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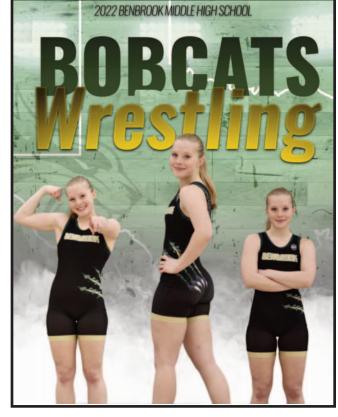
From the Sports Desk with John English

Student Athlete Spotlight: Lady Bobcat Wrestler Calliope Haefner

Calliope Haefner closed out her senior year with a bang, finishing in fifth place at the regional wrestling tournament and qualifying as an alternate for state meet.

Benbrook Wrestling coach Wade Cribbs said he was impressed with Haefner's efforts this season.

"Calliope just a beast," Cribbs said. "She lost the championship match



to a state qualifier from the previous year. She had to wrestle her again at Regionals to advance. Calliope pinned her in an epic match."

Cribbs said Haefner brought a lot to the table during her tenure at Benbrook.

said. "She also leaned heavily on her devout faith and I loved having that around."

ing forward to it's future. (continued on page 3)

Benbrook Council Action

July 20 Meeting Review

by John English

The Benbrook city council meeting held on July 20 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 one.

Minutes from the previous meeting held on July 6 were then approved unanimously.

The first item of the evening was a presentation by the mayor and members of the city council to adopt a resolution and election order for a general election to be held on Nov. 7 and authorize a joint election between Tarrant County Elections and the City of Benbrook.

The advantages of the joint election would be that Tarrant County is "Vote Center," as designated by the Secretary of State, and as such, Tarrant County voters are allowed to cast their ballots in any polling place in the county during Early Voting and on Election Day.

Tarrant County also provides all necessary voting equipment, obtains all polling places, provides and trains all election officials and obtains any necessary Justice Department submissions.

In providing the necessary equipment, the need to lease or purchase such equipment is eliminated, which will save the City of Benbrook financially.

The cost to Benbrook will be in accordance with the total number of political subdivisions contracting for the election.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Next up was a report to authorize an interlocal agreement with "Her positive attitude and work ethic was infectious," Cribbs the Fort Worth Independent School District to provide four police officers to participate in the annual school security initiative.

Police Chief David Babcock said that for many years, the Ben-Haefner said she was pleased with her senior season and is look-brook Police Department has provided three full-time officers for (continued on page 6) the Fort Worth Independent School

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Texas Senator, Barbara Jordan by Dr. Ken Bridges



Barbara Jordan was a woman of many firsts in her career. In her relatively short time in Congress and the Texas State Senate, she left an immeasurable impact and in a cynical and dark age in American politics, she became for many across the nation a voice of conscience.

Jordan was born in Houston in 1936, the youngest of three children. Her father was a respected Baptist minister. The church was a central part of her life in her youth, and she excelled in school. She graduated with honors from the segregated Phillis Wheatley High School in 1952.

She could not attend the University of Texas, her first choice, because segregation was still in effect. However, she went to Texas Southern University instead, studying history and political science on her way to becoming a lawyer. She became a champion debater, easily beating contenders from the most prestigious universities in the nation. After graduating with high honors in 1956, she entered Boston University School of Law, gaining a law degree by 1959.

After serving as a professor of political science for a year at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, Jordan returned to Houston to practice law. She dove into politics, but lost two races to the state legislature in the early 1960s. In 1966, she was elected to the State Senate, the first black woman to receive such an honor in Texas. She was widely respected by her colleagues and rose to the position of president pro

Over the years, it has become a tradition in Texas that both the governor and lieutenant governor leave the state for a day so that the president pro tem of the State Senate becomes acting governor for a day. On June 10, 1972,

left Texas for a day as part of that tradition. In what became a footnote in a life of achievement, Jordan thus became the first African-American woman in American History to serve as a governor, even as only an acting governor for a day.

