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*From the Sports Desk with John English*

## BMHS Boys Defeat Carter-Riverside; WHHS Boys Fall to YMLA

The Benbrook boys basketball team defeated Carter-Riverside on Friday to pull its district record even at 2-2, and coach Blake Mendez said though he was not present, he was pleased with the outcome and the efforts of his coaching staff.

"I missed this game," Mendez said. "I was out with Covid, but when you have great assistant coaches, it makes it a little easier to have to get updates from home. Coach Harrison and Coach Bostice did a great job getting the guys ready. Carter-Riverside is a much improved team from years passed. They put it to us and made us work for this win. I was proud of our composure late in the game."

Mendez said Hatcher Mason led the way for the Bobcats.

"That kid hates losing," Mendez said. "When the game got close at the end, he put the team on his back and ended with 26 points."

Benbrook plays the Young Men's Leadership Academy tomorrow night, and Mendez said he feels certain his team will have its hands full.

"YMLA looks a little different than they did last year," Mendez said. "They graduated a lot of talent, but they're still finding ways to win this year. They've got a couple of legit scorers that can go off if you're not ready for them. I think we match up well though. I expect this game to be close in the fourth."

The Bobcats have rebounded from a rocky start to district play, and Mendez said things are positive among his players and coaches.

"Our confidence is sky high right now," Mendez said. "Our last two wins came down to the final minute of the game, so knowing we have what it takes to play close (continued on page 2)

*From Fort Worth ISD*

## Superintendent Kent P. Scribner Announces Retirement, Will Not Seek Contract Extension

Fort Worth ISD Superintendent Dr. Kent P. Scribner has formally notified the FWISD Board of Education of his plan to retire. He intends to continue serving in his position until a new superintendent is selected.

In a Dec. 16 letter to the Board of Education, Scribner says announcing his retirement now will help support a smooth and thoughtful superintendent transition giving the Board ample opportunity to obtain community feedback and plan and search for his successor.

"We appreciate Dr. Scribner's communication and transparency in sharing his plans," said Fort Worth ISD Board of Education President Tobi Jackson. "Among his many accomplishments, we especially applaud his leadership in transforming our secondary schools with collaborative spaces and modern, career-focused classrooms that will benefit students for decades to come. That is an outstanding legacy."

An educator for over 30 years, and a superintendent for 20 years, Scribner has held his position as FWISD Superintendent since Oct. 15, 2015. During his tenure, in collaboration with trustees, the District has renewed its focus on early literacy and early math and has seen a 12-point gain in FWISD's state accountability rating, and growth in Career and Technical participation and completion rates.

The District has also successfully passed two voter-approved tax ratification elections and almost \$2 billion in construction bond projects. Among other projects, four new elementary schools will be built and comprehensive (continued on page 2)

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FWISD

Superintendent

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renovations will be made to all 23 middle schools.

Dr. Scribner says he is most proud of the District’s work in racial equity and the efforts to address gaps in academic achievement and dismantle systems that have historically reinforced those disparities.

Before coming to FWISD, Dr. Scribner served as the superintendent in Phoenix. He began his career in education as a high school Spanish teacher and guidance counselor in Philadelphia. He then became a principal and a central office administrator before serving as superintendent.

Basketball

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games and come out on the winning end is a huge confidence boost.”

Over at Western Hills, the Cougars came up a little short against YMLA on Friday, losing by a score of 45-44 and moving to 3-1 in district competition.

Western Hills is still 19-4 on the season as the team prepares to host Eastern Hills at 8 p.m. to tomorrow night.

On the girls side, Benbrook's games were canceled due to a COVID outbreak.

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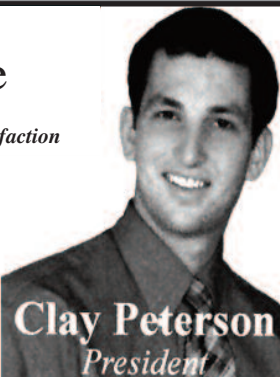
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From Benbrook Public Library

**Upcoming Events at Benbrook Public Library**

Those in need of computer help are invited to attend the library's Tech with a Librarian program from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27. BPL's librarians can offer basic assistance with email, apps, Microsoft Office programs, the internet, and more.

Adults who would like to practice and improve their Spanish are encouraged to attend a free beginner/intermediate level, conversation-based class on Thursday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. Classes are held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

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# Botanic Garden Invites Public Comment

The Fort Worth Botanic Garden | Botanical Research Institute of Texas, with Studio Outside, Bennett Partners, and DEI Consultants, will launch a robust, citywide public engagement process later this month to inform a long-term master plan for the Garden, with a particular focus on Fort Worth’s rich and growing diversity.

