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From the Sports Desk with John English

Spring Sports Going Strong in Benbrook

The Benbrook softball team remains atop the district 9-4A standings following a 15-5 victory over Diamond Hill-Jarvis last Tuesday.

Coach Emilie Blair said her team played well in the game, especially in the later innings.

“We were able to sit back on the ball and played good defense,” Blair said. “Diamond Hill had some great catches in the outfield. We struggled a little bit with piecing our offense together in the first few innings. We were hitting the ball, but just couldn't find the gaps. We came around in the fifth inning and were able to string out bats together. Our defense was solid, and Josie (Goins) pitched a great game.”

Blair said she also had another stand out performance.

“Sealee Lindley received our 'game belt,’” Blair said. “She got beat up behind the plate and I feel like many athletes would have sat out after. She continued on during the game and went 3-4 at the plate and had an outstanding game catching”.

In baseball, the Bobcats defeated Dunbar last week in both games by scores of 14-1 and 14-0 respectively, and followed that up with a 3-1 win over Sanger on Saturday.

Coach Justin Chavez said that his team looked pretty sharp throughout the week.

“Ethan Waters and Fabian Ortega had a no hitter on Tuesday,” Chavez said. “Sebastian Martinez got the win on Friday and Hudson Stockton got the complete game win on Saturday. Santiago Cruz had 7 RBIs on the week.”

Benbrook plays Diamond Hill-Jarvis this week, and Chavez said on Saturday that with five games remaining in the regular season, he wants every one of them to have a playoff atmosphere.

“Diamond Hill thinks they are ready to take away our district championship run, but our kids are not backing down this week,” Chavez said. “Our kids are ready and it will be electric once the game starts Tuesday night at our place at 6:30 p.m. with Ethan Waters (0.79ERA) on the mound.”

In track and field, the Western Hills boys' team brought home a 9-4A district championship last week, while the girls finished third overall as a team.

Results are as follows:

Varsity Girls Day One Results: Long Jump - Kyra Kay fifth place; Discus - Monicah Jones fourth place; Abby Moilan fifth place; Shot Put - Abby Moilan second place

Varsity Boys Day One Results: High Jump - Foy Ellis first place; Long Jump - Foy Ellis second place; Triple Jump - Foy Ellis (continued on page 4)

Texas Department of Transportation

TxDOT Connecting Texas 2050

TxDOT will host an in-person meeting at the TxDOT Fort Worth District office in the RTC Rooms located at 2501 W. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX, 76133 on Thursday, May 4 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

TxDOT staff will present updates on Connecting Texas 2050.

The statewide long-range transportation plan will highlight current and future transportation choices, and how they integrate as a system to serve Texans and our economy.

For questions or comments, contact TxDOT at 817-370-6744 or visit [TxDOT online](http://TxDOTonline).

Happy Earth Day!
April 22

From the City of Benbrook

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee to Meet

The Animal Shelter Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 26 from noon to 2 p.m. at 1080 Mercedes Street, Benbrook, TX 76126.

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From the Tarrant Regional Water District

Spring Trash Bash Litter Cleanup Saturday

The Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) will host two litter cleanups on April 22 aimed at removing trash and debris from the Trinity River in Fort Worth, as well as Marine Creek Lake in northwest Tarrant County.

The Trinity River Spring Trash Bash, held between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., will feature nine cleanup locations along the Clear and West Forks of the river throughout Fort Worth. Prior to the event, volunteers will be provided trash bags and gloves in order to safely collect the trash.

Participants can pick up trash throughout the morning, and then attend the Trash Bash Volunteer After-Party located at Coyote Drive-In located at 223 NE Fourth Street, Fort Worth 76164.

The Marine Creek Trash Bash will also be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 22, and will have two suggested pickup locations: Marine Creek Trailhead and Ten Mile Bridge Trailhead. Participants at Marine

Creek Lake will also be provided gloves and trash bags, and be treated to an after-party at Marine Creek Trailhead from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To find out more information about registration and cleanup locations for both events, as well as information on the respective after-parties, visit www.trwd.com/trash-bash.

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Eighth Annual Bill Kuehner Dart Tournament Held at American Legion Post 297



First Place Winners: (l-r) **Harold Vester** and **Lynda Sutton**.



Second Place Winners: (l-r) **Mark Bollinger** and **Myra Seaton**.



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Mark Bollinger shows his skills at the tournament.



Rene Vester aims for the bullseye to win first place.

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fifth place; Shot Put - K'heaven Johnson first place, X'Zavion Young second place, RJ Moilan fourth place; Discus - K'heaven Johnson first place, RJ Moilan fourth place, X'Zavion Young fifth place; 3200-meter run - Benjamin Prince second place.

Varsity Girls Day Two Results: 4 x 100 meter relay - (Brenda Gonzalez Martinez, AnJell Smith, Ja'liya James, and Kyra Kay) fourth place running their fastest time of the year; 4 x 200 meter relay - (Janyiah Mathews, Ja'liya James, Kyra Kay, and AnJell Smith) fourth place; 200 meter dash - AnJell Smith second (setting a personal record with a time of 27.09), Ja'liya James third place, Kyra Kay sixth place; 800 meter run - Leslie Gutierrez sixth place.

