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From the Sports Desk with John English

Lady Bobcats Outscore Lady Cougars; Cougars Play Tough Defense Against Bobcats

The Benbrook girl's basketball team used the winter break to get healthy and apparently it paid off, as the Lady Cats defeated Western Hills 63-35 last Tuesday night.

Coach Leta Lofton said her team executed well throughout the game.

"The game versus Western Hills was a total team effort," Lofton said. "After getting most of our injured athletes back, it felt good to see a team working in unison like a well-oiled machine."

Zoey Smothermon led the team with 17 points while Xiahannah Madison added 16 points for Benbrook.

"We also had top performances in the rebounding areas from Emilie Siddiq and Raeven Anderson," Lofton said.

The Lady Cougars lost to Dunbar on Friday night and coach Avante Smith said there are a couple of areas the team needs to improve.

"I was proud of our first half performance defensively," Smith Monday, Jan. 16 said. "Holding them to 25 points shows how far we've come this season as a defense. But you can't give up 40 to a team like Dunbar in the second half and expect to have a chance. We've struggled offensively all season with turnovers and it came back to bite us as I'm sure more than half of those points came off those mistakes."

Smith said there was a bright spot for the Lady Cougars against Dunbar.

"I'm really proud of how well Janyiah Mathews played on the defensive side of the ball last night," (continued on page 3) Monday Holiday Act.

Benbrook Council Action

First City Council Meeting of the New Year by John English

The Benbrook city council meeting on Jan. 5 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, and resident Terry Roach spoke at length about how Benbrook residents do not know where the funds that the City of Benbrook spends are going and what percentages of fines and forfeitures collected by the city come from citations issued to individual residents along with a number of other grievances.

The minutes from the meeting held on Dec. 15 were then approved.

The first item of the evening was to approve the finance report for the period ending Nov. 30.

Revenues for the general fund for (continued on page 2)

From the City of Benbrook

City Hall Closed for Holiday

Benbrook City Hall, located at 911 Winscott Rd. will be closed all day on Monday, Jan. 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday in the United States marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

It is observed on the third Monday of January each year. Born in 1929, King's actual birthday is Jan. 15.

The holiday is similar to holidays set under the Uniform

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to date expenditures were \$2,767,394.

For the Economic Development Corporation, revenues for the month of ments, but there were none. November were \$168,771 with year-todate revenues of \$383,205, while expenditures for the month of November were \$38,800 with year-to-date expenditures totaling \$244,810. Investments for the City of Benbrook totaled \$48,348,016, and investments for the EDC totaled \$6,369,562. The finance report was approved unanimously.

Next up was supposed to be an agenda item to consider a 49th Year Community Development Grant Project, which Ward said due to unforeseen circumstances would receive a public hearing at a later date to be announced.

Time was then allowed for informal citizen comments, and Fr. Ken Bolin of St. Thomas Becket Catholic Church approached the podium and thanked the city council members and Benbrook Police

the month of November were \$1,662,655 Department for the jobs they do, introand year-to-date were \$2,423,618, while duced himself to City Council and expenditures were \$1,417,269 while year informed members that if he can ever be of help to please ask.

Time was then allowed for staff com-

The meeting was then adjourned.





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Sports Desk (continued from page 1) -

Smith said on Saturday.

ably the toughest player I've coached in any sport. Whether it was gy than we have had all season, and it paid off." her on ball defense, battling for rebounds with girls twice her size, or just her effort and energy."

Smith said in spite of Western Hills recent struggles, there is reason to be optimistic.

"We aren't far off from where we want to be," Smith said. "Losing your first three district games by eight combined points he expects his team to have its hands full." and playing a really bad second half last night is really tough. But right direction."

On the boys' side, Western Hills defeated Benbrook by a score have to have for of 49-35 last Tuesday, and coach Blake Dunson he was pleased playoff contention." with the effort.

"We had a great defensive performance and total team effort to secure the win over the Bobcats," Dunson said. "Our guys played with great intensity and executed the game plan we had put in place."

Over at Benbrook, the Bobcats rebounded with a victory over Diamond Hill-Jarvis on Friday and coach Blake Mendez said it was a good win for his team.

"We played a great game against Diamond Hill," Mendez said.

"Coming off the tough loss to western hills, we were eager to get "She's been our best defender most of the season and is prob-back on the court. We came out more focused and with more ener-

> Mendez said Hudson Stockton and Jaelyn Robinson "definitely sparked us off the bench," against Diamond Hill-Jarvis.

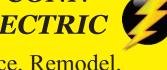
> "They both ended the game with double digits and showed us exactly what we needed to see from them," Mendez said.

> Benbrook plays Carter-Riverside tomorrow night, and Mendez

"Riverside has experienced more success this year than in even after last night, I think we are constantly taking steps in the recent years," Mendez said. "They've got a kid that has put up over 30 points several times this year, so we are going to have to be ready for that. It's not a game we can take lightly, and one we

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Fort Worth After School (FWAS) launched Tele-Teachers in 2020 in response to the coronavirus pandemic to provide additional homework help to students.

