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## Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt American Legion Post 297 Hosts Ceremony

Post Everlasting is the final destination within the American Legion where departed comrades are transferred when called for duty by the Supreme Commander.

A list of those who passed this prior year were recognized at the Post recently. Seven names were read, including Paul Mansir whom the Post is named after.

The list was lit by fire in a brazier as several individuals witnessed this solemn ceremony.

The deceased are remembered and we thank them for their contribution of service to our Country, community and the Post.



Chaplain **Ron Hand** (left) and Commander **Lora McGee** presided over the event.



Adjutant **Shelly Hook** places an American Legion cap on the rifles.



**Bill Kuehner** (back) follows **John Ragstad, John Ashton** and **Dan Hook** as they escort the brazier to Post Everlasting.

## Benbrook Council Action June 1 Council Meeting Review

The Benbrook city council meeting held on June 1 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.

Minutes from the previous meeting held on May 18 were then approved unanimously.

The first item of the evening was a proposal to consider approving a mutual aid agreement with the Naval Air Station-Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base for Fire and Emergency Services. According to the agenda, the parties enter into this agreement to provide for mutual response to emergencies when requested and within the scope of services provided by each Party's fire and emergency services department.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Next up was a proposal to approve a contract with Freese and Nichole to complete a drainage plan for Dutch Branch Park.

Benbrook Director of Public Services Bennet Howell spoke to the necessity of the contract.

"This is a long time coming," Howell said. (continued on page 3)

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### Suburban Newspapers, Inc. Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt Student Athlete Spotlight: Lady Bobcat Sharon M'Pinda

Sharon M'Pinda was the best defender as a unit. on a Benbrook girls basketball team this past season that finished third place in district 9-4A and advanced to the playoffs.

Coach Leta Lofton said that M'Pinda played an integral role in the Lady Cats' success.

we did without Sharon's athleticism," Lofton said. "Along with her athleticism she is very coachable. She's a team player through and through and unselfishly looks for opportunities to be successful."

Lofton said besides her athleticism, M'Pinda contributes in other ways.

"Sharon brings energy and hustle to our team with her rebounding, defending our toughest opponent, and being a team leader," Lofton said. "But she has yet to tap into her potential as a basketball player."

M'Pinda, 17, a transfer in student athlete to improve in a couple of areas. said 2023 was a great year for her and said she believes next season could be even new knowledge I received just this year, imbetter

"I was really proud and surprised," M'Pinda said. "I didn't know Benbrook like that, or how the program was. Walking into our first practice, I already knew it was going to be different, and I longed for something different.

"Honestly, I was pretty bummed out that our season ended earlier than it should have. But I kept telling myself after going home from our last game, 'This is just the beginning.' And I currently strive to avenge for the seniors who worked hard since their freshman year."

M'Pinda, who also competes in volleyball and track and field, said what she will remember the most from the 2023 season is the way the team came together and bonded



"Getting to know the coaches, meeting M'Pinda next season. new friends and receiving a new view on past season," M'Pinda said. "Seeing how much the team connected with each other defender and one of our top rebounders. I and made sure everyone, including those would like for her to build on those qualities "We could not have accomplished what that came up from JV, knew that we are all and focus on offense as another vital part of one. This includes me who came from a her game." completely different school.

> "They made sure that I knew how Coach was and what she can and can't put up with. Being told that I was a very coachable athlete and was able to fit in multiple different categories was great, whether it's posting up down low, shooting and passing when needed, or even bringing down the ball. Those memories live in my head forever and will never forgotten."

For 2024, M'Pinda said she would like

"My main objectives are to build off the proving in every domain, whether it's skills, court vision, strength or mindset," M'Pinda said. "And then, of course, winning the championship."

Lofton said she has a couple of goals for

"I would like Sharon to be a little bit basketball is what I admired the most this more selfish on the offensive end of the court," Lofton said. "She is our number one

#### **M'Pinda's Favorites**

Favorite Athlete: Logan Eggleston Favorite Sports Team: Los Angeles Lakers

Favorite Food: chicken wings Favorite Movie: "Ratatouille" Favorite Tv Show: Phineas and Ferb Last Book Read: "To Kill A Mockingbird" Favorite Musical Group: Coldplay





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## Suburban Newspapers, Inc. From Mary Isham Keith Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution **Mary Isham Keith Chapter DAR Awards Scholarships**



Mary Isham Keith Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated their Annual Awards Luncheon recently at Ridglea Country Club in Fort Worth.