In addition to providing online comment capabilities through a website [www.brit.org/masterplan](http://www.brit.org/masterplan), five community forums are planned as follows:

- Jan. 26, 6:30 p.m. Rockwood Park Golf Course Clubhouse
- Jan. 27, 6:30 p.m. at Como Community Center
- Jan. 29, 10 a.m. at MLK, Jr., Community Center
- Feb. 2, 6:30 p.m. at Chisholm Trail Community Center
- Feb. 3, 6:30 p.m. at Heritage Church

Estrus Tucker, president and CEO of DEI Consultants, outlined goals for the 90-minute community forums. “Listening, building relationships and informing the master plan are the three major goals for soliciting this public feedback,” Tucker said. “We especially want to hear from new and diverse community voices while building relationships across the city with organizations and individuals.”

Forum agenda formats will consist of brief opening remarks with a welcome from City Council members, an overview of Fort

Worth Botanic Garden | Botanical Research Institute of Texas, a summary of the master planning process, a brief statement about “why” these meetings are being held, and a series of interactive conversations, listening sessions, and engaging planning activities. With health and safety of all participants a top priority, CDC guidelines will be followed.

The master planning committee led by former District 7 City Councilman Dennis Shingleton comprises members from throughout the community, representative of Fort Worth civil servants, local garden associations, Fort Worth ISD, FWBGIBRIT Board and staff, and other community advocates and developers.

**Benbrook City Council Meeting Tonight**  
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From Tarrant County Public Health

## COVID-19 Testing Site Now Open in White Settlement

Tarrant County Public Health has added a new COVID-19 testing site in White Settlement, which began operating on Monday, Jan. 10. The new testing site is located in the parking lot of the Splash Dayz waterpark. Shallow nasal swab testing for all ages are available seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

“The new site in White Settlement will help with increased testing demand, and provide more convenient access for residents in the area,” said Tarrant County Public Health Director Vinny Taneja.

Appointments are highly recommended to reduce wait times. Those receiving tests can present the QR code provided upon making an appointment to expedite the testing process.

To make an appointment and view other testing sites please visit the [TCPH COVID-19 testing website](#).

Splash Dayz, 8905 Clifford St.  
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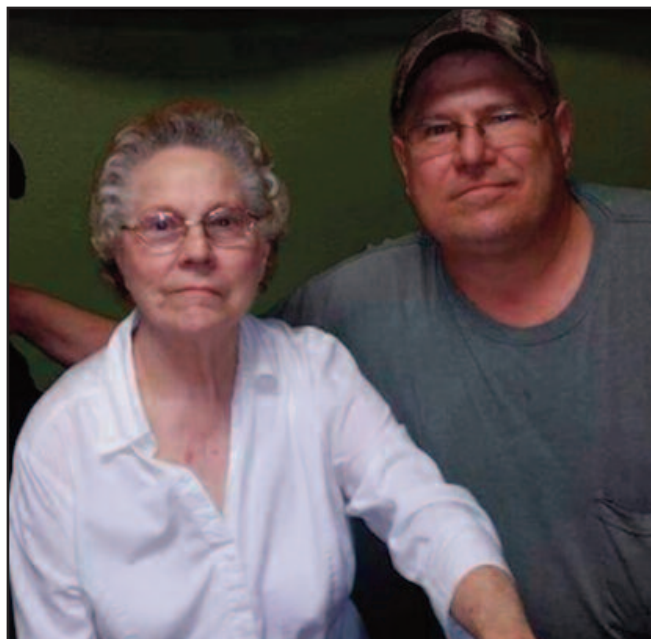
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# Obituary



**JoAnne Werner Hughes & Shane Edward Dunaway**

JoAnne Werner Hughes, 78, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022 and Shane Edward Dunaway, passed away on June 12, 2021.

A visitation will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, with a service to follow at noon in the Chapel of Thompson's Harveson & Cole Funeral Home.

JoAnne was born on April 23, 1943, in Crowley, La. to Annie and Joseph Werner. Shane was born on Oct. 16, 1968 in Sioux City, Iowa to JoAnne and James Dunaway.

JoAnne was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She loved spending time with her family, her grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren. She was a bundle of joy, known to talk on the phone for long periods, and, when not on the phone she was watching the Hallmark Channel or the Game Show Channel. She also enjoyed shooting guns and was very strong minded.

Shane loved hunting, fishing, truck driving, and spending time with family and friends!

JoAnne was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Hughes, her son, Shane Dunaway, and the father of her children, James Dunaway. Shane was preceded in death by his father, James Dunaway.

JoAnne's survivors include her son, J.J. Dunaway and wife, Lora; daughter in law, Amy Dunaway; grandchildren, Tyler Dunn, Steven Jones, Jeffery Jones and Darrell Dunaway; great granddaughter, Blakelee; sister, LouElla Hailey; nephew, Brian Whitley and wife, Debra, and their son and daughter, Ashley and Asher; and Chris Hailey, best friend, Ann Dorris.

