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From the Sports Desk with John English

Bobcats to Take on Porcupines; Cougars to Face Eagles

As the post-season is set to get underway this week, the Benbrook baseball team is hoping to make another deep playoff run and potentially a shot at a state title.

The Bobcats reached the regional quarterfinals last season before losing to Argyle, and coach Justin Chavez said that expectations heading into the playoffs in 2022 are high.

“Well, it’s a little different this year,” Chavez said. “We are a different team, but we have the same goals. We do not have the hard-throwing right handers that we had the last three years, but we have guys that are efficient and can still get the job done. Our goal is to always try to get to the state tournament, and that will never change.”

Benbrook will open the playoffs with Springtown on Friday night at 7 p.m., with game two on Saturday at 1 p.m. and game three 30 minutes after the completion of game two if needed.

The Bobcats defeated Bridgeport in the opening round of the playoffs in 2021 and beat Iowa Park at area, and Chavez said that although the ultimate goal is to reach state this season, last year is still fresh on his player's minds.

“The team wants to get back to round three and get another shot at Argyle,” Chavez said. “However, Springtown is really good, and if we do not play well they can beat us. They have good pitching and hit the ball extremely well. It will definitely be a battle to get past Springtown.”

The Western Hills boys baseball team has also qualified for the post-season, following a series sweep of Eastern Hills in its final two games of the regular season.

The Cougars will open the playoffs with Argyle at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow night at Eagle Field in Argyle.

The Benbrook softball team came up a little short in its bi-district game with Springtown, losing by a scores of 14-8 and 12-2 to bring its season to an end.

Over at Western Hills, the Lady Cougars lost in their opening round series against Decatur as well.

From the City of Benbrook

Benbrook Business & Community Showcase Tonight

The Benbrook Economic Development Corporation (BEDC), and the Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) will hold the Benbrook Business & Community Showcase (BBCS) at HighRidge Church, 10100 Rolling Hills Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76126, on Thursday, May 5 from 4 to 8 p.m., and will feature food samples, raffles, prizes, and exhibits.

For more information, contact Cynthia Williams at 817-249-6090 or email cwilliams@benbrook-tx.gov.

From the City of Benbrook

City Council Meeting Tonight

The Benbrook City Council meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (with a pre-meeting work session at 7 p.m.) in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 911 Winscott Road in Benbrook, 76126.

The May 5 agenda is available to view [here](#).

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From the City of Benbrook

Dr. Jerry Dittrich Park Dedication Saturday

The City of Benbrook invites the public to attend the Dr. Jerry Dittrich Park dedication on Saturday, May 7 at 10 a.m.

This dedication is to honor the former Mayor's many years of service to the Benbrook community.

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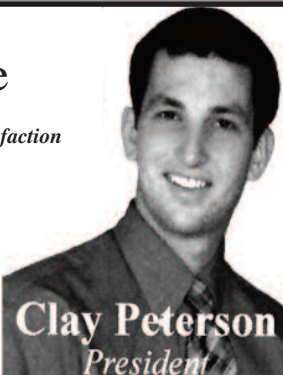
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Animal Control Questions Answered

1. How do I contact Benbrook Animal Control? The Benbrook Police Department dispatches for Animal Control at 817-249-1610. Police Dispatch is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

2. Where is the Benbrook Animal Shelter? What are their hours? The Benbrook Animal Shelter is located at 469 Winscott Road and operates from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Because the animal control officer is also responsible for patrolling the city, and may not always be available at the shelter, call Police Dispatch at 817-249-1610 to make an appointment to visit the shelter.

3. Does the city require pet registration? Yes, each pet is required to be registered annually. Registration can be completed at Benbrook City Hall, 911 Winscott Road, Benbrook.

4. I found an animal in my neighborhood, what should I do? Call 817-249-1610 to request

a stray animal pickup.

5. What can I do about a barking dog nuisance? Call 817-249-1610 to report barking dogs.

6. Does Benbrook have a leash law? Yes, animals (other than cats) are not allowed to run at large. Call 817-249-1610 to report loose animals.

7. I can't keep my dog/cat any longer. What can I do? Residents can relinquish ownership of their animals to the city for a fee of \$20 per animal. Call 817-249-1610 to make arrangements.

8. I have a problem animal coming in my yard, what can I do? Animal Control can loan a live trap to Benbrook residents who experience nuisance animals on their property.



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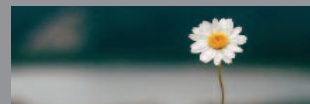
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Pictured are: Elikya Mapendano, Nela Sabas, Tiffany GideonBils, Mike Lutrell, Cathy Bridges Veach, Patty Pressley, Mark Dinkins, RJ Moilan, Stephanie Spencer and Angel Ortiz.

The Western Hills High School Class of 1971 held their 50th Reunion last fall. The class committee discussed taking in donations to help the Cougar Pride Foundation with its work helping sustain the current students at WHHS. They made phone calls and asked classmates to bring donations to the reunion.

