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From Benbrook Middle High School

# Benbrook MHS Junior Named Western Hills High School Gold Seal Medalist at Visual **Arts Scholastic Event**





For the first time in Benbrook Middle High School history a student has won at State for Art.

Junior Sophia Jones won State for Division 3 and was also honored with the coveted Gold Seal title (out of the 32,000 students who competed in the Visual Arts Scholastic Event UIL competition, her entry was one of the top 150 pieces).

Jones was one of five students from FWISD to win State (students are entered in different categories and division levels). Her art will be traveling the Across the state of Texas on display for others to see.

#### From Western Hills High School

# Students Recognized at Fort Worth City Council Meeting



Aaron Martin, Keyon Butler and RJ Moilan were honored at the Fort Worth City Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 25 with a beautiful plaque. They were recognized for their academics and athleticism as representatives of Western Hills High School and the Las Vegas Trail Community.

They met with Mayor Mattie Parker, Councilmember Michael D. Crain, and Corporal Dan Graves (USMC), a World War II Veteran and a survivor of Iwo Jima.

Next year, they will all attend and play football for the University of Central Missouri. The connections and memories they have created in high school will continue into the next phase of their lives.

From Fort Worth ISD

# FWISD 2023 Graduation Dates Announced

The Benbrook Middle-High School graduation ceremony will be held on Friday, June 2 at 4 p.m. and the Western Hills High School graduation ceremony will be held on at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 3 at Dickies Arena, located at 1911 Montgomery St. in Fort Worth.

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From the Sports Desk with John English

# Benbrook Bobcat Baseball Takes on Hillsboro Eagles **Tomorrow**

In their warm up game against Graham on Saturday, the Benbrook baseball boys picked up the win by a score of 7-3 to finish the regular season on a high note in preparation for their bi-district round opponent Hillsboro this week.

"The team played really good defense as we had zero errors against a traditional playoff team year-in and year-out," coach Justin Chavez said.

There was one aspect of the Bobcat's game that Chavez said looked especially good.

"Our pitching staff pitched really well," Chavez said. "We gave up a couple of runs late, but overall they (Maveric Mills with 1 earned run, Ethan Waters with 5ks, Ethan Smith with 0 earned runs) were dominant on the mound."

Offensively, Giulianno Martinez had two doubles while Jaeden Powell, Kade Cross, Fabian Ortega, Tyler Madara, and Ethan Water all had an RBI in the game.

Benbrook starts the playoffs this week and Chavez said he anticipates a tough series.

"We open with Hillsboro," Chavez said. "They have a talented pitcher and he sits 90-91 off the mound so we have to be ready to attack the fastball and compete at the plate. If we put the ball in play we will have a good chance to win the series. I like our chance with our pitching staff against theirs."

Game one is tomorrow at 7 p.m. and game two is Saturday at 1 p.m., with game three if needed 30 minutes after game two.

All games will be played at Crowley High School.

In softball, the Benbrook girls came up short in their bi-district round game against Alvarado, losing by a score of 10-5.

Over at Western Hills, the Cougars lost (continued on page 4)

From Crescent City Academy

# **Crescent City Academy of** White Settlement Now Open

Trina Hosannah is a wife, mother of five and a grandmother of one. She has been an on developmental milestones through cre-Early Childhood Educator for more than 20 years, providing quality childcare for children ages six weeks to 12 years.

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# FWDP Monthly Meeting May 15

The Fort Worth Decorative Painters next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, May 15 at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center, 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd in Fort Worth. Beth Stodieck will instruct a Harvest Blessing project.

For more information contact Suzane at 817-269-2821 or visit the website at www.fwdecorativepainters.com.

From the City of Benbrook

# Touch-A-Truck May 22

Join us at the Benbrook YMCA parking lot May 22, for Benbrook's Touch-A-Truck from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Attendees can interact and explore a variety of service vehicles and meet the people who protect and serve the Benbrook community. This free event is great for kids of all ages!

Tractor, Ladder Truck, Fire Engine, and more. In-N-Out Burger will be on-site serving meals to the first 400 attendees. Donations for meals are appreciated.

For more information, call 817-249-6008.





From the Fort Worth Decorative Painters Suburban Newspapers, Inc. Reader Submission

# **Amelia Earhart Award Presented to Local Resident**



Cadet Captain Jeffrey Wood of the Civil Air Patrol's Tx-388 Phoenix Composite Squadron was presented with the Amelia Earhart Award at a CAP meeting on March There will be an Ambulance, Patrol Car, 27 held at the Fort Worth Aviation Museum.

Achievement of this award requires successful completion of extensive leadership and aerospace exams, a rigorous physical fitness test and demonstration of leadership abilities including principles of officer-ship and the responsibilities of command. Approximately five percent of cadets nationwide earn the Amelia Earhart Award.

