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*From the Sports Desk with John English*

## High School Football: Western Hills HS to Face Benbrook MHS Friday

The Benbrook Middle High School football team remains unbeaten in district following a 20-19 victory over Eastern Hills this past week, and coach Cody Slater said it was a solid effort from his team.

Benbrook improved to 3-0 in 6-4A competition with the victory.

"I loved our teams determination on Thursday night," Slater said. "Sure proud of them and how we found a way to win the game in the fourth quarter."

Slater said he had a number of strong efforts in the game.

"The offensive line (Jarron Montalvo, Keith Lamb, Sam Reader, Raelon

Anderson, Adrian Cardenas, Jeremiah Brookins) and our tight ends (Jackson Littlepage and Jayden Montalvo) played very well all night and helped the team to 340 yards rushing on 55 attempts," Slater said. "Bryan Muzquiz had 149 yards on 19 carries and Harry Gonzales had 185 yards on 31 carries and 3 touchdowns. Santiago Merino had 5 tackles and an interception. Isaiah Thompson led the team in tackles, and Jayden Montalvo, Roderick Hodge, and Ryan Makinsky all played well."

Benbrook will square off with Western Hills tomorrow night in the Big Cat Battle and Slater said he (continued on page 3)

*Benbrook Council Action*

## Nomination Made for Tarrant

## Appraisal District Board of Directors

*by John English*

The Benbrook city council meeting on Oct. 7 was conducted in person with four council members present.

Mayor Jerry Dittrich called the meeting to order.

An invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes from the council meeting held on Sept. 16 were then approved.

The first item of the evening was a proclamation for World Teacher's Day.

"The Benbrook city council encourages members of the Benbrook community to express their appreciation to our teachers and to display a light blue ribbon outside of their homes and businesses the week of Oct. 5 as a symbol of support for our teachers and educators," Dittrich said. "I just can't say enough about them and the job they do and how appreciative we are."

Next up was a motion to consider nominations for appointment to the Tarrant Appraisal District Board Of Directors.

The City of Benbrook has been notified that the current two-year terms of the five voting members (continued on page 3)

*From the City of Benbrook*

## Electronic Waste, Document Shredding Event Saturday

The City is hosting a free event for residents of Benbrook to recycle electronic and appliance items and to shred documents on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 8 a.m. until noon at Dutch Branch Park in the rear parking lot behind Par 3 Golf.

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Drake is welcomed by two older sisters, Sadie and Sophie Snook.

Grandparents are Mike and Cynthia Snook of White Settlement, Tammy and Rob Albritton of Fort Worth and Steve and Melissa Wall of Baker, Fla.

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# High School Football (continued from page 1)

expects his team to have its hands full.

“Western Hills is a really good football team,” Slater said. D’Shun Hawkins, Cristian Soto, and Dante Parker Garrett all “Coach Moilan and his staff have done a great job this year. We played great games on the defensive side. expect it to be a very physical game.”

Over at Western Hills, the Cougars came up short against Keyon Butler, Jason Green, and Tyreke Lewis had great games Kennedale on Thursday night, but Moilan said he was pleased while facing multiple rushers throughout the night.”

“We felt that our kids came out and did what we asked,” Cat Battle as well.

Moilan said. “We asked them to play hard, play with full effort, and compete to win. Unfortunately, we didn’t get the win, but we played hard and had our best showing ever against a traditionally strong Kennedale program.”

Moilan said he also had some good efforts in the game.

“Our defense played fantastic,” Moilan said. “They made them

take snaps and forced and recovered four fumbles. Caleb Clark,

“Kennedale’s defense is very tough and physical. Offensively,

Moilan said he expects a tough game with Benbrook in the Big

“It’s a good rivalry with in the community,” Moilan said. “They have won their first few district games, and coach Slater always gets his kids prepared well. We know that it’s going to be a tough fought game.”

Benbrook and Western Hills will play at 7 p.m. tomorrow

night.

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## Benbrook Council Action (continued from page 1)

of the Tarrant Appraisal Board will expire Dec. 21, 2021.

“The city must submit nominations to the chief appraiser as a resolution or official action adopted by the city council by Oct. 15,” Management Analyst Jared DeVries said.

To be eligible, nominees must have resided in Tarrant County for at least two years prior to Jan 1, 2022.

Staff recommended that the city council consider the nominations for appointment to the Tarrant Appraisal District's Board of Directors. Council member Dr. Larry Marshall nominated Wesley Bullock. Bullock's nomination was approved by the four council members present.

