

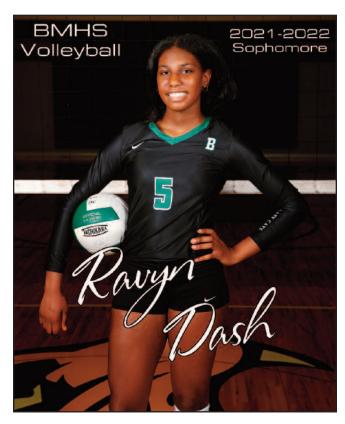
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From the Sports Desk with John English

# Player Feature: BMHS Volleyball District MVP - Ravyn Dash



volleyball team to a district championship can accomplish this coming season. this past season, and it is no wonder why.

solo blocks, 61 digs and 11 assists in district competition en route to being selected as the 8-4A Most Valuable Player.

Coach Frances Davies said Dash really stepped up for the Lady Cats in a big way this past season.

a strong presence on court," Davies said. 2022-2023. "She's an all-around player that we benefit pulls back-to-back titles."

Ravyn Dash helped lead the Benbrook said she is optimistic about what her team

"I'm excited for new underclassmen Dash finished with 113 kills, 32 aces, 11 and to really see their skill set as well as seeing how they mesh with us," Dash said.

The Benbrook junior said she is proud of what her team accomplished this past season in terms of winning a district championship and winning a tournament championship during the non-district schedule, "Ravyn is a pretty dynamic athlete with and said she has a couple of objectives for

"Personally, I'd like to capture the from in each match. Her title of District District MVP title again as well as pull my MVP was well earned and I'm hoping she passing up to a 2.5+ per game," Dash said. "As a team, I really want us to at least go The junior outside hitter/middle blocker second round in playoffs and beat Kennedale, Paschal, and Arlington Heights."

> Dash said for the Lady Cats to capture another playoff (continued on page 5)



# FWISD To Offer Free Sports Physical Exams for the New School Year

dents! Are you thinking about playing period. But, don't worry, the District and performed without the completed forms. JPS are offering free comprehensive sports students Saturday, May 21, at 8 a.m.

es, students will be transported by bus to Conditioning and Sport Skills program. and from the Wilkerson-Greines Activity ticipate in UIL interscholastic athletics. For 815-7300. the safety of all students, no drop-offs or

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- 008 Northside High School
- 014 Southwest High School
- 015 Western Hills High School
- 044 J.P Elder Middle School
- 051 W A Meacham Middle School
- 054 Morningside Middle School
- 057 Rosemont Middle School
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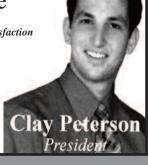
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destination for all things related to FWISD. fo@fwisd.org. From information on early childhood education, highlights of our Gold Seal Programs of Choice, and stellar online reg-

From the City of Benbrook

# Touch-A-Truck Event May 23

Event is back!

Please join us for this family-friendly

The event will be held in the parking lot dees will get free In-N-Out food.

There will be fire engines, garbage trucks, police cars, and more!

Calling all families of new and return- istration support – we've got you covered. ing Fort Worth ISD students! Do you need And because this is a family friendly event, registration assistance? Maybe you still we definitely have a super plan for the have a few unanswered enrollment ques- kids. We'll keep them entertained with fun

We almost forgot! As an added bonus, Beat the heat and join us Friday, May each completed online registration applica-20, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Fort Worth ISD tion will earn students a free backpack and

For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, contact us through This event promises to be your one-stop the Let's Talk app or via email at parentin-

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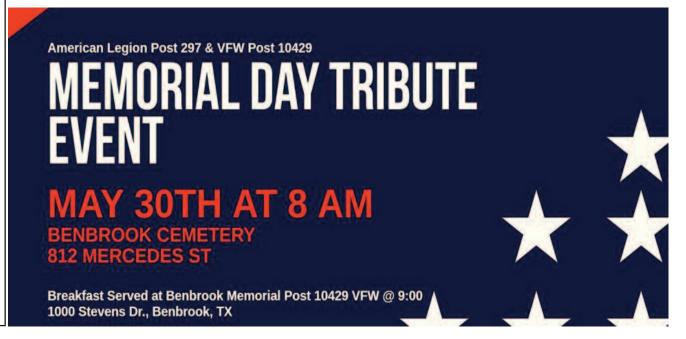
# **Tennis Courts to Close for** Resurfacing

The lower tennis courts at Dutch Branch Park will be closed for resurfacing The City of Benbrook's Touch-A-Truck maintenance starting Tuesday, May 24 through Friday, May 27.