On April 12, four members of the committee, Mike Lutrell, Mark Dinkins, Stephanie Spencer and Cathy Bridges Veach visited WHHS to present a \$8300 check to WHHS Cougar Pride Foundation Executive Director Patty Pressley and Volunteer Tiffany Gideon Bils. Other 1971 Committee members not in attendance were Ouida Atchison Vian, Patti Gehringer Nicholson, Leta Raught Overton and Kay Sanders.

Some of the current students had the opportunity to meet these alumni.

The funds will be put to good use next Fall with the addition of a laundry room for the students.

From Tarrant County

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Tarrant County United Way is one of the Area Information Centers that make up the 2-1-1 Texas network now serving all Texas counties. 2-1-1 Texas is a program of United Way in collaboration with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

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From Friendship Force Fort Worth

Friendship Force

Friendship Force International was founded by Rev. Wayne Smith and unveiled on March 1, 1977, by President Jimmy Carter and Rev. Smith at a White House gathering of state governors. First Lady Rosalynn Carter served as Honorary Chairperson until 2002.

On July 4, 1977, the first exchange took place; it involved 762 members that traveled between Atlanta, Georgia, USA and Newcastle Upon Tyne, England. The English group later returned the favor and sent a group to visit the families in Georgia that had been in the original exchange.

It was thought that with smaller groups it would be easier to arrange visits and a program was developed to recruit clubs around the world. Today there are clubs in 47 countries on six continents, with over 100 in the US.

Friendship Force Fort Worth is part of the worldwide movement to promote friendships on a global basis and was chartered on Feb. 1, 1986. Since then the Fort Worth club has welcomed 29 clubs from 14 countries and have made 20 visits by club members to FF clubs in 14 countries.

In addition to the visits from/to other friendship clubs, Friendship Force Fort Worth has a year-round schedule of events for the members. These include monthly ethnic dinners at local restaurants and special programs with guest speakers on various topics.

During the year, trips in Texas or nearby states are scheduled for members that wish to just get away to relax and enjoy the companionship of fellow club members.

For more information about Friendship Force Fort Worth, visit the website at FFFW.org or email Membership@fffw.org for a direct contact with a member.



From the City of Benbrook

City of Benbrook's TextMyBenbrook Messaging Service

The City of Benbrook has made it easier than ever to engage with citizens when it launched the TextMyBenbrook messaging service. Residents can report non-emergency concerns such as potholes, code violations, or missed garbage pickups by sending a text with a photo and location description to TextMyBenbrook at 817-443-6249. Residents can report their concerns to TextMyBenbrook 24/7; however, text messages will be processed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Rice University's First President - Edgar Lovett *by Dr. Ken Bridges*



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Edgar Odell Lovett was born in 1871 in a small town in central Ohio. As he grew up, he had a solid education and steadily moved up the academic ladder. He received a degree from Bethany College in West Virginia in 1890 at the age of 19. From there, he moved into graduate studies. To help pay for graduate school, he taught at West Kentucky College. He graduated with a doctorate from the University of Virginia in 1895.

Enchanted by mathematics, he went to Germany and studied at the University of Leipzig, earning a second doctorate in 1896. He returned to the US, and steadily moved from one institution to another as an instruc-

tor, including such prestigious institutions as the University of Chicago and Johns Hopkins University. He married in 1897, and the couple eventually had four children. In 1898, he was hired as a math professor at Princeton University. Eventually, he became chairman of the Department of Mathematics and Astronomy.

The family suffered a devastating loss in 1906 with the death of an infant daughter. In the meantime, a nationwide search was underway for the inaugural president for the new Rice Institute. Woodrow Wilson, the future President of the United States and the president of Princeton University from 1902 to 1910, recommended his old friend Lovett to the search committee.

Impressed by Lovett's credentials and Wilson's recommendation, the search committee extended an offer. Looking for a way for the family to start over, he accepted, and the family moved to Houston. Lovett assumed his new position in 1907.

Lovett faced a great challenge. He was president of a college that did not yet exist. He had to start from scratch. Businessman and benefactor William Marsh Rice had left a large fortune to start the college, but there was not yet even a location or a building for it. Lovett toured dozens of universities around the world to try to model the new institution.

He worked with architects on several building designs and plans for the future campus. He was determined that the new college would maintain the highest standards in education. With a location set, construction on the main administration building began in 1911. He set about hiring 10 professors in preparation for the opening. The ornate administration building was completed in fall 1912. A total of 77 students enrolled, including women, all of whom attended tuition-free thanks to the generous terms of the Rice endowment. The school was officially dedicated on Sept. 23, 1912.

