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From the Sports Desk with John English

High School Football: BMHS Bobcats 4-0

The Benbrook football team continued its winning ways on Friday night, defeating Bridgeport and improving to 4-0 on the season.

The Bobcats will host Breckenridge at 7 p.m. tomorrow evening, and coach Cody Slater said he expects his team to have its hands full.

“Breckenridge is a physical football team,” Slater said. “They are currently 2-2 on the year and they picked up a win this past Friday with a victory over Eastland. We will have to shore up some of our mistakes to stay perfect on the season.”

Benbrook defeated Bridgeport by a score of 28-14 on Friday, and Slater said it was a strong overall effort.

“I’m proud of our guys for on how they continued to play in the face of adversity,” Slater said. “In two weeks, we have lost two starters due to injuries, but our kids rallied and found a way to come out on top. Our competition continues to improve every week and our kids continue to step up when they are needed to help us get to 4-0 on the season.”

Collin Thompson had 18 carries for 128 yards and four rushing touchdowns offensively for the Bobcats, and was also 12 of 18 passing for 106 yards.

Defensively, Jacob Carpenter had 11 Tackles, a tackle for loss, a fumble caused, and two passes batted and Jake Lindsey had nine tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery

Benbrook moved into the 30th place in the state among 4A Division II teams heading into the last week's game with Bridgeport according to Max Preps, and Slater said there is a good vibe among his players and

coaches.

“The atmosphere is where you want it at this point in the season,” Slater said. “As a team, we understand that the pre-season is to get us ready for District 4-4A play. Our kids continue to work hard every day with the goal in mind to be one percent better every single day and they are hungry to get to the posts-season this year.”

Over at Western Hills, the Cougars are coming off of their bye last week, and will open up district at 7 p.m. tomorrow night against Carter-Riverside at Farrington Field.

On the court, the BMHS Lady Bobcats volleyball team opened up district with a 3-0 victory over Dunbar last Tuesday night.

Benbrook will host Diamond Hill-Jarvis at 6 p.m. tomorrow evening.

From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

Benbrook City Council Meeting Tonight

The Benbrook City Council meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 911 Winscott Road in Benbrook, 76126.

A pre-meeting work session is held at 7 p.m.

The Sept. 21 agenda is available to view [here](#).

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Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

Paul Mansir

American Legion Post 297 Recognizes POW/MIA with Ceremony

The American Legion Post 297 recently held a ceremony honoring our POW and MIA service men and women at the facility.

Special guests, members from the Post and individuals from the community enjoyed Sloppy Joe’s and chips at the event.

Those who have served and currently serving the United States uniform are mindful that the sweetness of enduring peace has always been tainted by the bitterness of personal sacrifice. We are compelled to never forget that while we enjoy our daily pleasures, there are others who endured the agonies of pain, deprivation and internment.

This solemn celebration brought awareness to those who participated.

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Hostess for the event was **Tessie Kau**, who read a POW/MIA Proclamation from Texas Governor Greg Abbott.

From Fort Worth ISD

Waverly Park Elementary School Unveils New Garden Thanks to TWRD Grant



Waverly Park Elementary School is thrilled to announce the unveiling of a brand-new garden area and outdoor seating/learning space, set to benefit their 100 Pre-K students. This exciting development is made possible through the generous support of a Tarrant Regional Water District (TWRD) Conservation grant.

Recently, the school embraced a creative Pre-K curriculum that thrives in an outdoor setting. The introduction of native plants and raised garden beds allows for a more hands-on and experiential approach to education.

The journey toward this green garden began last year when Waverly Park Elementary applied for the Conservation Treasures Grant from TWRD. On March 22, 2023, it received the exciting news of being awarded a \$5,000 grant, including on-site consultations and educational signage.