Shane's survivors include his wife, Amy Dunaway; son, Darrell Dunaway; brother, J.J. Dunaway and wife, Lora; nieces and nephews, Tyler Dunn, Steven Jones, Jeffery Jones, great niece, Blakelee; aunt, LouElla Hailey; cousins, Brian Whitley and wife, Debra, their daughter and son, Asher and Ashley; and Chris Hailey.

From Fort Worth ISD

## Saturday Learning Quest Jan. 22

There are several more Saturday opportunities for first, second, and third-graders to accelerate learning and have a great time doing it.

The dates of the remaining Saturday Learning Quest sessions are: Jan. 22, Feb. 12, Feb. 26, March 5, April 2, April 23 and May 7.

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# Engineer and Inventor, Otis Boykin *by Dr. Ken Bridges*



Persistence makes all the difference, whether in history or science. And it is that persistence that can change the world, in ways both large and subtle. The work of engineer **Otis Boykin** helped facilitate a revolution in electronics, from the pacemaker to guided missiles.

Boykin was born in Dallas in August 1920. His parents had very modest means but worked very hard. His mother was a maid, and his father was a carpenter. However, his mother's health was weak, and she died of heart failure when Boykin was just a year old. His father struggled on and eventually became a minister.

Boykin proved to be a brilliant and hard-working student. He graduated at the top of his class from the segregated Booker T. Washington High School in Dallas. He won a scholarship to Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, a respected, historically African-American university. While a student at Fisk, he worked at the university's aeronautics lab, where researchers devised new components and designs for aircraft. He graduated in 1941.

Not long after graduation, he moved to Chicago where he started working for a number of engineering firms. He began

working with and developing new electrical systems. By the end of World War II, Boykin decided to move on and start his own company, Boykin-Fruth, Inc., a research and consulting firm. He also decided to expand his educational horizons

and began graduate school at the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1946. In spite of his passion for learning, he had to drop out the next year because of high costs.

Boykin began working with and developing new types of resistors, electrical components that regulate the flow of electricity in a circuit. Resistors were a critical part of the electronics revolution that emerged in the 1960s and 1970s as improvements helped make all sorts of electrical devices more durable, more efficient, and cheaper.

In 1959, Boykin received his first of 26 patents for a wire precision resistor. In 1961, he received another patent for a new, inexpensive, and more efficient resistor.

Computer giant IBM quickly became interested in Boykin's new resistors and began incorporating them into their new generation of mainframe computers and experimental computers and circuits. As a result, IBM began to make computers that were smaller and faster. His components also began being used in such products as television sets. Before long, the military became interested and started using his resistors in new guided missile systems.

Perhaps his greatest impact was his work with the pacemaker. The pacemaker itself is a simple device with two components: the pulse generator, which contains a battery that sends the electrical impulses to the heart, which are regulated by Boykin's resistors, and the electrical leads connecting to the heart. The ability to regulate the heartbeat through the resistor makes the pacemaker practical. Pacemakers today are used to treat abnormal heartbeats, heart failure, and a variety of other heart ailments.

They are installed in relatively minor procedures. Pacemakers are sometimes installed temporarily for patients recovering from heart attacks. Thousands of people now have pacemakers, saving countless lives.

In the mid-1960s, he left for France to continue working as a consultant. Boykin continued developing new electrical components and other devices. He also invented a chemical air filter and a theft-proof cash register.

In his later years, he returned to Chicago where he continued to tinker with new devices. However, his health started to fail. In spite of his work with the pacemaker that saved countless others,

Boykin's genius could not save himself from his own heart problems. His condition was beyond the reach of medicine as it existed at that point. He died of heart failure in 1982 at the age of 62.

## *On This Day in History*

- **Jan. 20, 1265** – The first English parliament to include not only Lords but also representatives of the major towns holds its first meeting in the Palace of Westminster, now commonly known as the "Houses of Parliament"

- **Jan. 20, 1783** – The Kingdom of Great Britain signs preliminary articles of peace with the Kingdom of France, setting the stage for the official end of hostilities in the American Revolutionary War later that year.

- **Jan. 20, 1909** – Newly formed automaker General Motors (GM) buys into the Oakland Motor Car Company, which later becomes GM's long-running Pontiac division.

- **Jan. 20, 1961** – John F. Kennedy is inaugurated the 35th President of the United States of America, becoming the youngest man to be elected into that office, and the first Catholic.

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## Three Day Weekend Forecast



### Friday, Jan. 21:

AM - Sunny; high near 43. North wind 5-10mph becoming E/SE in the afternoon.  
PM - Mostly clear; low around 24. E/SE wind around 5mph.



### Saturday, Jan. 22:

AM - Mostly sunny; high near 48. NE wind 5-10mph.  
PM - Mostly clear; low around 28.



### Sunday, Jan. 23:

AM - Sunny; high near 53.  
PM - Mostly clear; low around 33.

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