The next item of the night was to accept the finance report ending on Aug. 31, 2021.

Revenues for the month of August were \$660,762 with expenditures of \$2,114,906.

Year to date revenues are \$21,266,014, and expenditures are \$18,052,651.

For the Economic Development Corporation, revenues for the month of August were \$136,170 and expenditures were \$48,931. Year to date, revenues are \$1,576,807, and expenditures are \$879,295.

The City of Benbrook has \$24,194,801 in investments and the EDC has \$5,451,181 in investments.

The budget was approved unanimously by the four members present.

Next was a proposal to award a contract for employee health insurance.

The current contract for United Health Care's Exclusive Provider Option (EPO) was approved effective Nov. 1, 2020.

Benbrook budgeted \$2,214,796 for the insurance and the projected cost of the new insurance is \$1,852,431 for 2021.

The new contract with United Health Care was approved unanimously.

A proposal to award a contract for employee dental insurance was then presented.

Estimated cost would be \$74,432 and was approved unanimously by the city council.

The next item was a motion to approve the purchase of four police vehicles.

The total cost is \$135,500 and was approved unanimously.

There were no citizen comments, but council member Dustin Phillips thanked the city staff and vendors who made Heritage Fest such a success.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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*From the City of Benbrook*

## National Drug Take Back Day

In partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Benbrook Police Department is hosting a National Drug Take-Back Initiative to collect unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications for proper disposal.

The event is free and open to the public on Saturday, October 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Benbrook Fire Station (528 Mercedes St.).

*Please note:* Inhalers, Intra-venous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens. For questions, contact Detective J. Hatton at [jhatton@benbrook-tx.gov](mailto:jhatton@benbrook-tx.gov).

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From the City of Benbrook

# Nov. 2 General Election Information for Benbrook City Council and Water Authority

The City of Benbrook's General Election is to fill the following City Council positions:

- Mayor, Place 1
- Member of Council, Place 3
- Member of Council, Place 5
- Member of Council, Place 7

The Benbrook Water Authority's (BWA) General Election is to fill three Board of Director positions (four-year terms). Learn more about BWA's Board positions at BenbrookWater.com.

### When is the election? What are the hours?

The election is Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Who is permitted to vote in the election?

All persons residing within the City limits of Benbrook who possess a valid Voter Registration Certificate issued by the Tarrant County Election Administrator.

### When and where is Early (absentee) Voting?

Early voting by personal appearance will be held at the Benbrook Community Center, (228 San Angelo Ave., Benbrook, TX 76126) and the Tarrant County Main Early Voting Site (2700 Premier St., Fort Worth, TX 76111). Other polling locations are listed on the Tarrant County Election website: TarrantCounty.com/evote.

Monday through Friday, October 18 – 22

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 23

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, October 24

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday through Friday, October 25 – 29

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Can ballot be obtained and cast by mail?

Yes, applications for Ballot by Mail may be downloaded at TarrantCounty.com/Elections and submitted by mail, fax, or email through October 22, 2021, to the following:

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### What are the requirements to obtain and

### cast a ballot by mail?

1. Voter is 65 years of age or older on Election Day.

2. Voter is disabled.

For #1 or #2 the ballot must be mailed to the voter registration residence address/ mailing address or to a hospital, nursing home/long-term care facility, retirement center or address of a relative. The relationship of the relative must be indicated.

3. Voter is confined in jail – ballot must be mailed to the jail or address of a relative.

Voter is expected to be absent from the county on Election Day and during hours of regular early voting by personal appearance – Applications must be submitted from outside the county if submitted after early voting by personal appearance has begun.

### Where are the Election Day Polling Places?

Tarrant County has been designated as a Vote Center. Therefore, Benbrook citizens may vote at any Tarrant County polling place on Election Day and during Early Voting and are not restricted to the voter's election precinct. Local polling places are listed below:

#### Redeemer Lutheran Church

4513 Williams Rd.

Benbrook, TX 76116

#### Benbrook Community Center

228 San Angelo Ave.

Benbrook, TX 76126

#### Benbrook Community Center/YMCA

1899 Winscott Rd.

Benbrook, TX 76126

#### Highridge Church

10100 Rolling Hills Drive

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#### Western Hills Church of Christ

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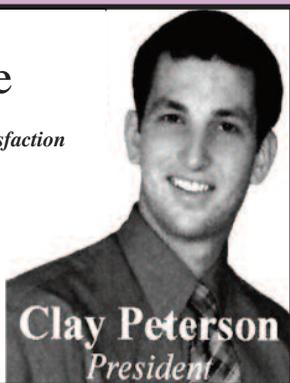
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## Texas History Minute

# Texas Ranger - Captain William Jesse McDonald

by Dr. Ken Bridges

The Texas Rangers in its long history in the state has produced legendary figures in its quest to uphold the law and keep Texans safe. Captain William Jesse McDonald was one of many examples. McDonald's life had led him to serve at different times as a school teacher, shopkeeper, rancher, and eventually becoming one of the most respected law men in Texas.