These courts are expected to be event Monday, May 23 from 5:30 to 7:30 reopened Monday, May 30, weather permitting.

The upper courts at Dutch Branch Park of Dutch Branch Park. The first 400 atten- and the court at Timbercreek Park will remain open for use.

> For questions or more information, call 817-249-6063.



# Sports Desk (continued from page 1) ————

she becomes eligible to do so this summer.

her part time job.

ally funny because the customers will call me Dash and remember matches are not as competitive." me from volleyball and me hitting. My favorite snow cone is the grim reaper-super sour!"

Davies said she will look to Dash to provide leadership to the younger players next season.

# REE SPOR

Comprehensive UIL physicals will be provided at NO CHARGE to all FWISD students athletes entering grades 7-12 for the 2022-2023 school year.

Students will be bussed from campus to WGAC for their school's designated time slot, and will return to campus when their group is finished. There will be no drop offs/pick ups at the event.

All participating students MUST HAVE a completed MEDICAL HISTORY form that has been signed by their parent/guardian. A physical will not be done without this form. Specific forms will be available from all coaches

and the WH athletic training staff.

Students should make sure to wear/bring their glasses or contacts and wear comfortable athletic clothes with close toed shoes that they can move in.

May 21st, 2022

Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center

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spot in 2022 will require "playing our game and staying focused," tions," Dash said. "She's one of those athletes that thrives in presand said she does plan to start looking at playing in college when sure, making her a great option in the tight moments. I know her teammates also are confident that if she's taking a ball in a clutch When she is not playing volleyball, Dash is usually working at situation, she's going to take care and handle business. Our goals for next year are really going to be pushing her stats and drive. I "I make shaved snowballs at Pelicans," Dash said. "It's actu- want her to play at a top level and push herself even when the

> This off-season, Davies said she expects Dash to focus on a couple different elements of her game.

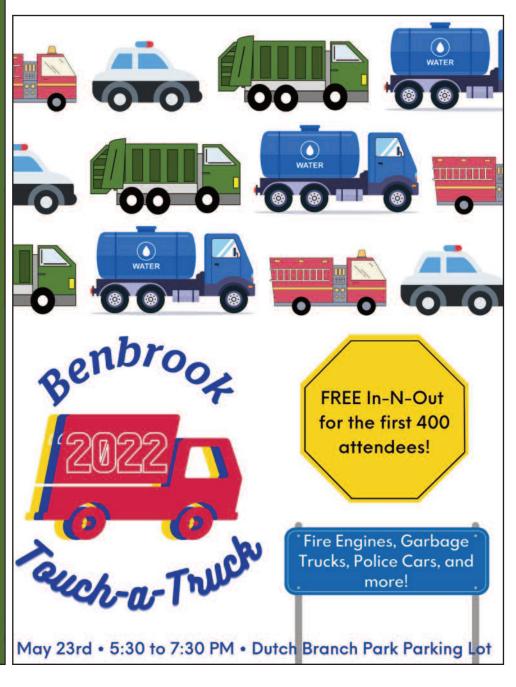
"She's been really focused on her serve/receive and that's what our main focus is," Davies said. "While she's strong across the "We'll probably rely on her quite a bit in the pressure situa- board, this is one of her focus points for off-season and the coming season."

#### Dash's Favorites

Favorite Athlete: Tara Davis Favorite Sports Team: UNC Men's Basketball Favorite Food: Sushi Favorite Movie: "The Good Dinosaur"

Favorite TV Show: The Vampire Diaries Favorite Subject: ELA

Favorite Musical Group or performer: Drake



# Country Music Star and Actor - Tex Ritter by Dr. Ken Bridges

as it was becoming known nationwide. He became a beloved charac- began to change, and only two of his singles for the rest of the decade ter in dozens of appearances in movies, radio, and TV and released cracked the Top 40, most notably "Just Beyond the Moon" in 1967. dozens of hit songs.

family's farm near Murvaul in Panola County, just a few miles from Johnny Cash Show. He also began working as a disk jockey on the Louisiana state line. When he was still young, the family moved Nashville radio stations. to Beaumont where he attend school.