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NOTICE

**Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option
FM 1187
From Bella Flora Drive (at the
Parker County Line) to
Chisholm Trail Parkway
CSJs: 1330-01-069, 2291-02-009
Tarrant County, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation is proposing to reconstruct and widen FM 1187 from Bella Flora Drive (at the Parker County Line) to Chisholm Trail Parkway in Tarrant County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project with an in-person option. The virtual meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The presentation will be posted online by Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023, at 8 a.m. To access the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above: www.txdot.gov keyword search "FM 1187 West Tarrant." Project maps and materials will also be available online. Please note that the presentation will not be available on the website until the time and date listed above. Following the virtual public meeting, the presentation will remain available for viewing at the web address indicated above until Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call Ram Dhakal, P.E., at (817) 370-3519 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process. Formal comments may be provided by mail or email as explained below.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public meeting which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments. The in-person option will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Benbrook High School, 201 Overcrest Dr., Benbrook, Texas 76126.

The proposed project would reconstruct and widen FM 1187 from an existing two-lane roadway to a four-lane roadway with a curbed, grassy center median. The disjointed intersection at FM 1187 and US 377 will be reconstructed to an overpass with continuous alignment. The project also proposes to construct off roadway shared-use paths (12-foot sidewalks) in each direction for bicycle and pedestrian accommodation, construct an overpass at the Fort Worth and Western Railroad crossing, and conversion of roadside ditches to underground storm sewers.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace two residences and five non-residential structures. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling (817) 370-6950.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands. The proposed project would involve an action in a floodplain.

Any environmental documentation or studies, any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection by appointment Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at TxDOT Fort Worth District Office, 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133. Project materials are also available online at the address listed above. These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The public meeting will be conducted in English and some materials will also be provided in Spanish. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the public meeting, please contact Ram Dhakal, P.E. at (817) 370-3519 no later than 4 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodation may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office, 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Ram.Dhakal@txdot.gov. Additionally, members of the public may call (817) 382-7523 and provide verbal testimony from 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023 until 11:59 pm on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023. All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov, keyword search "FM 1187 West Tarrant", once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the meeting, please contact Ram Dhakal, P.E., TxDOT Project Manager, at (817) 370-3519 or Ram.Dhakal@txdot.gov.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.



AVISO

**Reunión Pública Virtual con Opción Presencial
FM 1187
Desde Bella Flora Drive (en la línea
del condado Parker)
hasta Chisholm Trail Parkway
CSJs: 1330-01-069, 2291-02-009
Condado de Tarrant, Texas**

El Departamento de Transporte de Texas está proponiendo reconstruir y ampliar la FM 1187 desde Bella Flora Drive (en la línea del condado de Parker) hasta Chisholm Trail Parkway en el condado de Tarrant, Texas. Este aviso informa al público que TxDOT llevará a cabo una reunión pública virtual en línea sobre el proyecto propuesto. La reunión virtual consistirá en una presentación de video pregrabada e incluirá componentes de audio y visuales. La presentación se publicará en línea antes del martes 3 de octubre del 2023, a las 8 a.m. Para acceder a la reunión pública virtual, vaya a la siguiente dirección de internet en la fecha y hora indicadas anteriormente: www.txdot.gov utilizando en la búsqueda de palabras clave "FM 1187 West Tarrant." Los mapas y materiales del proyecto también estarán disponibles en línea. Tenga en cuenta que la presentación no estará disponible en el sitio de internet hasta la hora y fecha indicadas anteriormente. Después de la reunión pública virtual, la presentación permanecerá disponible para su visualización en la dirección de internet indicada anteriormente hasta el miércoles 18 de octubre del 2023, a las 11:59 p.m. Si no tiene acceso a internet, puede llamar a Ram Dhakal, P.E., at (817) 370-3519 entre las horas de 8 a.m. y 5 p.m., de lunes a viernes, para hacer preguntas y acceder a los materiales del proyecto durante el desarrollo del proyecto. Los comentarios formales se podrán proporcionar por correo postal o correo electrónico como se explica a continuación.

Además, TxDOT está proporcionando una opción presencial para las personas que deseen participar en persona en lugar de en línea. Los asistentes en persona podrán ver la misma presentación presentada en la reunión pública en línea que se reproducirá en una pantalla, revisar copias impresas de los materiales del proyecto, hacer preguntas al personal y/o consultores de TxDOT y dejar comentarios por escrito. La opción presencial se llevará a cabo el martes 3 de octubre de 2023 de 6 p.m. a 8 p.m. en Benbrook High School, 201 Overcrest Dr., Benbrook, Texas 76126.