Making the presentation were squadron commander, Captain Roman Vitanza, and retired Air Force Colonel Ken Bachelor.

After the presentation, Colonel Bachelor spoke to the cadets about his service in the Air Force and encouraged them to always

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Cadet Wood serves as the Phoenix Squadron's Cadet Deputy Commander of Operations. He also serves as Vice-Chair on the CAP Group VI Cadet Advisory Council where cadets work with Senior members to improve aspects of the Cadet Program.

Wood attended White Settlement Fine Arts Academy from kindergarten through sixth grade before transferring to High Point Academy where he is currently a senior. After graduating this spring, his plan is to enlist in the U.S. Air Force and train in Aircraft Maintenance.

The Civil Air Patrol, the official civilian auxiliary of the Air Force, was established over 70 years ago with a three-pronged mission, to conduct search-and-rescue and disaster-relief operations, provide aerospace education to youth and the general public and operate a cadet program for teens 12 to 18 years old.

The Phoenix Composite Squadron meets weekly on Monday evenings 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Fort Worth Aviation Museum located at 3300 Ross Avenue, Fort Worth, 76106.





# Sports Desk

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two straight games in a series against Venus in the bi-district round of the playoffs this past weekend.

In track and field. Aaron Martin finished third in the 100 meter dash with a time of 10.73 at the regional meet this past weekend.

Trishtan Willis finished seventh in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 15.61, while teammate Keyon Butler was eighth with a time of 15.94.

Over at Benbrook, Justin Frater finished college: fourth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 10.90 and teammate Anthony Johnson fin-39-05.00.

On the girl's side, Benbrook's Jayla Davila finished fourth in the 400 meter event with a time of 59.02.

Carley Couch finished 14th in the 800 meter event with a time of 2:32.84, 13th in the 1600 meters with a time of 5:44.81 and seventh in the 3200 meter finals with a time of 12:07.93.

Teammate Isabella Aranda finished 15th in the 3,200 meters with a time of 13:04.38.

Breezy Butler finished eighth in the 100 Apply early and often meter hurdles for Benbrook.

for fifth at region in the shot put with a toss of 35-01.00

> **4PAWS Pet Adoptions** at the **Benbrook Animal Shelter -**@ 469 Winscott Rd. **Fridays & Saturdays:** 10am-2pm Sundays: 11am-3pm



From StatePoint

# Top Tips to Win a College Scholarship

year. From merit-based to artistic-focused, process with confidence," Vaughn explains. there are a variety of awards available.

Trinity, Florida, knows how to successfully crease your chances of securing funds for secure a college scholarship. After winning school. the \$10,000 dress grand prize in Duck Leverage your creative side brand's Stuck at Prom Scholarship Contest increase students' odds of earning funds for

#### Research, research

you. Scholarships.com, FastWeb and fit for her. Bold.org are resources to help narrow down dents to leverage social media.

In addition to researching national opportunities, check in with your school counselor and teachers to learn about any local or regional scholarships that are offered through the school or other nearby organizations.

Over at Western Hills, Abby Moilan tied searching for scholarships during the year, but some awards are open to teens as Prom early on in high school gave her an selected as a finalist her sophomore year, ating a piece of art or writing an essay. Vaughn submitted for the contest again as a grand prize.

"When I began working on my entry in

More than half of American families 2022, I already knew how to construct the used scholarships to pay for college last dress from Duck Tape, so I went into the

If you have the time and energy, she sug-High school senior Grace Vaughn of gests applying for multiple awards to in-

Not all programs are focused on academin 2022, Vaughn is sharing helpful tips to ics and athletics, so flex your creative side to win scholarships that will reward artistic abilities in drawing, painting, music and more. Beginning at an early age, Vaughn ex-Search databases and websites to dis-celled at visual arts and design, which is ished 14th in the triple jump with a result of cover award options that may be new to how she knew Stuck at Prom was a perfect

> "Creative awards programs are a good opportunities that match your interests and outlet for students to show off their talents unique talents. Vaughn also encourages stu- outside of typical schoolwork," Vaughn says. "Even if you aren't crafty, scholarship applications could be a chance for you to try something new."

#### Make scholarships a priority

Vaughn spent 143 hours crafting her prom dress made from Duck Tape to enter Stuck at Prom.

