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*Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt*

## Community Members Show Up to Support Benbrook Trash Bash

Benbrook residents, visitors, various groups and organizations gathered behind the YMCA to volunteer and take part in a fun cleanup party on Saturday, Sept. 20. The event began at 8:30 a.m. with volunteers assigned to specific areas in the park.

Prizes were awarded to those that held winning raffle tickets. A free hot dog lunch was served with an array of cookies for all attendees. The function was a huge success and enjoyed by everyone who came out.

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Pictured (l-r) are: Park Superintendent **Chris Obregon**, Benbrook EDC **Gary Lindsey**, City Councilmember **Renee Franklin**, Event Organizer **Cecelia Ventura**, City Hall employee **Felicia Lindsey** and Mayor **Jason Ward**.

*Benbrook Council Action by John English*

## Sept. 19 Meeting Review

The Benbrook City Council meeting was held on Sept. 19 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 previous meeting held on Sept. 5 were then approved unanimously.

The first item of the evening was a motion to approve the finance report for the period ending on Aug. 31. For the General Fund, revenues for the month of August totaled \$837,625 and year-to-date revenues were \$27,850,406. Expenditures for the month of August totaled \$1,596,903 and year-to-date expenditures were \$21,516,631. For the Economic Development Corporation, August revenues totaled \$196,295 and year-to-date were \$2,368,029, while expenditures totaled \$3,165,816 and year-to-date expenditures were \$3,878,709. Investments for the City of Benbrook were \$34,884,873 and for the EDC were \$6,213,235.

The next item on the agenda was to consider adopting an ordinance approving budget figures for the fiscal year 2024/25. There was no staff comment on this item. The ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Next was a motion to consider adopting an ordinance fixing and levying and Ad Valorem tax for (continued on page 3)

*From the City of Benbrook*

## Heritage Fest Saturday at Dutch Branch Park

Benbrook will host the annual Heritage Fest on Saturday, Sept. 28 at Dutch Branch Park, located at 1899 Winscott Rd., Benbrook, 76126, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This free family-friendly event is packed full of exciting Western entertainment, musical performances, food, vendors, hayrides, and a chuckwagon dinner and street dance, and many other activities honoring our community's western heritage.

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From the Sports Desk with John English

## Western Hills to take on Eastern Hills for Homecoming Game

The Western Hills football team lost to Nevada Community last Friday night in its final non-district game.

The Cougars will open district with Eastern Hills at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 27, and coach Blake Moilan said he expects a tough contest on homecoming night.

“Eastern Hills is athletic and fast,” Moilan said. “They have played some tight games over the first four weeks and have really showed that they can play good football. I expect this to be a tight game that we will have to play really well in to come away with a homecoming victory.”

Western Hills lost to Nevada Community by a score of 55-27, but Moilan said there were some good take aways.

“We felt like we played pretty well against Community,” Moilan said. “We came out a bit flat and had a rough start, but settled down and really played probably our best football of the year.”

Moilan said he had a few stand out efforts in the game.

“Rodney Hill started his first game at quarterback and had over 100 total yards,” Moilan said. “He managed the game well and bounced back from a tough start. EJ Jones ran for another 200 yards and is now averaging 206 yards per game on the ground. Brendan Garner had a huge game at receiver and scored his first varsity touchdown.”

With the district opener tomorrow night, Moilan said he feels his team is well-prepared for 5-4A competition.

“We have played a very tough non-district schedule that has prepared us for our district schedule,” Moilan said. “Although the record doesn’t indicate it, we have improved drastically over the past four weeks and our young guys have grown up and gotten

some great experience against some good teams.”

Over at Benbrook, the Bobcats defeated Eastern Hills by a score of 28-6 to improve to 4-0 on the season.

Benbrook will play at 7:30 tomorrow evening at Eagle Mountain.

On the court, Benbrook defeated Western Hills 25-11, 25-9, 25-14 on Friday, and coach Frances Davies said it was a good effort from her team.

“I thought we played really well,” Davies said. “We had a new lineup due to an injury and the girls stepped in and handled it like pros. It’s always tricky using a new lineup without practice, but they made it look like their norm.”

Davies said a few players in particular really stepped it up, in Cristiana Walker and Layla Furundija.

“They are two of my outsides, one coming back from an injury, and one stepping into a new position because of someone else’s injury,” Davies said. “Both came out swinging and stole us quite a few points on swings and serves!”

The Lady Cats will play Trimble Tech tomorrow evening, and Davies said it will be a good match up.