El proyecto propuesto reconstruiría y ampliaría la FM 1187 de una carretera existente de dos carriles a una carretera de cuatro carriles con una mediana central cubierta. La intersección inconexa en la FM 1187 y la US 377 se reconstruirá a un paso elevado con alineación continua. El proyecto también propone construir caminos de uso compartido fuera de la carretera (aceras de 12 pies) en cada dirección para el alojamiento de bicicletas y peatones, construir un paso elevado en el cruce de Fort Worth y Western Railroad, y convertir las zanjas al borde de la carretera en alcantarillas pluviales subterráneas.

El proyecto propuesto, está sujeto a consideraciones finales de diseño, requerirá un derecho de paso adicional y podría desplazar dos residencias y cinco estructuras no residenciales. La asistencia para la reubicación está disponible para las personas y empresas desplazadas. La información sobre el Programa de Asistencia de Reubicación de TxDOT y los servicios y beneficios para los desplazados y otros propietarios afectados, así como información sobre el calendario tentativo para la adquisición y construcción del derecho de paso, se puede obtener en la oficina del distrito de TxDOT llamando al (817) 370-6950.

El proyecto propuesto podría implicar la construcción en humedales. El proyecto propuesto implicaría una acción en una llanura de inundación.

Cualquier documentación o estudio ambiental, cualquier mapa o dibujo que muestre la ubicación y el diseño del proyecto, los calendarios tentativos de construcción y otra información sobre el proyecto propuesto están archivados y disponibles para inspección de lunes a viernes entre las 8 a.m. y las 5 p.m. en la Oficina del Distrito de TxDOT Fort Worth, 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133. Los materiales del proyecto también están disponibles en línea en la dirección indicada anteriormente. Estos materiales también estarán disponibles en forma impresa para su revisión en la opción presencial.

La reunión pública virtual se llevará a cabo en inglés y algunos materiales también se proporcionarán en español. Si necesita un intérprete o traductor de documentos porque el inglés no es su idioma principal o tiene dificultades para comunicarse de manera efectiva en inglés, se le proporcionará uno. Si tiene una discapacidad y necesita asistencia, se pueden hacer arreglos especiales para satisfacer la mayoría de las necesidades. Si necesita servicios de interpretación o traducción o si es una persona con una discapacidad que requiere una adaptación para asistir y participar en la reunión pública virtual, comuníquese con Ram Dhakal, P.E. at (817) 370-3519 a más tardar a las 4 p.m., del miércoles 27 de septiembre del 2023. Tenga en cuenta que se requiere un aviso previo ya que algunos servicios y adaptaciones pueden requerir tiempo para que el Departamento de Transporte de Texas lo organice.

Se solicitan comentarios por escrito del público con respecto al proyecto propuesto y estos podrán ser enviados por correo postal a la TxDOT Fort Worth District Office, 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133. Los comentarios por escrito también podrán ser enviados por correo electrónico a Ram.Dhakal@txdot.gov. Además, los miembros del público pueden llamar al (817) 382-7523 y proporcionar testimonio verbal desde las 8 a.m. del martes 3 de octubre de 2023 hasta las 11:59 pm del miércoles 18 de octubre de 2023. Todos los comentarios deberán ser recibidos el miércoles 18 de octubre del 2023 o antes. Las respuestas a los comentarios recibidos estarán disponibles en línea en www.txdot.gov, utilizando la búsqueda de palabras clave "FM 1187 West Tarrant", una vez que se hayan preparado.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud general con respecto al proyecto propuesto o la reunión, comuníquese con Ram Dhakal, P.E., Gerente de Proyecto de TxDOT, al (817) 370-3519 o Ram.Dhakal@txdot.gov.

La revisión ambiental, consultas y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto están siendo, o han sido realizadas por TxDOT de conformidad con la reglamentación 23 U.S.C. 327 y un Memorando de Entendimiento con fecha de 9 de diciembre del 2019, y ejecutado por FHWA y TxDOT.

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Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

Benbrook Senior Center Hosts Health Fair

Individuals from the community recently came out to the Senior Center to take part in their Health Fair.