While not all scholarship program sub-Federal Student Aid recommends missions will take 143 hours or require making Duck Tape attire, Vaughn says it's summer between your junior and senior important to block off areas on your calendar so you can balance busy school schedyoung as 14. Vaughn says entering Stuck at ules and extracurricular activities along with applications—ensuring there's enough time edge on the competition. When she wasn't to work on a polished entry, whether it's cre-

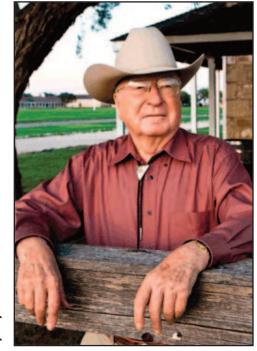
While applying for scholarships is time junior and went on to win the \$10,000 dress consuming, it can make a huge impact when it comes to paying for college.



## Award Winning Author, Elmer Kelton by Dr. Ken Bridges

As many writers have noted, writing is the painting of a picture in another person's mind using only words. The magnificent scenery of Texas has inspired many artists and writers through the years, and the backdrop of overwhelming beauty and sometimes larger-than-life characters has often been the spark needed for a great story.

Elmer Kelton, a son of the dusty plains of West Texas, wove these elements into famous, award-winning tales of the Old West and became one of



the most famous novelists in the nation.

Elmer Kelton was born in a ranch camp in eastern Andrews County simply called Horse Camp on the Five Wells Ranch in 1926. His father, Robert W. "Buck" Kelton, was a ranch hand, a man respected for his work ethic as he tried to scratch out a living for his family.

In 1929, the family moved to the small town of Crane, not far from Midland, when he father got a job with the McElroy Ranch. Sometimes the younger Kelton would work alongside his father when he was not in school. In 1942, he graduated from Crane High School.

Because he was barely 16 when he graduated in the midst of World War II, he could not enlist in the army like so many young men of the time were doing. Instead, he attended the University of Texas for a couple of years while studying journalism. After his eighteenth birthday in 1944, he enlisted in the army, serving in the infantry in Europe. Once his tour of duty ended in 1946, he returned to Austin and graduated from the university with his journalism degree in 1948.

He quickly found a job as the farm and ranch editor for the San Angelo Standard-Times. He was a popular writer and enjoyed his work. Along the way, he started writing novels about the Old West. His first, Hot Iron, was published in 1956. In 1957, Buffalo Wagons won a Spur Award from the Western Writers of America.

He produced new books at a rapid rate. Kelton even wrote for two popular television westerns. In 1958, he wrote an episode for the program Colt .45 and wrote a 1960 episode of Maverick starring James Garner.

In 1963, he became editor of *Sheep and Goat Raiser Magazine*, a position he held until 1968. Continuing to write novels on the side, he then became editor of *Livestock Weekly*. He would soon publish two more widely-acclaimed novels, "*The Day the Cowboys Quit*" (1971) and "*The Time It Never Rained*" (1973). In 1977, though his writing career had yet to reach its peak, he earned the

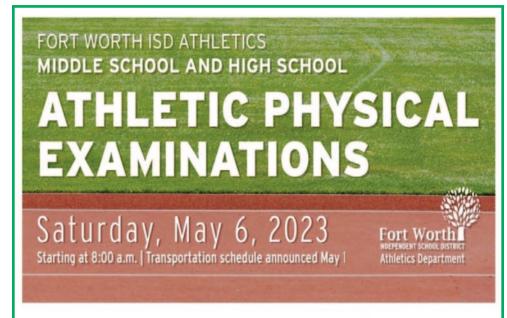
Owen Wister Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Western Writers of America.

In 1979, "The Good Old Boys" was published. The novel centered on a middle-aged cowboy struggling with raising his family while pining for the adventure of life on the frontier. The book was made into television movie in 1995 and featured Tommy Lee Jones, Sam Shepard, and Sissy Spacek.

Though he steadily achieved fame for his novels, he continued to work for *Livestock Weekly* until 1990. His next-to-last novel, "*Many A River*", was published in 2009. Kelton earned his eighth Spur Award for the work.

He worked until the end. Kelton died quietly at his home in San Angelo in 2009 at the age of 83. He had just completed his sixty-second book, "*Texas Standoff*", which was released after his death. He was celebrated for his many achievements as a writer.

Today, years after his passing, his novels still have many fans.



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# Three Day Weekend Forecast



## Friday, May 5:

<u>AM</u> - Mostly sunny; high near 94. S/SW wind around 15mph, with gusts as high as 25mph. <u>PM</u> - Partly cloudy; low around 68. S wind 15-20mph, with gusts as high as 25mph.



### Saturday, May 6:

<u>AM</u> - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Mostly sunny; high near 91. S/SW wind 10-15mph, with gusts as high as 20mph.

**PM** - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy; low around 69. S/SE wind around 15mph, with gusts as high as 25mph.



## Sunday, May 7:

**AM** - A 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1pm. Mostly cloudy; high near 87. S wind around 15mph, with gusts as high as 25mph.

PM - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Partly cloudy; low around 68.

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