Tele-Teachers is available at no cost and only to Fort Worth ISD students. After a hiatus during the 2021-2022 academic year, Tele-Teachers resumed Oct. 3, 2022, with a soft launch. It is now prepared to serve students throughout the District for the current school year. FWISD families can access Tele-Teachers homework assistance by clicking here.

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Army Cartographer, General William Emory by Dr. Ken Bridges

since independence was declared. As the nation grew, newer and 1848. Mexico surrendered the lands from the Rio Grande in cenmore detailed maps were needed so the country could plan ahead tral New Mexico (what was then West Texas) across to California and utilize the landscape and resources available. Gen. William and the Pacific. Emory, an army cartographer, was a vital part of this process.

Eastern Maryland. He was extremely bright and as a young man to be discussed. As a result, Ambassador James Gadsden negotiearned an appointment to the United States Military Academy at ated a new treaty with Mexico, paying \$10 million for the land West Point, New York.

assigned to an artillery unit.

Looking for other opportunities to satisfy his curiosity and development. He spent the next few years engaged in careful surmajor foundations in the later scientific study of the area. veys of harbors and rivers on the East Coast. Also in 1838, he Texas State Senator Richard Bache, Jr.

studying the Upper Rio Grande Valley, producing maps that were could easily have escalated ended without further bloodshed. invaluable to American forces during the Mexican War two years and 1846 were also a valuable part of the negotiations over the passing. resolution of the Oregon Country dispute and helped finalize the border between the two nations.

join Col. Stephen Kearney in his trek from Kansas to New Mexico and then to California to strip the lightly populated and that shaped the United States and touched the heavens. almost undefended area away from Mexico. The mission was a tremendous success, and the northern third of Mexico was in American hand in a matter of months.

Along the way, Emory continued to make careful surveys and notes of the regions the army marched through. In the course of the war, Mexican troops never again entered Texas. When the war was won in 1848, the Texas border at the Rio Grande was unquestioned, thanks to Emory's maps.

His efforts would reap huge dividends again in 1853 when the United States finalized the Gadsden Purchase from Mexico. The United States had won what is now the southwestern quarter of

The borders of the United States have expanded considerably the country as a result of the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo in

Because of Emory's surveys, federal officials realized some of Emory's diligent studies and attention to detail not only shaped the unique features of the area. Just south of the Gila River was the borders of the United States but also shaped the borders of a break in the Rocky Mountains, an area where the land was rel-Texas and revealed the great wonders of the Upper Rio Grande. atively smooth. The area was ideal for railroad construction as the William Hemsley Emory was born in September 1811 in concept and ultimate route of the transcontinental railroad began that became the southern edges of Arizona and New Mexico. He graduated from West Point in 1831 as a lieutenant and was Emory's correspondence with U.S. Senator Thomas Rusk of Texas helped secure the treaty ratification in the Senate.

In 1855, Emory was named head of the International imagination, he resigned from the service in 1836 to pursue civil Boundary Commission. His reputation as a scientist and a mapengineering. The army, however, lured him back two years later maker was growing. His two major reports on the geography and with a unique new program, the Corps of Topographical wildlife of the Southwest, Notes of a Military Reconnaissance Engineers. This new unit was in charge of surveying resources from Fort Leavenworth to San Diego (1846) and Report of the and infrastructure for both potential military use and civilian United States and Mexico Boundary Commission (1859) were

During the Civil War, Emory served with distinction, rising to married Matilda Bache in Philadelphia. Bache was the great- the rank of general and taking command of the Nineteenth Corps granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin and the daughter of later during the Shenandoah Campaign of 1864. He commanded the Department of the Gulf during Reconstruction, which served in In 1844, Emory arrived in Texas. Though Texas was still inde-Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi. In 1874, as the terroristic pendent, Texas was working with the United States in pursuit of White League overthrew the elected government of Louisiana, annexation and invited the Corps of Topographical Engineers into Emory resorted to diplomacy to convince the coup plotters to the republic to examine what Texas had to offer. He spent months restore the elected government and to peacefully disband. What

Emory retired from the army in 1876 and moved east. He died later and much more accurate than had been produced up to that in Washington, DC, in 1887 at age 76. He continued to be widely point. His survey of the American-Canadian border between 1844 respected by geographers and cartographers in the years after his

Emory Peak in the Big Bend area was named in his honor as well as New Mexico's Emory Pass. Astronauts also named a When war erupted against Mexico in 1846, he was assigned to crater on the Moon after him during the 1972 Apollo 17 mission.

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<u>AM</u> - Sunny; high near 61. Northwest wind around 5mph. <u>PM</u> - Clear; low around 39. E/NE wind around 5mph becoming south after midnight.



Saturday, Jan. 14:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny; high near 67. S wind 5-15mph, with gusts as high as 20mph. <u>PM</u> - Partly cloudy; low around 49.



Sunday, Jan. 15:

<u>AM</u> - Partly sunny; high near 71. <u>PM</u> - A 20% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, low around 56.

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