Bill McDonald was born in 1852 in eastern Mississippi. He was still a child when his father, Enoch McDonald, volunteered to fight with the Confederacy during the Civil War. But in 1862, his father was killed in the vicious bloodletting at the Battle of Corinth. After, his widowed mother moved the two of them to Henderson County in East Texas to be near relatives.

He was stubborn from a young age. At the age of 16 in 1868, he reportedly got into a fight with Union troops and found himself charged with treason. Only the intervention of a prominent local official resulted in the charges being dropped.

However, he had a keen mind and attended Soule Business College in New Orleans, graduating in 1872. He became a school teacher for a time, teaching penmanship before he turned his eye to business. He operated a couple of stores in East Texas before becoming a deputy sheriff in Wood County. By 1883, he and his wife moved to Wichita Falls to take up ranching.

They moved further west to the Quanah area several years later. Here, Texas, like most other frontier states was beset by bloodshed and lawlessness. Cattle thieves and organized gangs terrorized the few settlers in the area, hiding in the vast stretches of emptiness that covered West Texas and the Indian Territory in those years. He became a deputy sheriff again, and as raids worsened, McDonald as made a special Texas Ranger, attacking marauders far and wide to finally bring order to the area.

As a result, in 1891, he was named captain of the Texas Rangers Frontier Battalion, where he and his fellow Rangers worked to protect citizens from further raids and to act as the police for remote locations that had none.

As a Ranger, he had a reputation as a keen observer and tracker. Long before forensics became a standard tool of law enforcement,

McDonald was using the same principles in solving cases and capturing fugitives, an otherwise nearly impossible task on the seemingly endless stretches of land across the state in the late 1800s.

He found himself in many shootouts, including one with the sheriff of Childress County in 1893. Though shot on several occasions himself, he reportedly never took another life, but his skill with a gun and reputation preceded him and used it to defuse many difficult situations without a weapon at all. The instances in which McDonald and other Rangers prevented riots from erupting had led to the reputation of "One riot, one Ranger."

In February 1896, McDonald received a telegram while riding the train into Wichita Falls from another Ranger case in El Paso informing him that City National Bank had been robbed. Bandits had seized \$600, killed one man, and wounded another in a blaze of bullets in broad daylight. Within two hours of receiving the message, he had arrived at the train station, and ridden out of the city with a posse of five other Rangers in pursuit of the murderers. They charged through the brush on a blustery winter day and caught them within hours.

He continued to serve as a Ranger until 1907 when he became a revenue agent for the state, ultimately collecting more than one billion dollars in revenue for a state enjoying the beginnings of the oil boom and looking to reap the technological promises of the twentieth century.

In a time period when most men in their fifties would be slowing down, McDonald took on what were perhaps his most important assignments. In 1905, President Theodore Roosevelt picked him to serve as one of his personal bodyguards during his trip through Texas. Seven years later, incoming President Woodrow Wilson also tapped McDonald as his personal bodyguard. In recognition of his work, Wilson named McDonald as United States Marshal for the district of North Texas.

He fell ill suddenly in early 1918 and died of pneumonia at his home in Wichita Falls. McDonald has since been inducted in the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame in Waco in recognition of his colorful life and unwavering dedication as a law man.

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# How to Protect Teens in the Age of Social Media



If you've been worried about your teen's social media usage, it would seem your concerns are now legitimized by hard facts and figures.

Recent Congressional testimony by former Facebook data scientist Frances Haugen supports the notion that Facebook and its photo-sharing app, Instagram, can be harmful to young users. Haugen recently presented internal studies revealing the negative mental health impacts of Instagram and told Congress that Facebook has prioritized growth over its users' safety.

Those who have been working toward keeping young people safe online for years say that parents will need to step up to protect their kids.

"Parents should not rely on social media networks to ensure their children's safety online," says Michele Havner, director of marketing at Eтури Corp., maker of OurPact, a leading parental control and screen time app. "This is one of the many reasons why we've developed OurPact so parents can teach smart digital habits and protect their kids."