He excelled in political science and economics courses.

He began touring with a musical group around the country by the never discovered who the father was." mid-1920s. He briefly enrolled at Northwestern University Law School in Illinois before turning to a career in music. By 1928, he had appearances on various TV and radio programs. His last film appeara regular program on Houston's KPRC radio. The show's success ance was in the 1973 Sing a Country Song. inspired him to move to New York City, where he performed on charm and gentle humor won him many fans over his long career.

In 1936, he was signed to a contract by Grand National Pictures the singing cowboy along the dusty trails of the Old West. He played TV and in movies. a character named "Tex" in every one of his movies until 1942 and most of his films afterward until 1950. He would continue to make \$2,400 per picture until Grand National folded in 1939. Ritter performed in more than two dozen movies between 1936 and 1940.

He performed the title song for his 1942 film Deep in the Heart of Texas. Gene Autry, himself a famous Texas singer, also recorded a popular version of the song that year. In fact, five different versions of "Deep in the Heart of Texas" by different singers appeared on the country charts in 1942.

Ritter met his wife Dorothy Fay, an actress, while making some of his early films. His wife would appear in 18 westerns between 1938 and 1941, sometimes appearing with him. The couple would have two sons, Tom, born in 1947, and John, born in 1948, who would become a popular sitcom star by the 1970s.

During World War II, he continued to be a popular performer. He continued to appear in movies and on radio. In 1944 and 1945, he released some of the most popular songs in the country, including "I'm Wasting My Tears on You," "Jealous Heart," and "You Two-Timed Me One Time Too Often." His songs continued to be chart-toppers well into the 1950s.

In 1951, he sang the lead song for the classic Gary Cooper western High Noon. The song itself, "High Noon" or "Don't Forsake Me" peaked at number 12 on the country charts. Ritter was invited to sing the now-famous title track for the first televised Academy Awards ceremony in 1952, where he won an Oscar for Best Song.

Ritter had another Top Five hit with "I Dreamed of a Hill-Billy Heaven" in 1961. He was inducted into the Country Music Hall of

Tex Ritter became one of country music's most famous stars just Fame in Nashville in 1964. By the 1960s, trends in country music Nevertheless, his love of music continued; and he performed regular-He was born Woodward Maurice Ritter in January 1905 on his ly on TV programs, including *The Porter Wagoner Show* and *The* 

In 1970, he jumped into politics. He ran for the U. S. Senate in Along the way, music became an important part of his life. He Tennessee. However, he lost the primary by a wide margin. Some was an exceptional student, graduating with honors. He enrolled at time after his ill-fated Senate run, he was asked on The Dick Cavett the University of Texas in 1922 with the aim of becoming a lawyer. Show if the nickname "Tex" cost him the election in Tennessee. Ritter quipped, "Well, Tennessee is the mother of Texas. We have

Ritter would record four more albums in the early 1970s and make

While visiting friends in Nashville over the New Years holiday, he Broadway. He began singing and acting on radio stations on the East suffered a massive heart attack and died on Jan. 2, 1974, just a few Coast by the early 1930s, including popular children's programs. His days shy of his 69th birthday. His body was returned to Texas and was buried in Port Neches.

Ritter still had many fans after his passing and was awarded a star and moved to California. He appeared as "Tex" in the 1936 low-bud- on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and was among the first inductees get western Song of the Gringo. He was paid \$2,400 for his role or in 1998 into the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame in Carthage, only more than \$50,000 in modern dollars. His roles were usually one of a few miles from his birthplace. His songs continue to be featured on



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# Three Day Weekend Forecast



## Friday, May 20:

<u>AM</u> - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Sunny and hot; high near 99. South wind 15-20mph, with gusts as high as 25mph.

**PM** - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy; low around 67. S/SE wind 5-15mph, with gusts as high as 20mph.



## Saturday, May 21:

<u>AM</u> - Partly sunny; high near 85. N/NE wind 5-15mph.

**PM** - Partly cloudy; low around 59. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20mph.



## Sunday, May 22:

**AM** - Mostly sunny; high near 80.

**PM** - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy; low around 63.

## **Extended Forecast Click Here**