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Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

National Night Out in Benbrook

Under the direction of Benbrook Police Department’s Detective Hatton, Dutch Branch Park drew a crowd for this annual event held on Tuesday, Oct. 2.

National Night Out (NNO) is a community-building campaign that promotes first responders community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. These events enhance the relationship between neighbors, law enforcement and fire departments while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring our first responders and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide.

Safety demonstrations by the police and fire departments were offered as well as food trucks, business vendors, music and prizes. The annual event was enjoyed by everyone who participated.



Commander **Mullinex**, Detective **Stingley**, Detective **Evans**, Chief **Babcock** and Officer **Blumenthal** were available for questions and answers.



4Paws representatives **Rick Hunter** and **Dana Vaughn** brought Juno, who **Tatum Arbor** enjoyed meeting.



Madeline Domin attempted to lasso a pony provided by Benbrook Animal Control.



Benbrook Mayor **Jason Ward** and **David Ballew** participated at the event.

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From the Sports Desk with John English

Western Hills Defeats Diamond Hill-Jarvis

The Western Hills football team earned their first victory of the season on Friday night, defeating Diamond Hill-Jarvis by a score of 39-14.

Coach Blake Moilan said it was good get the Cougars first win behind them.

“The most important statistic we have to worry about is the scoreboard and we got the win over Diamond Hill Jarvis,” Moilan said. “We played a great first half and jumped out to a 33-0 halftime lead before cruising into a 39-14 victory.”

Moilan said offensively he had a number of strong efforts.

“Ej Jones continued to have a huge senior year by rushing for 179 yards and two touchdowns in just the first half,” Moilan said. “Junior quarterback Rodney Hill added three touchdowns on the ground. The offensive line of Sophomores Mauricio Martinez, Derek Mosby, Daviahn Ervin, Junior Anthony Rodriguez, and senior Tre Ochoa led the way up front.”

On the defense, several Cougar players also stepped up.

“Junior Eric Smith snagged an interception and took it back for the pick-six,” Moilan said. “He had seven tackles with two tackles for a loss as well. Sophomore Alvin Wilson played well, tallying three solo tackles and one assisted tackle including two tackles for a loss. Sophomore Camron Carter added six tackles and senior Brycen Foster finished the night with one solo tackle, three assisted, one tackle for a loss, and one sack.”

Western Hills will be in their bye this week, and Moilan said there is one major objective.

“We are a bit beat up, so the biggest thing is getting everyone healthy again for the last regular season games,” Moilan said. “We

have Decatur after the bye week, so we will start getting ready for them as we know they are a good team.”

On the court, Benbrook lost to Dunbar on Friday night and coach Frances Davies said her team fought hard against some adversity in the game.

“It was a very close game, and Dunbar definitely came to play,” Davies said. “We unfortunately experienced a drastic change in lineup as well as a mid-match injury and just couldn't pull it out. We lost in three, however the girls fought really hard and I can't be mad at that. I expect our second match up to be a bit different at the end of district.”

Davies said that Olivia Garcia had an especially strong effort against Dunbar.

“She kept us in the game with her strong serving and smart placement with sets, as well as her defense,” Davies said.

Benbrook will play Southwest tomorrow night, and Davies said it should be a good contest.

“I'm excited to see them again,” Davies said. “They've had a lot of growth and I think they will put up a really solid fight. Kiley (Johnson) has been doing great things with the program.”

With the first half of district wrapped up, Davies said a few adjustments need to be made and second half should go even better.

“Honestly, we're a little frustrated with the way it's sitting now,” Davies said. “But we know that if we just clean up our basics and focus, we can swing the second half back to our normal and meet the expectations we set in the beginning of the season.”



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Here are some critical tips for installing smoke detectors:

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• **Never paint** smoke alarms; this can affect their functionality.

• For maximum safety, **interconnect all smoke alarms** so that when one sounds, they all sound. Ensure all alarms are from the **same manufacturer** for compatibility.

Keep the manufacturer's instructions handy for reference.

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• **Fire is HOT!** Temperatures in a fire can soar to 100 degrees at floor level and rise to 600 degrees at eye level. Inhaling this super-hot air can scorch your lungs and melt clothing to your skin.

• **Fire is DARK!** While fire starts bright, it quickly produces thick black smoke, creating complete darkness that can disorient and confuse you.

• **Fire is DEADLY!** Smoke and toxic gases cause more fatalities than flames. Poisonous gases can make you disoriented and drowsy, leading to asphyxiation, which is the leading cause of fire deaths, exceeding burns by a 3-to-1 ratio.