Later that year, she was elected to Congress, again the first black woman ever elected from Texas. She sponsored or co-sponsored hundreds of laws during her six years in Congress.

Jordan was given a place on the House Judiciary Committee, and the committee undertook the grave task of considering impeachment for President Richard Nixon for his activities during the Watergate scandal. Jordan quickly became a leader in the debate.

In one famous speech in 1974, in a steady, careful voice, Jordan expressed her belief in the Constitution and the rule of law over politics. As she said to her colleagues and a nationally televised audience, "My faith in the Constitution is whole, it is complete, it is total. I am not going to sit here and be an idle spectator to the diminution, the subversion, the destruction of the Constitution."

vote could be taken, but Jordan became a re- pus.

Gov. Preston Smith and Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes spected leader across the nation in the process and the reforms that followed. In 1976, she became the first African-American woman to give the keynote address at the Democratic National Convention, an address that was met with thunderous applause. In 1992, she again spoke to the convention, reminding the delegates and the nation of the need for change.

> Jordan declined to run for a fourth term in 1978. She returned to Texas and began teaching at the University of Texas. She served as chairman of the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform for two years under President Bill Clinton. In 1994, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

> Jordan remained a beloved figure on the UT campus in her later years. However, her health continued to decline. She died in January 1996 at the age of 59. Some scholars have since listed her speeches as among the best ever spoken by an American politician.

In the years since her death, a number of schools and streets have been named in her honor, including in her native Houston. As for the university she could not attend as a youth because of her skin color, the University of Nixon resigned before an impeachment Texas has since erected a statue to her on cam-



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Sports Desk (continued from page 1)

"I am very happy with the way season ended," Haefner said. "I made it to state, softball and cross country and said she beat the girls I struggled beating, and got to hopes she is remembered as an example of see how far the girls have gotten: confidence what perseverance can accomplish. and skill wise. Seeing the program grow to where it is and where it's going to be was an example," Haefner said. "As someone the perfect way to end season."

lot to her because of how grueling the sport who wasn't perfect at the sport, but the efof wrestling can be, particularly when it fort was perfect, always striving to be better comes to cutting weight.

excited to finally let go of the anxiety of should remember me by growing the probusting weight and breaking down my body gram. Nothing special, but because of my because of cutting," Haefner said. "Going as investment in their life I want them to invest an alternate to state helped me let go of that in others and continue to make Benbrook anxiety, which sounds weird because every great!" athlete wants to be on the top no matter what FWISD athletes who worked hard. I have ence." noticed many people don't appreciate just at you as not good enough because you minor in international business. barely made it. But your school still sends you off, pays for you to be there, and expects you to make weight. Your still playing the sport because weighing in is just as hard as wrestling."

Haefner said in her spare time she enjoys reading the Bible and Christian books, doing Pilates, calisthenics and listening to music.

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The Benbrook grad also competed in

who started really bad and had no idea what Haefner said qualifying for state meant a she was doing, but strove for state. Someone and never gave up no matter the challenge, "Coming to the end of my season I was even if I failed the challenge. My teammates

Cribbs said, "I'm going to miss how you have to do. Me, I just was grateful to be much she motivated the girls around her to there to watch Cameron (McGuire) and be their best. She also always saw the best cheer on other wrestlers. Just to be a part of in everyone and was such a positive pres-

My plans are to go to Colorado Christian being able to go as an alternate. They look University, major in Global studies and

Haefner's Favorites

Favorite Athlete: My mom Favorite Sports team: Vikings Favorite Food: Smoothie bowl Favorite Movie: Barbie, Rapunzel Favorite TV Show: The Chosen Book Currently Reading or Last Book Read: "Hinds' Feet on High Places" Favorite Musical Group or Performer: Brandon Lake

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From Tarrant County

History of Tarrant County

Tarrant County's roots lie in the 'Old "I think I'd like my coaches to use me as West' and much of our heritage can be traced to the era of the cowboy and the cattle drives that passed through Tarrant County. Tarrant County is one of 254 counties in Texas which were originally set up by the State to serve as decentralized administrative divisions providing state services and collecting state taxes.

