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*From the City of Benbrook*

## ***Heritage Fest Saturday at Dutch Branch Park***

Benbrook is saddling up to host its annual Heritage Fest on Saturday, Oct. 1 at Dutch Branch Park, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. This free family-friendly event is packed full of exciting western entertainment, musical performances, food, a mechanical bull, axe throwing, petting zoo, mini-golf, chuckwagon dinner and dance, and many other activities honoring our community's western heritage.

Attendees are also invited to participate in a dog costume contest, stick horse race, and a homemade cookie contest.

For questions, call 817-249-6091.

*From the City of Benbrook*

## ***National Night Out Oct. 4 at Benbrook Community Center***

Join the Benbrook Police and Fire Departments Tuesday, Oct. 4 as Benbrook partners with thousands of communities in Texas for the 39th Annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for local anti-crime efforts, and strengthen neighborhood spirit and community partnerships.

The event will be held outside the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA (1899 Winscott Rd.), from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be food trucks, music, vendors, bounce houses, and public safety equipment displays. Bring the kids and let them meet police and fire department personnel and get an up-close look at the equipment used to help keep Benbrook safe.

For questions about the event, contact Detective J. Hatton at [jhatton@benbrook-tx.gov](mailto:jhatton@benbrook-tx.gov) or 817-249-6089.

*From the Sports Desk with John English*

## **Western Hills Defeats Carter-Riverside in District Opener**

The Western Hills football team opened district with a bang last Thursday night, defeating Carter-Riverside by a score of 50-30 to improve to 3-1 overall on the season.

Coach Blake Moilan said his it was a strong, all-around effort from his team to get the victory.

"As expected, Carter Riverside was much improved," Moilan said. "They had a few really athletic kids that gave us some fits. Their offense was physical. I was proud of our kids for coming out and playing. We scored on all three phases of the game."

Moilan said he had a few players with extraordinary performances.

"Cam Hawkins had a huge night on defense," Moilan said. "He had two, pick-6 interception returns for touchdowns. These are huge momentum turners. Aaron Martin had a kickoff return for a touchdown as well. Tyreke Lewis had a great game. He picked up several needed first downs and ran the ball hard, and Keyon Butler threw for a touchdown and ran for two more."

Western Hills will play Dunbar this evening at 7 p.m., and Moilan said the Cougars will have to account for Dunbar's team speed.

"Dunbar is athletic as usual," Moilan said. "They have a fast team. We will need to play fast and continue to keep getting better to beat them."

Over at Benbrook, the Bobcats lost their final non-district game to Breckenridge on Friday night, and coach Cody Slater said his team needs to work on consistency.

"We were very inconsistent on both sides of the ball," Slater said. "I thought we played a great first quarter and then we just fell apart. We have to be more consistent as we move into district

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From the Project Linus Blanketeers

# First Monday Quilt Club - Project Linus

## Volunteers Needed

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1500 Meadow Park Drive in White High school students can receive com- Settlement from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on munity service credits for participating. Monday, Oct. 5. Ladies may bring snack Materials (fabric, batting, thread, and yarn) foods to share with others if desired. are provided.

Project Linus is a non-profit service Donations of fabric, yarn, thread, organization. The members of this group sewing machines, sergers, or money to pur- are Tarrant County Chapter Project Linus chase materials are greatly appreciated.

volunteers who create handmade quilts and Come join the fun and enjoy fellowship blankets that provide love, warmth, and with the Quilt Club volunteers while you comfort for local children who have suf- make a difference in our community by fered trauma, tragedy, or illness. being a blessing to others.

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

play in two weeks.”

Slater said he did have a couple of stand out efforts in the game, however.

“Emerson Vasquez our kicker had a 35-yard field goal,” Slater said. “On offense, Kyler Hayes scored another touchdown, giving him seven receiving touchdowns on the year.”

The Bobcats are in their bye week, and Slater said he wants to focus on the basics.

“We have to improve on the fundamentals,” Slater said. “Blocking, tackling, ball security, throwing, catching, getting aligned properly and executing our assignments.”