The co-educational status was unusual for the time, but Lovett made sure that the men's and women's dorms would be across campus from each other. Athletics were a

tradition Lovett established immediately while he chose the blue and gray team colors. Students quickly adopted the owl as the mascot. At the first graduation ceremonies in 1916, some 36 students graduated, including one with a masters degree.

Elaborate plans for new buildings were developed. The student newspaper was established in 1916. In 1918, the college awarded its first doctorate, for math. The college grew, but because of limitations of the Rice endowment and the intention to keep quality as high as possible, freshman enrollment was capped at 450 in 1924. Competition for slots into the college was high, and tuition was still paid by Rice's bequest.

By 1941, Lovett considered retiring. However, World War II erupted, and he decided to stay and continue to guide Rice. The college became part of the navy's officer training program, a forerunner of ROTC. In 1945, he officially retired after leading the institution for nearly four decades.

He stayed in Houston after his retirement, keeping a careful interest in the university he helped build. Grateful for the work he had done, the university renamed the administration building after Lovett in 1947. He died in a Houston hospital in 1957.



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To report a problem, please contact Allied Waste/Republic Services directly at 817-953-7214.

Refuse Collection

- Household refuse and recycling is collected once per week on Wednesdays and must be placed at curbside by 7 a.m. Brush and bulk materials placed at curbside on Wednesdays by 7 a.m. will be collected by Allied/Republic within 72 hours (Saturday by 7 a.m.)
- Please contain all refuse in closed plastic bags, whether or not a garbage can is used.
- It is a violation of City Ordinance to place plastic bags on the curb earlier than Tuesday evening at 5 p.m.

Yellow Bag Collection

Residents may obtain a second garbage collection during the week by purchasing special yellow bags. A roll of 10 yellow bags may be purchased at City Hall located at 911 Winscott Road or at Benbrook Water Authority located at 1121 Mercedes Street for \$5.64. Boxes of 50 yellow bags are available at City Hall for \$27.09. Prices include the cost of the bags as well as the cost of collection.

The yellow bag program allows Benbrook residents to receive twice per week garbage collection without incurring an increase in the monthly Allied rate. Yellow bags should be placed at curbside on Saturday mornings by 7 a.m. and no earlier than Friday evenings at 5 p.m., and are collected on Saturdays.

Recycling Collection

Residents may obtain a blue recycling bin; limit two per household, at City Hall

or at Benbrook Water Authority. There is no charge for the bins or for bin lids. The City recommends that residents mark their names/addresses on the bin with a water-proof marker. The following items may be placed in bins for recycling:

- Plastics - Number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 7 plastics such as milk jugs, liter bottles, shampoo bottles, etc. No butter tubs or containers with openings as large as the container. No plastic bottles that have contained oil or petroleum by-products.
 - Newspapers, catalogs and magazines are acceptable.
 - Glass - All colors of glass may be recycled. No plate glass, ceramic or mirrors.
 - Metal - All metal food and beverage cans (tin, aluminum, and steel) may be recycled. It is not necessary to remove labels, but please remove lids and food from containers.
 - Cardboard - All cardboard must be broken down to fit the blue bin. Large boxes may be flattened and placed under the bin.
- No tissues or wet paper. No contaminated food items. No Styrofoam products.

Brush and Bulk Collection

- Brush and bulk materials placed at curbside on Wednesdays by 7 a.m. will be collected within 72 hours (Saturday by 7 a.m.)
- If possible, loose brush should not exceed 4 feet in length, 6 inches in diame-

ter, or 100 pounds.

- Large brush and bulk materials are collected with a special brush truck designed to be used for collecting cardboard boxes, furniture, and appliances (50lb. weight limit).
- Note:* Federal laws prohibit the collection of refrigerator or freezer units unless certification is provided that a certified technician has removed CFC's. (Check yellow pages under "Appliances-Repair & Service" to locate a certified technician.)
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 - Due to EPA restrictions, Allied will not pick up used tires; batteries; petroleum products; or containers of paint, herbicide, pesticides, or other hazardous chemicals and solvents.

Note: Each spring and fall, the City of Benbrook provides a Household Hazardous Waste Collection day in which citizens can drop off hazardous items at a mobile unit at a designated site. Please check the City's website, www.benbrook-tx.gov for the next collection day.


Benbrook residents may take household hazardous waste to the Fort Worth Environmental Collection Center, 6400 Bridge Street (817-392-EASY) during their business hours throughout the year (be prepared to present identification as proof of Benbrook residency).


CITY COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT | 7:30 PM

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Three Day Weekend Forecast



Friday, May 6:

AM - Sunny; high near 89. W/NW wind 5-10mph becoming south in the afternoon.
PM - Clear; low around 66. SE wind around 10 mph.



Saturday, May 7:

AM - Sunny; high near 95. S/SE wind 10-20mph, with gusts as high as 25mph
PM - Mostly clear; low around 72.



Sunday, May 8:

AM - Sunny; high near 96.
PM - Mostly clear; low around 72.

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