> Tarrant County, one of 26 counties created out of the Peters Colony, was established in 1849. It was named for General Edward H. Tarrant, commander of militia forces of the Republic of Texas at the Battle of Village Creek in 1841. The village of Grapevine; the Texas Ranger outpost of Johnson's Station (in what is now south Arlington); and Bird's Fort, a short-lived private fort just south of present-day Euless, were early areas of western civilization in the region.

> On the bluff where the Tarrant County Courthouse now stands, a military post was established in 1849 by a company of the 2nd U.S. Dragoons under the command of Major Ripley A. Arnold. The fort was named in honor of General William Jenkins Worth, a hero of the Mexican War and commander of United States forces in this region.

> From as early as 1856, regular stagecoach service passed through Tarrant County, carrying mail and passengers from the east on to the frontier forts and the West Coast. By the 1870s, mail stagecoaches arrived and departed from downtown Fort Worth six days a week. From the close of the Civil War and through the late 1870s, millions of cattle were driven up the trail through Tarrant County (roughly following Interstate 35 West) to the railheads in Kansas. After the Texas & Pacific Railroad reached Tarrant County and Fort Worth in 1876, Fort Worth became the largest stagecoach terminus in the Southwest - a hub for rail passengers to continue their journeys west by stagecoach.

Grilling Safety Tips

As summer heats up, it's time to fire up those grills and enjoy delicious outdoor barbecues! Safety is the top priority, so here are some essential grilling tips to keep in mind:

- 1. Location, location: Place your grill outdoors on a level surface away from unattended. A momentary distraction could any structures, overhanging branches, or flammable materials. Keep a safe distance of at least 10 feet.
- 2. Clean it up: Before grilling, remove grease or fat buildup from the grates and trays. A clean grill reduces the risk of flare-ups and unwanted fires.
 - 3. Proper lighting: When using a gas grill,

lighting. Keep the lid open and don't lean over the grill when igniting it. If the flame goes out, wait for the gas to dissipate before relighting. 4. Supervision is key: Never leave a lit grill

lead to an accident. Ensure someone responsible is present at all times.

follow the manufacturer's instructions for

- 5. Keep kids and pets safe: Establish a designated safety zone around the grill, and make sure children and pets stay away from it. Educate them about the dangers of hot surfaces and open flames.
- 6. Watch those clothing choices: Avoid wearing loose or flammable clothing that could easily catch fire. Opt for short sleeves and use long-handled tools to keep a safe distance.
- 7. Extinguish with care: After grilling, make sure the coals are fully extinguished. For gas grills, turn off the burners and the gas supply. Allow the grill to cool down before moving or covering it.

Remember, prevention is key to a safe grilling experience. Spread the word and help keep the community safe by sharing these tips! Have a sizzling summer and happy grilling!











There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- >>> Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill dean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Mever leave your grill unattended.
- M Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- >>> There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
-))) When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light scap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.



- (1) July is the peak month for grill fires.
- Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.







Tips to Make Your Back-to-School Shopping Game Plan



Staying on top of consumer trends can make for a better shopper experience this back-to-school season, helping you land the best deals on the right products at the right time.

The results of a new survey from Sensormatic Solutions show that despite new shopping options popularized during the pandemic, such as buy-online-pick-up-in-stores (BOPIS), 79 percent of respondents plan to conduct their back-to-school shopping in stores this year, a slight increase from 2022. The most important factors when shopping in-store include price (91 percent), product availability (75 percent) and a safe and comfortable store environment (44 percent).