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*From the Fort Worth Decorative Painters*

## **FWDP Monthly Meeting Oct. 17**

The Fort Worth Decorative Painters will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. in the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center located at 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd in Fort Worth.

Sharlene King will instruct a Paintbrush Santa ornament.

For more information contact Suzane at 817.269.2821 or visit the website at [www.fwdecorativepainters.com](http://www.fwdecorativepainters.com).

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*From the Tarrant County Veterans Council*

## **Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade Friday, Nov. 11**

Only a couple months are left to sign up for the annual Tarrant County Veterans Day parade, organizers have announced.

“Saluting Buffalo Soldiers” is the theme of this year’s celebration set to step off on Friday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m.

Participants will form up in the Fort Worth Panther Island Pavilion parking lot, march down North Forest Park Blvd. along the Clear Fork of the Trinity River and return.

The Tarrant County Veterans Council is busy finalizing plans for this special event. The parade website at <https://www.fw2022parade.org> has much more information.

The parade planning committee is soliciting support from individuals and organizations across North Texas for this year’s festivities.

“Everyone can join in our salute to Buffalo Soldiers and all military veterans who have, are and will continue to make great contributions,” notes Parade Chairman Ken Cox. “Simply visit our website where you can learn how to support, volunteer, and take part.”

“Will you consider joining this year’s celebration?” Cox asks. “If you’re not available, please help us spread the word. Hope y’all can join our Cowtown salute on Veterans Day.”

*From the City of Benbrook*

## **Application Deadline for Various Boards and Commissions Nov. 8**

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 Board of Directors.

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.

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*From the City of Benbrook*

## **Transportation for Elderly and Disabled**

The City of Benbrook contracts with Trinity Metro (formerly the Fort Worth Transportation Authority) and works in partnership with Catholic Charities of Worth to provide transit service to Benbrook residents who are disabled or age 65 or older. Trips may be scheduled for activities including medical appointments, shopping, recreation, school, or work. One-way fare is \$2.50 per person. How it works:

- Service for Benbrook residents is available 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is no service on weekends or holidays.
- On Mondays and Wednesdays, bus routes and times sometimes do not allow for service to Benbrook. Therefore, rides can only be guaranteed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Riders are encouraged to schedule medical appointments and other important trips only for days when service is guaranteed.
- Registration is required to participate in the program and schedule trips. Please call 817-336-8714.
- Ride requests are taken Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Riders are encouraged to call two to seven business days in advance of the desired trip date.

As noted above, Benbrook residents are guaranteed rides only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

To contact Trinity Metro customer care, call 817-215-8600 or [visit their website](#).

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Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM  
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From StatePoint

# Expert Tips to Organize Your Home for Fall



From the walk-in closet to the kitchen pantry, catch-all spots make all the difference in daily routines -- but only if they're kept neat and tidy.

Family organizing expert Jessica Litman is on a mission to help families declutter and stay organized. She's sharing her pro tips for getting your home in shape for this busy time of year.

**Clear Away Cabinet Clutter.** 'Tis the season for autumn chili, stew and other comfort foods. That means it's also time to put your essential slow cookers and pans where you can reach them, so food prep will be hassle-free.

"When the weather starts to cool, I swap out summer cookware for winter bakeware," says Litman. "I put the grilling items in the back of the cabinet and pull the turkey roaster and baking dishes to the front."

For added storage, Litman recommends using a shelf rack or vertical organizer to keep cutting boards and pie pans neatly upright and easily accessible.

**Prep the Pantry.** Create a system that gives grab-and-go snacks and cooking necessities a home. This will help keep the kitchen tidy in the midst of busy work and school schedules.

"Do a pantry cleanout," Litman says. "Remove everything from the area and wipe down the shelves. Take the canned goods you didn't eat and donate them to a local food bank."