“I’m super excited to see Trimble Tech,” Davies said. “She’s (Jordan Rudolf) got a couple young hitters that are full of power and play with a lot of aggression. I always love stepping on the court with teams that will challenge us and I hope Tech does just that.”

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# Veterans of Foreign Wars Celebrates 125 Years of Service

On Sept. 29, 1899, 13 Spanish-American War veterans gathered in a small tailor shop in Columbus, Ohio, to discuss how they could assist their fellow veterans and the dependents of their fallen comrades.

Soon joined by American veterans from the Philippine Insurrection, their selfless desire to care for those who share a common bond forged by war laid the foundation for the multifaceted, powerhouse organization

that is known worldwide as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

### Happy Birthday VFW

The men who founded the VFW those 125 years ago challenged the status quo, and helped to forever change how our nation cares for her veterans, service members and their families. Virtually every military and veteran quality of life program created in this century and last is due to the tenacity and perseverance of VFW members to ensure that a nation that creates veterans properly takes care of them when they return home.

And though the VFW has evolved over the years, it still operates with the same vision that birthed it back in 1899, which is to care for those who serve our nation in uniform. The VFW is an organization created by veterans, for veterans, and owes all that it has accomplished to its members: the lifeblood of our organization.

The official VFW motto is: "No One Does More For Veterans."

## Council Action

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2024. There was no staff comment on this item. The Ad Valorem tax was adopted unanimously.

Next up was a motion to consider ratifying the property tax revenue reflected in the 2024-25 budget. There was no staff comment on this item. The property tax revenue was ratified unanimously.

Time was then allowed for informal citizen comments, a Fort Worth resident named G. Anderson who said he was there representing Michael Barber, a candidate for Commissioner of Precinct 1, approached the podium and said Barber's plan was to have a representative present at each council meeting if elected so he could know what is going on in Benbrook.

Time was then allowed for council member and staff comments, and council member Renee Franklin reminded people of a few upcoming events, including Heritage Fest, which will be Saturday, Sept. 28 at Dutch Branch Park, as well as National Night Out on Oct. 1 at the Benbrook YMCA Center.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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From 4PAWS and the Benbrook Animal Shelter

## Bruno is Available to Adopt



**Bruno (2833)** is a sweet, one-year-old Black Mouth Cur mix.

He is a sweet and gentle 51-pound puppy who is house-trained.

He is available for adoption at the Benbrook Animal Shelter, located at 469 Win-scott Road.

Adoption hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

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# Trash Bash (continued from page 1)



Scout Troop 95 came out to support the event.



Members from BMHS Jr. Cadets presented the Colors. They are: (l-r) Ayoyinka Taino, Easton Whortham, John Haggerton and Annabel Bouldin.

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Attendees Serena, Diana and Kyra Handy spent the morning at the trash bash.



4PAWS prepared lunch. Pictured are: (l-r) Monica Molina, Ursula Olson, Yvonne Kirby, Rick Hunter and Charlene Ayers.

*From the Project Linus Blanketeers*

## **First Monday Quilt Club - Project Linus Volunteers Needed**

Come join the fun and fellowship with the Quilt Club volunteers while you make a difference by crafting quilts for Project Linus.

The First Monday Quilt Club meets on the first Monday of each month at Bethany Christian Church, located at 1500 Meadow Park Drive in White Settlement from 9 a.m. to noon. Instead of a potluck lunch, ladies are asked to bring brunch or snack items. Their next meeting is on Monday, Oct. 7.

Project Linus is a non-profit service organization, and the members of this group are Tarrant County Chapter Project Linus volunteers who create handmade quilts and blankets that provide love, warmth, and comfort for local children who have suffered trauma, tragedy, or illness.

Volunteers also make coverlets for veterans, nursing home residents, and the homeless. Unfortunately, the need for these blankets increases

each month. They desperately need volunteers with portable sewing machines to help assemble the quilts.

No experience is needed - there is a place for you. Anyone can help if you can follow instructions, sew, tie a knot, crochet a blanket, or tell a good joke. Volunteers have lots of fun and develop fantastic friendships.

High school students can receive community service credits for participating.

Materials (fabric, batting, thread, and yarn) are provided. Donations of fabric, yarn, thread, sewing machines, sergers, or money to purchase materials are greatly appreciated.

For more information about the mission of Project Linus, visit [www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org).



From the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

# Texas Celebrates National Hunting and Fishing Day Sept. 28



The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) asks Texans to invite their friends and family into the outdoors to celebrate National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHF) on Sept. 28.