An ROTC scholarship, the project of retiring chapter regent Diana Lussier, was presented to a graduating Fort Worth ISD JROTC student, Cadet Kayla Rojas, who will attend Prairie View A&M University to obtain an engineering degree.

Scholarships were presented to a TWU history student and four TCU nursing students.

Honorary Regents Joye Evetts and Welba Dorsey installed chapter officers for

2023-2025

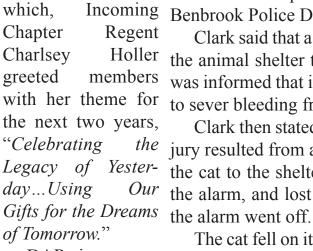




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# **Benbrook** Council

Action (continued from page 1)

"Every time it rains heavy, there's always a potential for flooding at Dutch Branch Park."

The contract would evaluate the existing drainage in Dutch Branch Park to identify practical improvements to reduce recuring disturbances to park infrastructure.

The project was approved by the City Council in the 2023 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program.

The contract was approved with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for the Dutch Branch Park Drainage Plan for \$102,500 unanimously.

Time was then allowed for informal citizen comments.

Resident Georgia Clark approached the podium and recounted an incident from May 28 where she reported an injured cat to the Incoming Benbrook Police Department.

Clark said that a few days later she called Holler the animal shelter the cat was taken to and was informed that it had to be put down due to sever bleeding from its ears and head.

Clark then stated she later learned the in*the* jury resulted from an officer who had taken the cat to the shelter, but forgot to turn off the alarm, and lost control of the cat when

The cat fell on it's head, severely injuring itself.

Clark began to speak about a protocol that was practiced by the Humane Society of North Texas, but was not able to finish due to the three-minute time constraint for for citizen comments.

Ward thanked Clark for her time and said the city council would read the rest of her presentation, as she provided it in written form for the council members.

Time was then allowed for council member and staff comments, and Renee Franklin congratulated the graduating classes for 2023 at Western Hills and Benbrook Middle-High School.

The meeting was then adjourned.



## Suburban Newspapers, Inc. Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt Benbrook Library Sponsors Trivia Night

A local eatery was jammed packed recently when the Benbrook Library hosted their monthly Trivia Night recently.

A diverse group of serious competitors came out to win prizes and to enjoy food, fun and fellowship.



Library staff **Sara Hooser** and **Cullen Dansby** hosted the occasion.

Pictured right: Geoffrey Edmiston, Leslie Aldridge, Michele Edmiston, Tracie Cox, J.J. Cox and Daran Aldridge are ready for a challenging evening.

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## From Fort Worth ISD Fort Worth ISD Offers Free Summer Food Program through June 29

Fort Worth ISD will offer free breakfasts and lunches to all children from Monday, June 5 through Thursday, June 29. Meals will be available Mondays through Thursdays.

The program is open to all children age 18 or younger who wish to receive a free meal and does not require enrollment in any summer program.

Serving dates and times for each campus may vary. For more information, please visit www.summerfood.org, text 304-304, or call the FWISD Child Nutrition Department at 817-814-3540 or 817-814-3500.

The free meals are available at the following school sites throughout the Fort Worth District:



Randy Muehe, Andrew Price and Jason Brucker participated at the event.



