant County Veterans Council, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, coordinates veteran-service efforts across the county and works year-round to support local veterans and their families.

For more information about TCVC, visit tarrantcountyveterans.org or the City of Fort Worth's website.



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"Since TxT's public launch in 2022, more than 10.8 million Texans have created their TxT account and embraced the ease and convenience that TxT offers," said Amanda Crawford, DIR Executive Director and State of Texas Chief Information Officer. "At DIR, we understand what a game changer TxT is for Texans in terms of time and cost savings that come from completing services online. And, in alignment with our mission to deliver effective, efficient digital government for the State, we're excited to continue bringing even more agencies and services onto the TxT platform."

In addition to existing services like driver's license/ID renewal, vehicle registration renewal, and massage therapy and instructor license renewal, new services now available on TxT include:

- Driver's license upgrade. Offered in collaboration with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), Texans can upgrade from a learner license to a provisional driver license on TxT following the successful completion of their driving skills test with a participating driving school.

Notably, this brings a previously in-person only service online and expands access to a new generation of Texans, allowing those 16-18 years old to create a limited-access TxT account and complete their driver's license upgrade.

- Boat registration renewal. Offered in collaboration with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), Texans can link and manage boats on their TxT account, as well as renew boat registrations, order additional ID cards, and replace lost registration decals or ID cards.

This service welcomes a new state agency to the platform and enables the state's large boating community to enjoy the ease and convenience that TxT delivers.

In terms of ease and convenience, TxT currently has a 93 percent satisfaction rating among users and regularly receives positive feedback from Texans across the state.

The TxT platform was developed and is operated by Deloitte in collaboration with DIR and participating state agency stakeholders.

For more information about TxT, visit www.texas.gov/TxT.

From Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge

Free Day Passes to Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge Offered Nov. 14 - 16

Texas residents can earn a free day pass to the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge (FWNCR) Nov. 14 through 16 by participating in the "Our Texas, Our Future" recycling initiative by H-E-B grocery stores.

The promotion encourages individuals to bring in a plastic bag or bottle to FWNCR, located at 9601 Fossil Ridge Road, Fort Worth, 76135. For each item recycled, individuals will receive a free day pass (one per person) to enjoy the scenic beauty of the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge, which boasts hiking trails, wildlife viewing, and diverse ecosystems.

This environmental effort is part of H-E-B's broader commitment to reducing plastic waste in the state and promoting sustainable practices.

The Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge is a popular destination for nature lovers, providing a peaceful escape within the city and offering more than 3,600 acres of protected land.

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Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges

Lovett's Leadership Laid the Foundation for Rice University's Success



from one institution to another as an instructor, including such prestigious institutions as the University of Chicago and Johns Hopkins University. He married in 1897, and the couple eventually had four children. In 1898, he was hired as a math professor at Princeton University. Eventually, he became chairman of the Department of Mathematics and Astronomy.

The family suffered a devastating loss in 1906 with the death of an infant daughter. In the meantime, a nationwide search was underway for the inaugural president for the new Rice Institute. Woodrow Wilson, the future President of the United States and the president of Princeton University from 1902 to 1910, recommended his old friend Lovett to the search committee.

Impressed by Lovett's credentials and Wilson's recommendation, the search committee extended an offer. Looking for a way for the family to start over, he accepted, and the family moved to Houston. Lovett assumed his new position in 1907.

Lovett faced a great challenge. He was president of a college that did not yet exist. He had to start from scratch. Businessman and benefactor William Marsh Rice had left a large fortune to start the college, but there was not yet even a location or a building for it. Lovett toured dozens of universities around the world to try to model the new institution.

He worked with architects on several building designs and plans for the future campus. He was determined that the new college would maintain the highest standards in education. With a location set, construction on the main administration building began in 1911. He set about hiring 10 professors in preparation for the opening. The ornate administration building was completed in fall 1912. A total of 77 students enrolled, including women, all of whom attended tuition-free thanks to the generous terms of the Rice endowment. The school was officially dedicated on Sept. 23, 1912.

The co-educational status was unusual for the time, but Lovett made sure that the

men's and women's dorms would be across campus from each other. Athletics were a tradition Lovett established immediately while he chose the blue and gray team colors. Students quickly adopted the owl as the mascot. At the first graduation ceremonies in 1916, some 36 students graduated, including one with a masters degree.

Elaborate plans for new buildings were developed. The student newspaper was established in 1916. In 1918, the college awarded its first doctorate, for math. The college grew, but because of limitations of the Rice endowment and the intention to keep quality as high as possible, freshman enrollment was capped at 450 in 1924. Competition for slots into the college was high, and tuition was still paid by Rice's bequest.

By 1941, Lovett considered retiring. However, World War II erupted, and he decided to stay and continue to guide Rice. The college became part of the navy's officer training program, a forerunner of ROTC. In 1945, he officially retired after leading the institution for nearly four decades.

He stayed in Houston after his retirement, keeping a careful interest in the university he helped build. Grateful for the work he had done, the university renamed the administration building after Lovett in 1947. He died in a Houston hospital in 1957.

To accomplish great things, one must be willing to perform great work over a great span of time. Rice University in Houston, which has come to exemplify such glory, has in its century of life become one of the most respected universities in the nation. The college started from nothing, except for the dream and generous donation of its founder. It was the job of its first president, **Edgar Lovett**, to make that dream a reality. With years of hard work and determination, Lovett built the institution and set the direction for greatness for its students and the college itself.

Edgar Odell Lovett was born in 1871 in a small town in central Ohio. As he grew up, he had a solid education and steadily moved up the academic ladder. He received a degree from Bethany College in West Virginia in 1890 at the age of 19. From there, he moved into graduate studies. To help pay for graduate school, he taught at West Kentucky College. He graduated with a doctorate from the University of Virginia in 1895.

Enchanted by mathematics, he went to Germany and studied at the University of Leipzig, earning a second doctorate in 1896. He returned to the US, and steadily moved

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Friday, Nov. 14:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 82. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 61. South wind 10 to 15 mph.



Saturday, Nov. 15:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 83. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 61. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.



Sunday, Nov. 16:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 83. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

PM - A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly clear, with a low around 62.

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