This annual holiday, celebrated on the fourth Saturday of September, recognizes hunters and anglers for their contributions to wildlife and conservation.

Hunters and anglers primarily fund the state's wildlife management programs through the purchase of hunting and fishing licenses, stamps and endorsements, as well as through taxes paid on hunting and fishing equipment, motorboat fuel, firearms and ammunition. License purchases generate millions of dollars for conservation programs that benefit both game and non-game species statewide. According to a 2022 study, the total economic impact in Texas amounted to a combined \$27.6 billion for hunting, fishing and sport shooting activities.

“The significant contribution made by Texas’ outdoors women and men toward research and species management is one of the reasons why the tradition of hunting and fishing in Texas has endured for generations,” said TPWD Executive Director David Yoskowitz. “Without the help of Texas’ hunters, anglers, and landowners, biologists would not be able to complete critical projects aimed at preserving and maintaining the state’s natural spaces and wildlife population. This year, in honor of National Hunting and Fishing Day, I invite all Texans to take a hunter education course, attend a neighborhood fishing event and learn how participating in these activities aids in conserving the environment and our native species.”

For many years, the proportion of people who hunt and fish in Texas has lagged behind huge increases in state population. While Texas experienced a pandemic-influenced surge in outdoor recreation, it hasn’t created a significant long-term increase in the total number of people participating in hunting and fishing, which could spell problems for natural resource conservation in the future. Conservation is mostly funded by these participants.

In 2021, TPWD launched the Texas Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation (R3) Strategic Plan to connect more Texans to outdoor recreation and carry forward these time-honored traditions to future generations. Continued participation in fishing, boating, hunting and shooting sports helps fund efforts such as fish stocking, access and habitat improvements, and mentored hunting programs, which introduce new hunters to the sport in a safe environment.

In addition to conservation, TPWD endeavors to foster lifelong participants in hunting, fishing, boating, and shooting sports, and create a better-informed public with more interest in conserving wild things and wild places in Texas and beyond.

To learn about hunting, take an online or in-person hunter education course. Hunter education certification is required for anyone born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 and equips them with the necessary tools and information they need to be safe in the field: basics about firearm safety, species identification, zones of fire and more.

TPWD also offers mentored hunting workshops to introduce new hunters to the experience and teach needed skills. The Hunting for Beginners webpage also offers a wealth of information.

Texans who want to learn to fish can also find many resources on the TPWD Fishing for Beginners webpage: how to get started, safety, basic gear assembly, tackle boxes and supplies, bait and lures, how to cast and more.

Individuals interested in becoming a volunteer fishing instructor can visit the TPWD angler education instructor website. Fishing events around the state are listed on the online event page and no license is required to fish from the shore or dock at a Texas State Park.

Congress launched NHF Day in 1971 to recognize hunters and anglers for their leadership in wildlife and conservation. In 1972, Richard Nixon signed the first presidential proclamation to hold it on the fourth Saturday in September every year to celebrate the rich tradition of hunting, target shooting and fishing.

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# POW/MIA Recognition Day Observed

VFW Post 8235 and American Legion Post 297 each held ceremonies honoring POW and MIA servicemen and women on Friday, Sept. 20 at their facilities.

Those who have served and currently serving the United States uniform are mindful that the sweetness of enduring peace has always been tainted by the bitterness of personal sacrifice. We are

compelled to never forget that while we enjoy our daily pleasures, there are others who endured the agonies of pain, deprivation and interment. This solemn event brought awareness to those who participated.

Both Posts served a delicious meal that was enjoyed by everyone who came out to support this special day.



Representing American Legion Post 297 with the branches of the military hats are: (l-r) Army - **Linda Landy**; USMC - Commander **Lora McGee**; Navy - **Carla Wicks**; Air Force - **Mary Staffield** and Coast Guard - **Glenna Wheatley**.