Immunizations were available, dermatology and hearing aid information and other Senior resources were accessible for those in attendance.

Vendors offered giveaways and prizes were awarded during the event.

Overall, the occasion was a huge success and was enjoyed by everyone who participated.



Sylvia Hansen checks out options for investments.



Guiselle Ashton participated at the event.



Benbrook Senior Center staff **Karol Arnette** (left) and **Catherine Connelly** at the Registration table.



Marilyn Tonn (seated) receives her flu and RSV vaccines from a local pharmacy.



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The **table is round** to show our reminder of those that is never ending. It is set for our POW/MIA from all wars and fellow classmates.

The **white tablecloth** symbolizes the purity of their intention to respond to our Country's call to liberty so their children, family and friends could remain free.

The **single red rose** reminds us of loved ones and families of our Comrades-in-Arms who keep the faith and await their return.

The **red ribbon** on the vase represents the love of our Country which inspired them to answer our nation's call.

The **black napkin** stands for emptiness these warriors and classmates have left in the hearts of their family and friends.

A slice of **lemon** is on the bread plate to remind us of their bitter fate if we do not bring them home.

The **salt** on the plate is symbolic of the family's and friends' tears as they await and remember.

The **Bible** reminds us of the comfort it offers to those who face insurmountable challenges and our Country being founded on the principle of "One Nation Under God."

The inverted **glass** reminds us of our distinguished comrades and classmates that cannot be with us to drink a toast or join in festivities.

The **empty chair** depicts an unknown face, representing no specific missing Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine or classmate.

The **candle** is reminiscent of the light of Hope which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home.

The **American flag** reminds us that many of them may never return and have paid the supreme sacrifice to insure our freedom.



Delegates representing the branches of service are: (l-r) Commander **Lora McGee**, Coast Guard; **Louise Reilly**, Air Force; **Wes Brown**, Navy; **Bill Kuehner**, Marines and **Steven Christoff**, Army.



Auxiliary members (l-r) **Rachel Rogstad**, **Nancy Wyatt**, Auxiliary President **Christy Barnicle**, **Donna Patterson** and **Shay Kuehner** placed the memorial symbolic items on the Round Table.



Commander **Lora McGee** participated at the occasion. Benbrook City Council member **Renee Franklin** attended the ceremony.

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Interim President of the Republic of Texas, David Burnet

by Dr. Ken Bridges

David G. Burnet became the President of the Republic of Texas on March 17, 1836, days after the new nation's birth. His position was only an interim position, but the 47-year-old New Jersey native was overwhelmed with reports of military defeats and retreats. The newborn republic may not have survived.

Burnet had not been elected as a delegate to the independence convention at Washington-on-the-Brazos, but instead was supposedly on his way to assist William B. Travis and his defense of the Alamo when he stopped in an effort to recruit the delegates to fight. The decision to stop in Washington saved his life as all the defenders at the Alamo were killed on March 6 and news reached the convention a few days later.

Delegates considered Sam Houston as the interim president of the independent Texas, but he was away commanding the army. Stephen F. Austin was in Washington, DC, lobbying for support from the United States.

The convention instead settled on Burnet as interim president by a narrow vote on March 17, with Lorenzo de Zavala as interim vice-president. Presidential runner-up Samuel P. Carson was named secretary of state and immediately left for the United States to seek recognition of Texas independence and possible annexation.

Texas settlers were now fighting for their lives as the Mexican Army seemed unstoppable. Fearing the new government would be captured, Burnet chose to flee to a safer location. He ordered the government to move to Harrisburg (later renamed Houston). The retreat touched off a wave of panic and led to the decisive battle at San Jacinto. As the overwhelmed Texas army retreated to the east, a long column of refugees accompanied them, desperate to seek safety, even as far as the United States.

Burnet attempted to enlist the support of the United States but was unsuccessful. He wrote an executive order declaring martial law and ordering all able-bodied men to enlist, but it was Gen. Sam Houston, the overall commander of Texas forces, who had the attention of Texans. Houston criticized Burnet's decision to leave Washington as untimely and cowardly, making the bad situ-

ation steadily worse. After reaching Harrisburg, Burnet moved the government again to Galveston and was prepared to leave Texas altogether. Burnet, in turn, criticized Houston for failing to fight the army of Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. Houston, aware of his limited resources and manpower, was waiting for the right moment to strike.