Varsity Boys Day Two Results: 4 x 100 meter relay - (Armani Perry Brown, Aaron Martin, Kaream Williams, and Kemarrius Mayes) first place; 800 meter run - Logan Wagner third place (setting a personal record with a time of 2:19.50), Benjamin Prince fourth place; 110 meter hurdles - Keyon Butler first place, Trishtan Willis second place; 100 meter dash - Aaron Martin first place, Kaream Williams fourth place (setting a personal record with a time of 11.30); 4 x 200 meter relay - (Xavier Richmond, Kaream Williams, Tavares Hamilton, and Aaron Martin) first place; 400 meter dash - Armani Perry Brown first place (setting a personal record with a time of 51.02), Logan Wagner sixth place; 300 meter hurdles - Keyon Butler first place, Trishtan Willis second place (setting a personal record with a time of 43.94); 200 meter dash - Kemarrius Mayes first place (setting a personal record with a time of 22.90), Tavares Hamilton sixth place; 1600 meter run - Benjamin Prince second place (setting a personal record with a time of 5:14.20); 4 x 400 meter relay - (Brycen Foster, Logan Wagner, Xavier Richmond, and Armani Perry Brown) first place (running their fastest time of the year).

Over at Benbrook, the Bobcat track and field program also had an excellent showing at district with the Benbrook girls bringing home a district title.

On the boy's side, Hudson Felker finished third in the 3200 meters with a time of 11:56.18.

In the high jump, Benbrook's Mason McWilliams finished third with a jump of 5-06.

In the long jump, Donovan Sinegal won a district championship with a jump of 21-04.75.

Antonio Johnson won the district championship in the triple jump for Benbrook with a result of 42-06.25, while teammate Landry Wilkinson took first place in the pole vault with a result of 12-00.00.

Benbrook's Christian Gleason was second in the discus with a throw of 108-02.00.

In the shot put, Adrian Cardenas took third place with a throw of 38-05.25.

On the girl's side, Zoe Frater won the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.94, while teammate Jayla Davila won the 400 meter event with a time of 1:01.03.

In the 3200 meter run, the Benbrook trio of Carley Couch (12:21.10), Isabella Aranda (13:37.27) and Kourtney Brown (14:37.62) swept the top three spots.

Frater took second place in the high jump finals with a jump of 4-06.00, and teammate Kira Cleveland finished third in the long jump with a leap of 15-08.75.

The trio of Davila (33-10.25), Breezy Butler (33-06.75) and Cristiana Walker (32-06.00) swept the top three spots in the triple jump.

Nicole Thomas finished second in the discus with a throw of 86-11.00 and Sharon M'Pinda took third place with a throw of 84-05.00.



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American Diplomat - Edward M. House by Dr. Ken Bridges

Edward House was a Texan determined to move the world when the world refused to be moved. He was a powerful diplomat and presidential advisor and a voice for peace in a time when so much of the world was bent on destruction.



House was born in Houston in 1858, the youngest of seven children. His father, Thomas W. House, an English immigrant, had made a fortune in banking, international trade, and real estate. As a youth, he traveled to Europe and across the nation often. He enrolled in Cornell University in New York in 1877. However, his father's declining health forced him to return to care for him.

After his father's death, he married in 1881 and continued to travel extensively to tend to the family's many business interests. He moved to Austin in 1885, where he expanded his real estate holdings and cotton plantations. While in Austin, he became friends with many prominent Texas figures, including Gov. James S. Hogg.

In 1892, Hogg turned to House for help with his re-election campaign. House traveled the state extensively, persuading prominent individuals and influential groups to back the governor. The hard work paid off, and Hogg won re-election. Though House had no military experience, a grateful Hogg rewarded him for his service with the honorary title of lieutenant colonel in the Texas National Guard. Before long, he simply became known as "Colonel House" to reporters and politicians alike. Over the next several years, House continued to play an important role in Texas politics, helping the election of governors and acting as an advisor on all aspects of their administration.

In 1911, he met New Jersey Gov. Woodrow Wilson, and the two formed an immediate friendship as Wilson prepared a run for the presidency. He advised Wilson on his campaign strategies and helped him secure the needed delegates and endorsements needed to secure the nomination. Wilson won easily in the 1912 election, defeating former President Theodore Roosevelt and the incumbent President William H. Taft.

After Wilson's inauguration, House declined to take any official role, preferring to stay in the background as a close advisor. House convinced Wilson to include several prominent Texans in his cabinet, including US Rep. Albert Burleson as postmaster general, attorney James W. Gregory as attorney general, and scholar David

Houston as Secretary of Agriculture and later as Secretary of the Treasury.

World War I and its aftermath consumed much of Wilson's presidency. The intensity of the bloodshed shocked the world. Wilson sent House all over Europe in 1915 and 1916 to try to convince the warring powers to stop the fighting. In spite of numerous efforts, the peace overtures were rejected each time, including a 1916 offer by Wilson for the United States to mediate a peace conference.

After the war ended, Wilson and House attempted to win approval for the Treaty of Versailles. House was desperate to save American support for the treaty and American entry into the League of Nations, the forerunner of the modern United Nations. He attempted to broker deals with European diplomats to make the treaty more palatable to Republican critics of Wilson who were determined to reject the treaty if only to humiliate the president.

After Wilson left office, House continued to lobby Congress to ratify the Treaty of Versailles and for American membership in the League of Nations. He continued to be active in Democratic Party politics, supporting the nomination of Franklin D. Roosevelt, another early supporter of the League of Nations, as president in 1932. However, by the 1930s, House steadily scaled back his role in politics.

He died in New York in 1938 at the age of 79.



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Three Day Weekend Forecast



Friday, April 21:

AM - A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny; high near 74. N wind 5-10mph increasing to 15-20mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 30%.
PM - Mostly clear; low around 48. N wind 15-20mph becoming E/NE 5-10mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 25mph.



Saturday, April 22:

AM - Sunny; high near 70. NE wind 5-10mph, with gusts as high as 20mph.
PM - Partly cloudy; low around 49. E wind around 10mph.



Sunday, April 23:

AM - A 20% chance of showers. Partly sunny; high near 65. E wind 10-15mph, with gusts as high as 25mph.
PM - A 20% chance of showers after 1am. Mostly cloudy; low around 53.

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