001 Carter-Riverside High School 002 Arlington Heights High School 003 South Hills High School 004 Diamond Hill-Jarvis High School 005 Dunbar High School 006 Eastern Hills High School 008 North Side High School 009 Polytechnic High School 010 Paschal High School 014 Southwest High School 015 Western Hills High School 016 Wyatt High School 071 Benbrook Middle - High School 081 Young Women's Leadership Academy 084 Young Men's Leadership Academy 042 Daggett Middle School 045 Forest Oak Middle School 048 William James Middle School 049 Kirkpatrick Middle School 052 Meadowbrook Middle School 051 Meacham Middle School 056 Riverside Middle School 057 Rosemont Middle School 058 Stripling Middle School 059 J Martin Jaquet Middle School 060 Wedgewood Middle School 061 Leonard Middle School 103 Benbrook Elementary 107 Burton Hill Elementary 110 Carroll Peak Elementary 114 Manuel Jara Elementary 115 George Clarke Elementary 117 Como Elementary 121 De Zavala Elementary 122 Diamond Hill Elementary 123 S.S. Dillow Elementary 124 Maude Logan Elementary 129 John T. White Elementary 130 Harlean Beal Elementary 132 Glen Park Elementary 137 Hubbard Heights Elementary 141 Meadowbrook Elementary 143 D. McRae Elementary 144 Mitchell Blvd. Elementary 146 M.H. Moore Elementary 153 A.M.Pate Elementary 154 Mary Louise Phillips Elementary 159 Versia Williams Elementary 160 Maudrie M. Walton Elementary 161 Sam Rosen Elementary 163 Bruce Shulkey Elementary 168 Springdale Elementary 175 Washington Heights Elementary 176 Waverly Park Elementary 186 David K. Sellars Elementary 187 J.T. Stevens Elementary 188 Atwood Mcdonald Elementary 206 Bill J. Elliott Elementary 208 T.A. Sims Elementary 209 Edward J. Briscoe Elementary 220 Alice D Contreras Elementary 222 Clifford Davis Elementary 226 Seminary Hills Park Elementary 227 Dolores Huerta Elementary

### Suburban Newspapers, Inc. From the Fort Worth Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol Great Start Program to Begin Aug. 7



The Fort Worth Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol will have another Great Start program for new members starting Aug. 7.

The Cadet Great Start program is a comprehensive introduction to Civil Air patrol for new cadets. It transforms a cohort of ordinary youth into cadet airmen in four weeks, while giving cadet NCOs and ofIn Civil Air Patrol, cadets focus on Emergency Services, Aerospace Education, Safety, Character Development, Leadership, and Fitness. As they learn about these areas, they advance through a series of achievement levels, earning honors and increased responsibilities along the way. Civil Air Patrol has been an integral start for many astronauts, pilots, engineers, and scientists. Home-schooled cadets can even earn high school credits for their work in the program.

If you are interested in Civil Air Patrol, visit the website at http://fortworthcap.org/ or find us on Google by searching Fort Worth Civil Air Patrol.

#### **About Fort Worth Civil Air Patrol**

Founded in 1941 and established as the official civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force seven years later, Civil Air Patrol is



chartered by Congress as a nonprofit organization for the purposes of youth development, aeroeducation, space and to promote general aviation. In an auxiliary role as a Total Force partner of the Air Force, CAP operates the world's largest fleet of single-engine aircraft for search and rescue, disaster relief, training, and education. Civil Air Patrol is dedicated to serving America's communities, saving lives, and shaping futures.

## From the FWGMC Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club to Meet June 27

The Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday. The next meeting is June 27 at 7 p.m. Meetings are always open to the public.

The purpose of this club is to delve into the study of geology, mineralogy, and the lapidary arts. We also strive to stimulate interest in the searching and collecting of minerals and fossils.

For more information or directions, visit the website at www.fortworthgemandmineralclub.org.



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### **Texas History Minute Teacher, Prohibition Advocate and Politician - Helen J. Stoddard**

by Dr. Ken Bridges



along.

Helen Stoddard, a force of nature unto herself, became a leader in the state with her efforts to defeat alcohol and promote women's equality.

Stoddard became an early professor and pursued a host of causes across Texas, including child welfare, women's education, food safety, prohibition of alcohol, and women's suffrage. Her stubborn mindset, coupled with a sharp intellect and fiery sermons galvanized legislators and public

opinion at the turn of the century. Along the way, Helen Stoddard became one of the co-founders of what is now Texas Woman's University and one of the first women to run for Congress.

