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# From the Sports Desk with John English Western Hills Soccer Boys Finish Season 19-7

The season came to an end for the Western Hills boys soccer team last week as they lost in the regional round against perennial powerhouse San Elizario by a score of 2-0.

Western Hills had one of its strongest seasons in school history, defeating Decatur, Life Waxahachie (a team that beat the Cougars 4-0 during the regular season) and district rival Carter-Riverside in the playoffs to reach the regional semifinals.

The Cougars finished the season with a 19-7 overall record and finished second in district competition.

On the diamond, the Western Hills softball team defeated Dunbar by a score of 14-3 last Thursday to remain among the top four teams in district.

Coach Austin Valdez said his team played extremely well in the game against Dunbar

"It was a big night for us as it was senior night," Valdez said. "We played good. Made a couple defensive mistakes, but were able to bounce back. It was awesome getting to honor our seniors, Lauren Beckham, Priscilla Rivers, and Areli Nunez."

Valdez said on their senior night, it was the seniors themselves that stood out on the field, along one impressive effort from an underclassman.

"Lauren Beckham pitched a gem, having 12 strikeouts on the night," Valdez said. "They all accounted for multiple runs each. And then sophomore Briana Moreno had two inside the park home runs."

The Lady Cougars had two remaining games on the season following the victory over Dunbar, and Valdez said finish out the season well, it will take a couple of things.

"We have to keep playing strong softball, control the things that we can control, and go out and be competitive," Valdez said. "We have to keep working hard everyday and get out on the field and build momentum in these last couple district games."

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## Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt Gold Star Spouse Day



Pictured are: (1-r) **Sylvia Windham**, American Legion Post 297 Commander Lora McGee and Sherry Jennings Kevianne.

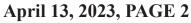
Sylvia Windham and Sherry Jennings Kavianne participated in the Gold Star Spouse Day at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base on April 5, and shared their story with those in attendance.

During WWI, Americans hung blue stars in their windows for every family member serving in the military. If a loved one died in service, a gold star replaced the blue one. Since then, the Gold Star has symbolized the spouses and family members of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. This allowed members of the community to know the price that the family had paid in the cause of freedom. The Gold Star Wives was formed before the end of WWII and the Gold Star Lapel Button was established in August, 1947.

Today, the nation recognizes the sacrifice that all Gold Star Family members make when a father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, or other loved ones died in service to our nation.

# From the City of Benbrook Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Saturday

The City's spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, from 9 to 11 a.m. (or until the trailer is full) at Dutch Branch Park. Please follow signs for proper entry. This event offers a (continued on page 3) Suburban Newspapers, Inc.





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### Suburban Newspapers, Inc. Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt Local Church Celebrates Easter with Egg Hunt



The weather was perfect for Easter Egg Hunts all over the community.



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Eight-month old **Mason James** participated in his very first Easter Egg Hunt.



Two-year old **Reagen Gore** inspects her treasures.



Enjoying the bounce house is **Leighton Cox**.



Brother and sister **Dayton** and **Vivian Nicely** having fun on a gorgeous day.

# Household Hazardous Waste

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safe way to dispose of hazardous items such as batteries, light bulbs, and paint. Learn more at www.benbrook-tx.gov/441/Household-Hazardous-Waste.

The event is free for Benbrook residents. Proof of residency required.

For event questions, please call Benbrook City Hall at 817-249-3000.



Mark "Joker" Bollinger, SAL member from American Legion Post 297 was spotted recently with his 2019 Indian Scout motorcycle, ready to ride!



**Jessica Beaton** from Aledo was spotted cruising around in her 2022 Polaris Slingshot on a beautiful day. Suburban Newspapers, Inc.

# **Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation Issued at April 6** Council Meeting by John English

The Benbrook city council meeting held on April 6 was conducted 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.

approved unanimously.

The first item of the evening was a proclamation for child abuse prevention month to the Alliance for Children, represented by Cheryl Richardson.

Ward proclaimed April of 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month cepted unanimously. for the City of Benbrook.

Richardson thanked the council and the Benbrook Police Department for their continued support.

community, please know until then that we will stand ready to serve and protect the children together," Richardson said.

Next up was a motion to accept the finance report ending on Feb. 28.

General Fund revenues for the month of February were \$3,841,925, while General Fund expenditures for the month were \$1,135,206.Year-to-date, General Fund revenues were \$18,365,413, while expenditures were \$6,908,876.

For the Economic Development Corporation, revenues year-to-Minutes from the previous meeting held on March 16 were then date were \$953,423, while expenditures through the end of February were \$278,651. For the month of February, revenues were \$157,690, while expenditures were \$48,654.

For investments, the City of Benbrook had \$57,912,795 invested, while the EDC had \$6,791,572 invested. The Finance report was ac-

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

Time was then allowed for council member and staff comments, "While we long for a day when child abuse is eradicated from our and council member Renee Franklin reminded residents that April 7 was Good Friday, and took a moment to recognize former business man and Mayor of Benbrook for 22 years, Jerry Dunn, who passed away in March.

The meeting was then adjourned.

## From Mary Isham Keith Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution American History Essay Contest and Good Citizens Award Winners

Mary Isham Keith Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution presented awards to outstanding Fort Worth ISD students at Contest winners in grades 5, 7, 8 and 12 this year. The fifth-grade Ridglea Country Club in Fort Worth in February and March. Pictured below are DAR Good Citizens Chair Julia Mallin and Regent Diana Lussier with Gemima Dumbi, Andrew Vazquez, and DAR Good Citizen overall winner Grace Lamis, a senior at All Saints Episcopal School.