According to Havner, here are a few ways you can help protect teens in the age of social media:

- Set digital schedules. Feeling "addicted" to social media and screens in general is common. However, setting digital schedules can help ensure that you and your teen are leading a balanced life.
- Block unwanted apps and websites: Ensure your teen is only using apps and vis-

iting sites that are approved by you. Using parental control apps to block apps, websites and contacts as needed can help you protect your child from unsafe people and content.

- Maintain open communication: The newly released research draws links between social media usage and depression, anxiety and even suicidal thoughts. Be sure to regularly check in with your teen and keep the lines of communication open.

- Use new tools: New tech tools can help you get a handle on your teen's social media usage, as well as help you help them carve out healthy digital habits. For example, OurPact, a parental guidance app used by over 1 million families, allows you to create automated schedules for when internet and apps are unavailable, block access to the device for a specified period of time, whitelist and blacklist websites, and even take screenshots of digital activity. Available at the iOS App Store and Google Play Store, parents can also sign up for an account at [www.ourpact.com](http://www.ourpact.com).

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From the North Central Texas Council of Governments

## NAS JRB Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee Meeting

The next Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee meeting will be held in person on Monday, Oct. 18, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. at the Lake Worth Multi-Purpose Facility, located at 7005 Charbonneau Road, Lake Worth, Texas 76135.

Please note, the meeting venue has changed from the location announced in July. Per the Governor's Executive Order No. GA-36, masks will be optional at the meeting.

The City of Lake Worth staff will present on the Sept. 19 aircraft incident, and local emergency management staff are encouraged to attend.

Finally, there will be a first reading of the revised bylaws.

From the Military Order of the World Wars

## Massing of the Colors Nov. 7

Fort Worth Chapter Military Order of the World Wars and Fort Worth ISD JROTC will present the 41st Annual Massing of the Colors on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 2:30 p.m. at Birchman Baptist Church Sanctuary, located at 9100 N. Normandale Street, Fort Worth.

The free event will feature patriotic music by the Frontier Brigade Band, a keynote speech by US Army JAG Corp Col. David Green and a patriotic ceremony rededicating our faith in the flag of our nation.

Massing of the Colors honors the Colors of the United States of America, and the men and women of our uniformed services who have served and are continuing to serve our country.

For more info about the MOWW, visit the [Military Order of the World Wars | MOWW](#).

From the City of Benbrook

## City of Benbrook Accepting Applications to Serve on Boards

The City of Benbrook is accepting applications from citizens interested in serving on various Boards and Commissions. These Commissions include: Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustments/Board of Appeals, Parks and Recreation Board, and the Benbrook Economic Development Corporation.

Applications and information are available at City Hall, 911 Winscott Road, Benbrook, TX or by download at [www.benbrook-tx.gov](http://www.benbrook-tx.gov) or by email to [jking@benbrook-tx.gov](mailto:jking@benbrook-tx.gov).

Application deadline is Nov. 8.

From the Tarrant Area Food Bank

## Mega Mobile Events Wednesday Nights at Herman Clark Stadium



Tarrant Area Food Bank's (TAFB's) Mega Mobile Market will now distribute nutritious food at Herman Clark Stadium Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. Families can expect to receive a variety of fresh produce, dairy and protein, though the specific contents what each family receives depends on TAFB's product availability.

TAFB is also seeking volunteers to assist at their Distribution Center sorting and packing boxes for events like our Mega Mobiles. Sign up to volunteer at [tafb.galaxydigital.com](http://tafb.galaxydigital.com).

Mega Mobile Markets are designed to serve all residents of the Tarrant area who are in need of food assistance.

All will be held at Herman Clark Stadium located at 5201 CA Roberson Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76119.

Food insecurity is still an issue that many families in the Tarrant area are facing. During the Delta Variant pandemic, TAFB continues to see an increase in the number of families who relied on food bank services for the first time. Because of this, many families are still recovering from the effects of COVID-19. TAFB continues to step up and assist by providing access to nutritious food to families in need.

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### Friday, Oct. 15:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 75. W/SW 5-10mph becoming N/NW 15-20mph in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 30mph.  
**PM** - Clear, with a low around 49. North wind 5-15mph, with gusts as high as 20mph.



### Saturday, Oct. 16:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 73. North wind 5-10mph.  
**PM** - Clear, with a low around 47. N/NE wind around 5mph becoming calm in the evening.



### Sunday, Oct. 17:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 75. W/NW wind around 5mph becoming SE in the afternoon.  
**PM** - Clear, with a low around 49.

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