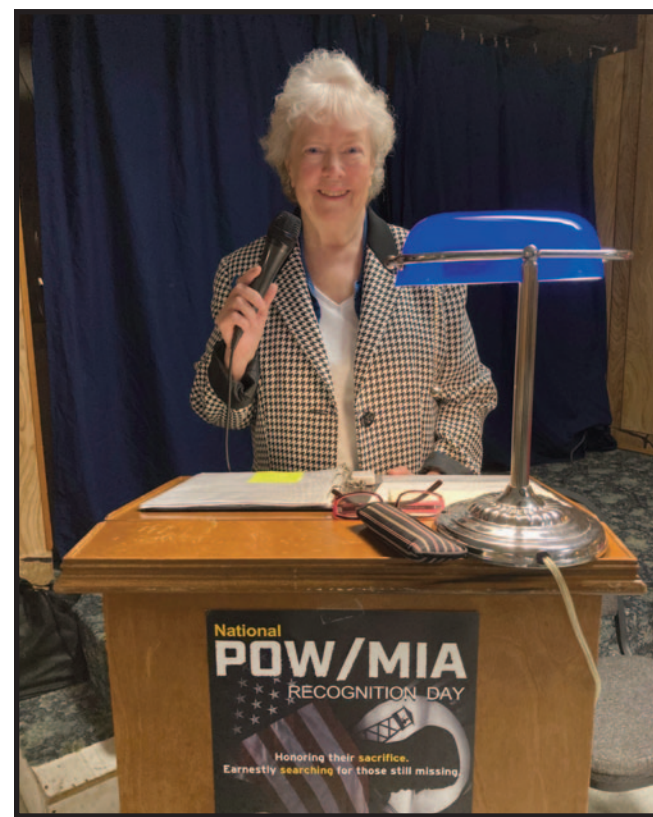
USAF Lt. **Daniel Blazek**, **Martina Ramos**, USAF Lt. **Lukas Johnson**, **Samantha Johnson** and USAF Lt. **Scott Harton** attended the function at VFW Post 8235.



Presiding over the event were: (l-r) VFW Post 8235 Commander **Randall High** and Quartermaster/Adjutant **Philip Casey**.



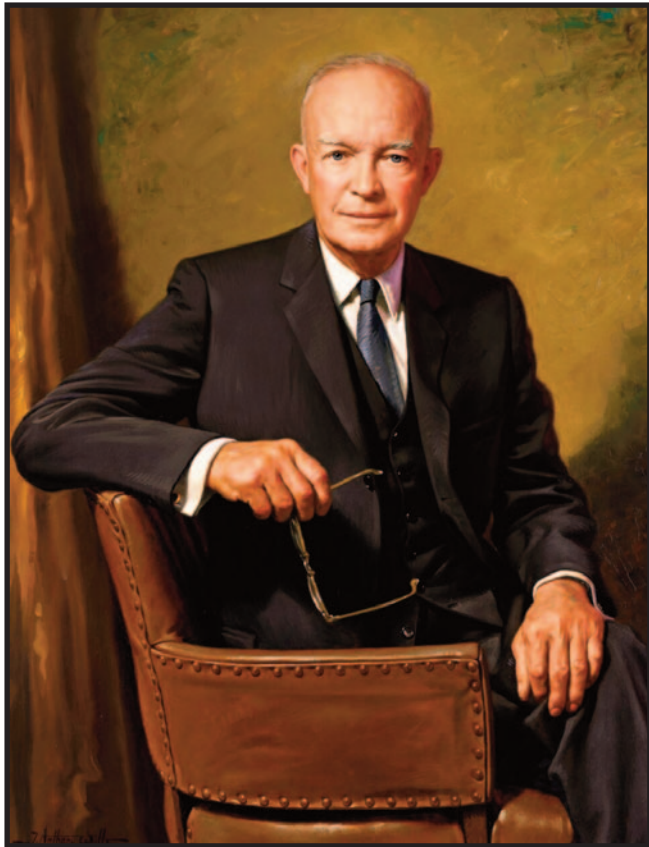
VFW Post 8235 Auxiliary President **Wanda Hammons** and Auxiliary Member **Christine Willisen**.



American Legion Post 297 Auxiliary member **Tessie Kau** presided over the gathering and shared a story reflecting on the event.



# 34th U.S. President and Army General, Dwight D. Eisenhower



**Dwight D. Eisenhower** was a man who rose to great heights, but he was always a man of modesty. Like so many figures who excelled in America, his rise to prominence was far from certain, but a background of faith, hard work, and education pushed the odds in his favor. Though his time in Texas was short, his impact on the world was profound.

He was born on Oct. 14, 1890, in Denison. His given name was David Dwight Eisenhower, after his father. However, the name was later switched to Dwight David Eisenhower, reportedly to avoid confusion over having two Davids in the family. Reports conflict whether it was his idea or his mother's insistence.

He was the third of seven boys. His father, David Eisenhower, had attended Lane University to study engineering and had later opened a general store in the tiny farming community of Hope, Kansas. However, the business failed within three years because of the financial crises crippling farmers at the time, forcing the Eisenhowers to move. In 1889, his father found work in Denison as an engine wiper for the Cotton Belt Railroad for \$10 per week.