Mary Isham Keith Chapter honored American History Essay winner, Paige Ball, from Westpark Elementary was accompanied by her parents Robby and Auva Ball. The seventh-grade winner Elise Cannon from St. Rita Catholic School was accompanied by her mother Marion Cannon. The eighth-grade winner Samuel Gulde, a student at Daggett Montessori School, was accompanied by his parents Matt and Sally Gulde and his teacher Michael Hatch.

Winner of the Patriots of the American Revolution Essay Contest was senior Julia Guinn from Nolan Catholic High School who was accompanied by her parents Shawn and Cathleen Guinn.

For information about finding your Revolutionary War Patriot or to join with other Daughters in a service society, call 817-233-9628 or 817-939-8226.



### Suburban Newspapers, Inc. **Texas History Minute** Texas Military & Political Official - Richard Bache, Jr. by Dr. Ken Bridges

When the United States became independent in 1776, Texas was far from the scene. However, one of the key figures of that era, Benjamin Franklin, still had an impact on Texas and its own independence decades later.

Richard Bache, Jr., Franklin's grandson, fought in the Texas Revolution, served in the Texas navy, and served in the first sessions of the Texas State Senate.

Richard Bache, Jr., was born in Philadelphia in 1784. His

father, Richard Bache, Sr., was the second postmaster general of the United States, following Benjamin Franklin in the position and serving in the midst of the American Revolution from 1776 to 1782. He had married Franklin's only daughter, Sarah, several years earlier and had eight children with her.

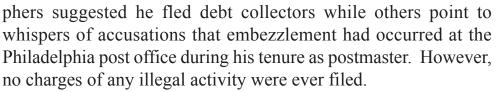
As a child, Bache had gotten to know his famous grandfather, who died in Philadelphia in 1790. His brothers and cousins achieved varying degrees of fame and success as engineers and publishers, following in their famous grandfather's footsteps in one way or another. In 1798, he watched his older brother, Benjamin Franklin Bache, run afoul of the notorious Alien and Sedition Acts when his newspaper, the Aurora, printed articles critical of President John Adams. Unfortunately, he died before the case went to trial.

Bache attended Philadelphia schools and eventually enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated in 1812 just before the War of 1812 erupted. Once this new war with Great Britain erupted, he organized a volunteer artillery unit. The Philadelphiabased Franklin Flying Artillery earned acclaim during the war, with Bache serving as captain. He also briefly served in the navy.

After the war ended, he served as postmaster of Philadelphia, serving from 1815 to 1828. It was this same position that his grandfather occupied from 1737 to 1753, making Bache part of the third generation in his family to serve as a postal executive.

Because of his family's reputation, Bache maintained close connections with politicians across Pennsylvania. In 1805, he married Sophia Dallas, the daughter of United States Attorney Alexander Dallas. Alexander Dallas rose to become Secretary of the Treasury under President James Madison in 1814, while his son George, the namesake for the present-day City of Dallas, became vice-president under President James K. Polk in 1845. The Baches' marriage produced nine children.

In 1832, Bache fled to Texas under a cloud of suspicion, leaving his family behind. The reasons were never clear. Some biogra-



He settled in the Brazoria area near modern-day Houston. When the Texas Revolution reached Southeast Texas in spring 1836, Bache joined the Louisiana Independent Volunteers to continue the fight. He was part of the San Jacinto campaign in April 1836 when Mexican Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna was captured in the aftermath. Gen. Sam Houston made him part of the group of soldiers guarding Santa Anna.

Under the administration of Texas President Mirabeau B. Lamar, the Texas navy was re-established. In 1838, Bache served as chief clerk for the new navy. With the purchase of the steamship Zavala, Bache dusted off his experience from the United States Navy and served Texas on the high seas on the new vessel.

In 1842, he moved to Galveston to serve as commissioner of the navy yard and as customs collector. Shortly afterward, he was elected a justice of the peace, a small-claims court judge, for Galveston County.

By 1845, the question of annexation to the United States again emerged. Many people in the United States and Texas alike were excited about the prospect of the merger. Bache was selected as a delegate to the Annexation Convention. However, Bache was in the minority and voted against annexation; but his reasons were more personal than political. As his grandfather had a falling out with his own parents and his own son throughout his life, Bache periodically would find himself at odds with members of his own family. After his brother-in-law, George Dallas, became vice-president, Bache soured on the idea of annexation because he did not want to give him a political victory.

Nevertheless, Bache was a delegate at the state constitutional convention and helped craft the first state constitution in 1845. He was also elected to the first session of the new Texas State Senate, representing the Galveston area. He continued to serve in the senate until his sudden death three years later.

His children went on to lead impressive lives of their own. His eldest son, Alexander Bache, was a noted scientist and led what later became known as the U.S. Geodetic Survey. Three of his daughters married men who had considerable achievements. One son-in-law became a congressman while another became Secretary of the Treasury while a third, Gen. William Emory was a noted surveyor along the border between Mexico and the United States.

Bache died in Austin in 1848 at age 64.

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## Friday, April 14:

<u>AM</u> - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny; high near 83. South wind 15-20mph, with gusts as high as 30mph.

**<u>PM</u>** - Mostly clear; low around 61. South wind around 20mph, with gusts as high as 30mph.



## Saturday, April 15:

 <u>AM</u> - Sunny; high near 78. West wind around 15mph becoming north northwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25mph.
<u>PM</u> - Clear; low around 50. N/NE wind 10-15mph, with gusts as high as 25mph.



## Sunday, April 16:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny; high near 77. North wind 5-10mph becoming E/NE in the afternoon. <u>PM</u> - Clear; low around 54.

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