Houston and his forces won the day at San Jacinto on April 21, scattering Mexican forces and capturing a fleeing Santa Anna several days later. Burnet, so far removed from Houston, had lost contact with the army for several days and did not learn of the victory until well after it had occurred. As Texas troops nursed their wounds and basked in their victory, Burnet arrived on the scene, only to criticize Houston's actions.

By Oct. 22, Burnet's term as interim president ended. Seven months had allowed Texas to stabilize, but his efforts to raise funds for Texas only had limited success. Sam Houston followed as the first elected president of Texas.

In 1838, Burnet returned to politics as vice-president, elected on a separate ticket from the new president, Mirabeau B. Lamar.

Burnet and Houston continued to clash with each other repeatedly through the years. By any measure, Houston had been far more successful politically and far more popular, but this never stopped the two from their many squabbles. Their arguments, along with Houston's rivalry with Lamar, became staple features of Texas politics during those years. In spite of these rivalries, Houston towered over both men. Several times, an incensed Burnet challenged Houston to a duel over his insults. Houston always laughed off or ignored Burnet's challenges.

Burnet supported Lamar's antagonistic approach to Mexico, hoping to redirect the valuable trade of Mexico's northern provinces to Texas in the process. The result was one military disaster after another that left Mexico threatening another invasion of Texas and an empty treasury. In 1840, while Lamar was forced to receive medical treatments in New Orleans, Burnet served as acting president. He tried to convince the Texas Congress to launch a raid into Mexico, fearing

Texas was about to be attacked. Houston and his allies blocked the reckless move.

In 1841, Burnet ran for president against Houston. He and his allies launched a series of bitter attacks on Houston as an alcoholic. Houston appealed to practical interests, such as stabilizing the finances of Texas through less military spending, easing tensions with Mexico, and encouraging more trade with foreign nations instead of more fighting. He told his supporters, "Our motto ought to be fewer officers and more corn-fields." In spite of the spirited support that Burnet received, he and his supporters could not put a dent in Houston's popularity or reputation. Burnet was soundly defeated in the election, receiving a scant 26 percent of the vote.

After 1841, Burnet never ran for election again. However, he did not stay out of public service. After statehood was achieved in 1845, the state's first governor, James Pinckney Henderson, appointed Burnet in May 1846 as the state's secretary of state. He would serve ably until January 1848.

In 1866, Burnet was appointed by the state legislature to serve in the U. S. Senate, but the Senate refused to seat him because of his support of the Confederacy during the Civil War. Burnet's health continued to decline. His increasingly erratic behavior has led some historians to suggest that he may have been suffering dementia.

Burnet died at his home in Galveston in 1870 at the age of 82. In 1852, the state named Burnet County in his honor. A statue to Burnet was erected in the Northeast Texas community of Clarksville in 1936 as part of the state's centennial celebrations.

Regardless of how his performance may be judged, Burnet was an important figure in a defining era for Texas.

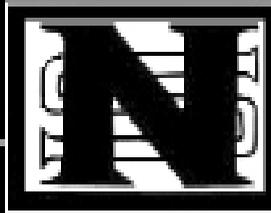
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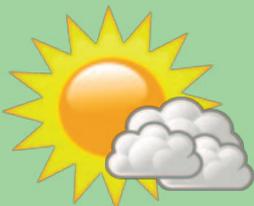
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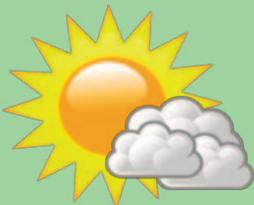
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Friday, Sept. 22:

AM - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 95.
 South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

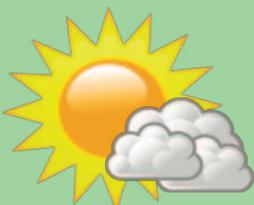
PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 76. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



Saturday, Sept. 23:

AM - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 97. South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

PM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 75.
 South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.



Sunday, Sept. 24:

AM - A 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 95.
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