Helen M. Gerrels was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, off Lake Michigan, in 1850. Church was an important part of her early life. She was a bright and exceptional child and attended Ripon College, a church-based college preparatory institution as a young woman.

She enrolled at Genesee Wesleyan Seminary in New York and excelled at her studies. She graduated from the seminary as head of her class in 1873. It was there that she met her future husband, S. B. Stoddard, and the two married shortly after graduation and moved to Nebraska. They soon had two sons, but their happiness soon dissipated. One son died in infancy, and her husband's health collapsed. The family moved to Florida, believing the warm climate would save his failing health. However, his condition deteriorated, and he died in 1878.

Her parents had moved to Hamilton County, Texas, in 1877, and with a young son to raise, Stoddard moved to Texas to join them. She began teaching school and soon set up a Sunday School in Indian Gap. In 1885, Stoddard began teaching at the now-defunct Fort Worth University, a college associated with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

She soon became interested in the prohibition movement, convinced of the serious harm that alcohol did to families and marriages through health issues, financial ruin, and violence in the home.

She was elected president of the Texas Women's Christian Temperance Union in 1891 and took on the cause of combating alcohol fulltime. She went across the state recruiting members and speaking to different organizations. She successfully lobbied legislators to pass a slew of laws aimed at protecting children and public health in the 1890s, including laws mandating that public school students be taught the dangers of alcohol, banning over-the-counter sales of cocaine, restricting mail delivery of alcohol to dry counties, banning child labor in factories, raising the age of consent for girls from 12 to 15, and banning the sale of cigarettes to children under 16.

Stoddard also lobbied for the opening of a state women's college.

Change often came slowly to In 1901, the legislature agreed to create the Girls' Industrial College the South, but it often arrived with though there had been great opposition to college education for women. a whirlwind of effort pushing it Stoddard was named to the board of regents, the first woman in Texas to serve on the governing body of any Texas state college. The board selected Denton as the site of the new college, which opened in 1903. Stoddard continued to serve as the college changed its name to the College of Industrial Arts (it became Texas Women's University in 1957). At the college's dedication, Stoddard noted, "Economic independence will allow them to build their lives upon intelligent choice."

She also became an advocate for giving women the right to vote, believing it would help the cause of women's education and the fight against alcohol. The strain of her schedule overwhelmed her, causing a series of health problems. She stepped down from her roles with the WCTU and the college board in 1907. She moved to California to be near her son and his wife.

## From the City of Benbrook Vendors Wanted for Benbrook Heritage Fest 2023

Benbrook is saddling up to host Heritage Fest on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Dutch Branch Park. This year's event will be packed full of family-friendly fun entertainment, music performances, food, artisan vendors, a pumpkin patch, and much more! Process

1. Submit your application and make payment. Applications are not considered complete until payment has been received by Heritage Fest Management.

2. This is a juried event. Applications will be reviewed starting June 30. Those who submitted their applications on or before June 30 will be notified of their acceptance by July 7. After June 30, applications will be reviewed weekly, and vendors will be notified 10 business days after application is turned in. If you aren't selected, you will be refunded your entire application fee in a timely manner. Heritage Fest Management reserves the right to limit the number of vendors with similar type products. This is to help all vendors succeed.

3. Booth spaces will be assigned beginning July 31. You will receive confirmation and further direction once your booth space has been assigned.

Please note that we do not offer booths for political groups/organizations, political candidates, or religious groups/organizations at Heritage Fest. In addition, Heritage Fest Management, at their sole discretion, may turn down any vendor application reserving the right to limit the type of vendors, the number of similar vendors, and the specific product(s) displayed and/or sold at a vendor's booth.

Your application will be considered complete once payment has been received. To pay by credit card, call: 817-249-6990. To pay by check, mail to: City of Benbrook, ATTN: Heritage Fest Management, 911 Winscott Rd., Benbrook, TX 76126.

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## Friday, June 9:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 96. Calm wind becoming south around 5mph in the morning. **PM** - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. Southeast wind 5 to 10mph.



## Saturday, June 10:

**AM** - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**PM** - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.



## Sunday, June 11:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 96. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. **PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 72.

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