"Consumers are still viewing in-store shopping, particularly in the

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back-to-school season, as an experience to be enjoyed rather than an errand," says Kim Melvin, global leader of marketing and communications at Sensormatic Solutions. "Retailers are accommodating and encouraging this point of view, and it's creating a better, more responsible, and more agile industry for customers and retailers alike."

Consumers are also less worried about how the current U.S. economy will impact their back-to-school shopping budget than they were last year. Despite talk of a recession, 51 percent say their budget will not be impacted or that they even plan to spend more this year, a notable increase as compared to 43 percent in 2022. Consumers plan to spend the most on clothing and apparel (70 percent), shoes (58 percent) and school supplies (53 percent).

No matter how much you've budgeted for back-to-school shopping or what items you plan to spend the most on, you can use these top strategies from Sensormatic Solutions to make your back-toschool shopping experience successful and stress-free:

- 80 percent of respondents plan to begin their back-to-school shopping in July or August an increase over last year so don't wait. If you're like many shoppers, and price and product availability are heavily factored into your shopping habits, you may want to jump on the trend of shopping earlier in the season to ensure you'll find the supplies you need at the best prices.
- Don't worry about what days you plan to head to the store. Instore traffic is likely to be steady throughout the week, with 35 percent of consumers saying they're more likely to shop on weekdays, 32 percent saying weekends and 33 percent saying they have no preference.
- With 75 percent of respondents saying product availability is an important factor when shopping in-store, consider planning out your shopping list to ensure retailers have your items in-stock before you arrive. Thankfully, technologies like inventory intelligence are making brick-and-mortar shopping more reliable and convenient.

For additional survey results and insights, visit https://www.sensormatic.com/resources/ar/2023/back-to-school-survey-2023.

"Gearing up for a new school year is always exciting for both parents and kids. And with a bit of knowledge of how your fellow consumers plan to get their seasonal shopping done, you can develop smart shopping strategies," says Melvin.



Council Action (continued from page 1)

District campuses located in Benbrook.

"For the 2023-24 school year, the Fort Worth ISD has requested the addition of a fourth school resource officer as part of an initiative to increase campus security," Babcock said.

The FWISD will subsidize 50 percent of the salary, benefits, overtime and training for the four officers.

The council approved the interlocal agreement unanimously.

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

Time was then allowed for council member and staff comments, but there were none.

The meeting was then adjourned.

From the City of Benbrook

Benbrook City Council Candidate Election Filing Period Deadline Aug. 21

The City of Benbrook General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 7, to elect members of the Council for Mayor, Place 1 and Council Member Places 3, 5 and 7.

Candidate packets, information and calendars for the Nov. 7 election will be available from the City Secretary's Office and by download on the City's website.

Applications for a place on the ballot will be accepted from July 24 through 5 p.m. on Aug. 21.

The deadline to file an application for declared write-in candidate is 5 p.m. on Aug. 21.

The Benbrook Library District Board of Trustees and the Benbrook Water Authority Board of Directors are separate entities from the City of Benbrook.

Contact those entities for information on their General Elections.

To file for candidacy, you must meet the following qualifications:

- shall be a citizen of the United States;
- shall be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election;
- shall not have been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court;
- shall not have been finally convicted of a felony from which you have not been pardoned or had your civil rights restored by other official action;
- have resided continuously in the State for of Texas for 12 months and in the City for 12 months immediately preceding the date of the election;
 - be a registered voter of the City of Benbrook, Texas.



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Three Day Weekend Forecast



Friday, July 28:

AM - Sunny and hot, with a high near 101. South wind around 10 mph. **PM** - Mostly clear; low around 79. S/SE wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



Saturday, July 29:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny and hot, with a high near 103. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. <u>PM</u> - Mostly clear, with a low around 79. S/SE wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



Sunday, July 30:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny and hot, with a high near 104. S/SW wind around 10 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 80.

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