The growing family scraped by, but faith and education were a must in the Eisenhower household. The future president's

grandfather had been a preacher, and his father insisted on daily prayers and Bible readings. His mother, Ida, was a devout and determined woman whose family had escaped the violence of Civil War Virginia and became a pacifist as a result. She had even attended college, where she met her future husband.

Though he became beloved by the nation as "Ike," Eisenhower was one of several "Ikes" growing up. His oldest brother, Edgar, was called "Big Ike," while the future president was simply "Little Ike." Though his mother discouraged the use of nicknames, the "Ike" moniker stuck with him the rest of his life.

After the hard years in Denison, the Eisenhowers moved to Abilene, Kansas, in 1892. Eisenhower's father picked up work as a mechanic at a creamery, and their fortunes steadily improved.

As a child, Eisenhower was adventurous and athletic, exploring the outdoors and playing sports. He was very competitive with his older brothers, and his mother had once called him her "most troublesome boy." Interestingly enough, his mother had taught him to cook, which he took to enthusiastically. A younger brother died at the age of four, but the family pushed on, relying on their faith to endure hard times. In fact, the Eisenhowers held Bible classes in their home for many years.

Eisenhower was a star football player at Abilene High School. He had to repeat his freshman year because of a debilitating injury, but he persevered and graduated in 1909.

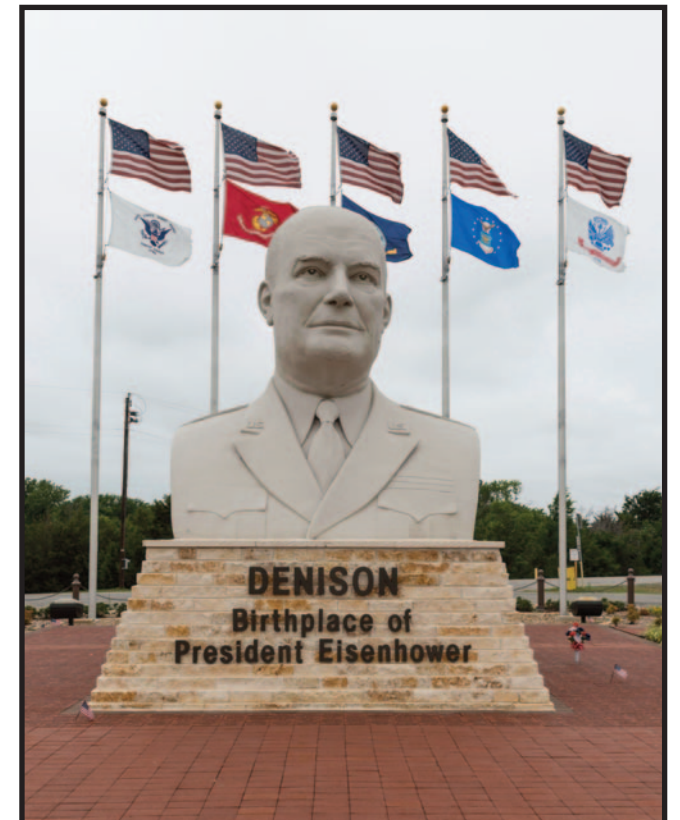
In 1911, he won an appointment to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. Eisenhower considered it a practical way to get a free education. His mother, however, was disappointed at his choice for a military life, but she did not stand in his way. He graduated in 1915 in a class in which 59 graduates would eventually become generals.

Eisenhower would have a long career of service to the nation. He rose to become Allied Supreme Commander in World War

II, helping to secure the Allied victory against the Nazis. After World War II, he became the first Supreme Commander of NATO.

In 1952, he became the first native-born Texan elected president, widely supported by state residents. Many schools, parks, and streets across the state are named for him today.

Today, his birthplace is a state historic landmark in Denison, marking the beginning of what became an extraordinary life.



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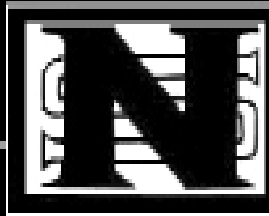
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### Friday, Sept. 27:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 86. North wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 62. North wind around 5 mph.



### Saturday, Sept. 28:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 86. North wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**PM** - Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. North wind around 5 mph.



### Sunday, Sept. 29:

**AM** - Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. North wind around 5 mph.

**PM** - Clear, with a low around 62. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

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