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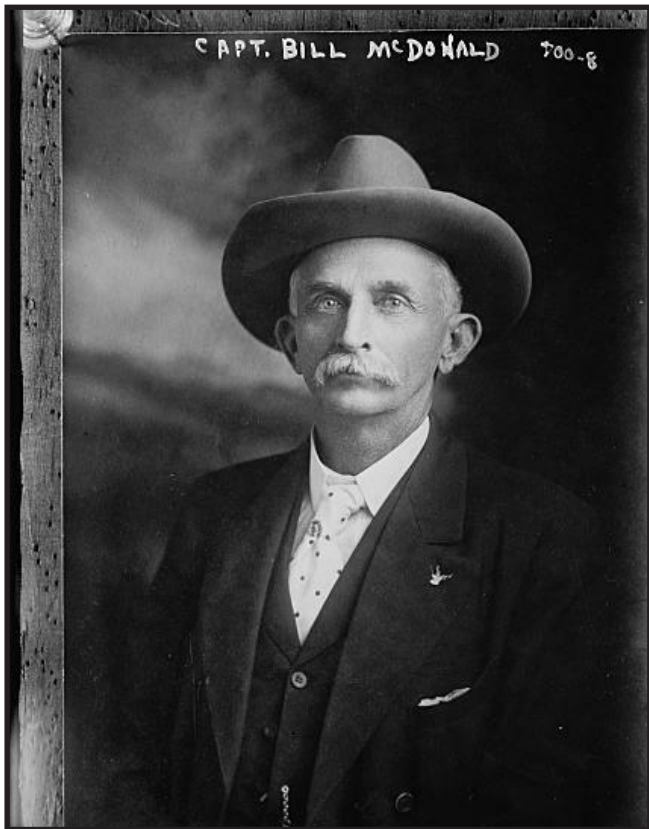
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Texas History Minute, by Dr. Ken Bridges

Texas Ranger - Captain William Jesse McDonald



The Texas Rangers in its long history in the state has produced legendary figures in its quest to uphold the law and keep Texans safe. Captain William Jesse McDonald was one of many examples. McDonald's life had led him to serve at different times as a school teacher, shopkeeper, rancher, and eventually becoming one of the most respected law men in Texas.

Bill McDonald was born in 1852 in eastern Mississippi. He was still a child when his father, Enoch McDonald, volunteered to fight with the Confederacy during the Civil War. But in 1862, his father was killed in the vicious bloodletting at the Battle of Corinth. After, his widowed mother moved the two of them to Henderson County in East

Texas to be near relatives.

He was stubborn from a young age. At the age of 16 in 1868, he reportedly got into a fight with Union troops and found himself charged with treason. Only the intervention of a prominent local officials resulted in the charges being dropped.

However, he had a keen mind and attended Soule Business College in New Orleans, graduating in 1872. He became a school teacher for a time, teaching penmanship before he turned his eye to business. He operated a couple of stores in East Texas before becoming a deputy sheriff in Wood County. By 1883, he and his wife moved to Wichita Falls to take up ranching.

They moved further west to the Quanah area several years later. Here, Texas, like most other frontier states was beset by bloodshed and lawlessness. Cattle thieves and organized gangs terrorized the few settlers in the area, hiding in the vast stretches of emptiness that covered West Texas and the Indian Territory in those years. He became a deputy sheriff again, and as raids worsened, McDonald as made a special Texas Ranger, attacking marauders far and wide to finally bring order to the area.

As a result, in 1891, he was named captain of the Texas Rangers Frontier Battalion, where he and his fellow Rangers worked to protect citizens from further raids and to act as the police for remote locations that had none.

As a Ranger, he had a reputation as a keen observer and tracker. Long before forensics

became a standard tool of law enforcement, McDonald was using the same principles in solving cases and capturing fugitives, an otherwise nearly impossible task on the seemingly endless stretches of land across the state in the late 1800s.

He found himself

in many shootouts, including one with the sheriff of Childress County in 1893. Though shot on several occasions himself, he reportedly never took another life, but his skill with a gun and reputation preceded him and used it to defuse many difficult situations without a weapon at all. The instances in which McDonald and other Rangers prevented riots from erupting had led to the reputation of "One riot, one Ranger."

In February 1896, McDonald received a telegram while riding the train into Wichita Falls from another Ranger case in El Paso informing him that City National Bank had been robbed. Bandits had seized \$600, killed one man, and wounded another in a blaze of bullets in broad daylight. Within two hours of receiving the message, he had arrived at the train station, and ridden out of the city with a posse of five other Rangers in pursuit of the murderers. They charged through the brush on a blustery winter day and caught them within hours.

He continued to serve as a Ranger until 1907 when he became a revenue agent for the state, ultimately collecting more than one billion dollars in revenue for a state enjoying the beginnings of the oil boom and looking to reap the technological promises of the twentieth century.

In a time period when most men in their fifties would be slowing down, McDonald took on what were perhaps his most important assignments. In 1905, President Theodore Roosevelt picked him to serve as one of his personal bodyguards during his trip through Texas. Seven years later, incoming President Woodrow Wilson also tapped McDonald as his personal bodyguard. In recognition of his work, Wilson named McDonald as United States Marshal for the district of North Texas.


He fell ill suddenly in early 1918 and died of pneumonia at his home in Wichita Falls. McDonald has since been inducted in the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame in Waco in recognition of his colorful life and unwavering dedication as a law man.

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Fire Captain **Haber**, trainee **Amelia Siver** and Volunteer **Liam** at the obstacle course was a huge success with the kids.



Citizens on Patrol members guided parking and traffic. Pictured are: (front, l-r) **Cathy Spetch**, **Yvonne Kirby**, **Cheryl Fortner**; (back) **Imre Kocsis** and **Ron Gotcher**.



The bounce house was a popular activity.

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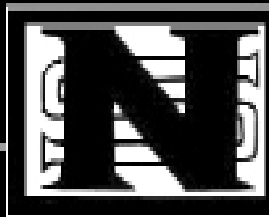
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AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. South wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 65. South southeast wind around 5 mph.



Saturday, Oct. 12:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 95. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

PM - Clear, with a low around 67. South wind 5 to 10 mph.



Sunday, Oct. 13:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 95. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 60.

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