Use a combination of shelf liners and new containers to restore order to the space. Measure the shelves, cut the liner to length and then lay it flat. The shelf liner is durable, waterproof and designed to keep surfaces dry while making them easy to wipe clean. Use the measurements to get an idea of what size bins will best fit the area. Store crackers, cereal, oats and pasta in clear containers with labels, and put spices and seasonings in a slim organizer.

"Set up items similarly to grocery store shelves by placing like items together," Litman suggests. "When you do this, it's like you are shopping in your pantry instead of hunting for things."

**Out with the Old.** Before pulling out your fall wardrobe,

declutter the piles of "stuff" from the closet. This will make your space seem bigger and more organized.

"Remove clothes from this past season," Litman recommends. "Look through each garment. If you didn't wear it, donate, toss or sell it."

Now that there is more room, hang an over-the-door shoe rack for rain boots and work shoes and use a closet organizer to store accessories, such as belts, purses and scarves. Litman also recommends dry cleaning winter jackets now so they're ready to wear when cold weather comes.

**Find Balance in the Bathroom.** Whether it's the primary bath or the kids' washroom, make the most of your space by organizing everything into different categories, like towels and haircare. Once everything is grouped, you can decide what will be kept where based on the available areas. Use a tray on the counter and bins in pullout drawers.

Litman says to wipe and line surfaces, especially under the sink before putting essentials away. She also recommends waiting until after the organizing process to buy bins and caddies, so you know exactly what you need.

Once these organizing projects are complete, your home will be ready for all the fun fall festivities and family gatherings.

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## American Politician - John H. Reagan *by Dr. Ken Bridges*

John Heninger Reagan was a controversial figure in Texas History. He had a long record, serving as a judge, U. S. Senator, Confederate cabinet member, and chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission. While he was an outspoken defender of slavery and secession early in his career, he was later a defender of the interests of farmers against large railroad interests.

He was born in 1818 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, nestled in the Appalachian Mountains. His parents were fairly prosperous and sent him to private schools for his education, and he even attended a seminary in Tennessee for a time. As a young man, reports emerging from Texas about its fight with Mexico and push for independence fired his imagination. In 1838, still just 19, he left Tennessee to head for Texas on his own.

He worked for funds along the way, briefly managing a plantation in Mississippi. Not long after his arrival in Texas by 1839, Reagan became embroiled in battles between the Cherokees in East Texas and settlers in the area. Reagan soon began working as a deputy surveyor in what is now Kaufman County, just east of present-day Dallas. He also made extra money working as a private tutor. He made enough money to buy his own farm in Kaufman County and began apprenticing himself to a nearby attorney to study the law. In 1846, he was admitted to the bar. He settled in nearby Buffalo, at that time a thriving community and the county seat of Henderson County. Widely respected in the area and now a newly-practicing attorney, he was elected district judge in April 1846, the first for the area with Texas as a new state.

In 1847, he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives. He was defeated for re-election in 1849. But his fortunes bounced back, and he was elected district judge in 1852. In 1857, he was elected to Congress as sectional tensions began to boil over. He was a rabid defender of slavery, even warning of racial violence if the slaves were ever freed. After the 1860 election, he joined Texas secessionists in trying to pull Texas out of the Union, sharply opposing Gov. Sam Houston, an outspoken Unionist. Reagan joined the secessionist convention, which ousted Houston and declared Texas a part of the Confederacy by early 1861. Reagan resigned from Congress and was then sent by the convention to be a part of the provisional Confederate Congress then meeting in Alabama.

Confederate President Jefferson Davis named Reagan postmaster general of the Confederacy. Reagan quickly went to work, keeping most of the post office system across the South intact and even convincing a number of postal officials in Washington, DC, to join the Confederate post office. Within a few weeks, the post office was fully functional again and was one of the few Confederate institutions to function successfully during the Civil War. But the Confederacy faced increasing defeats on the battlefield and economic pressures led to massive shortages and even bread riots. The Confederate post office had to close and consolidate many routes to stay functional. By early April 1865, Union forces had broken through Confederate defenses at their capital in Richmond, the Confederate government, along with Reagan, were forced to leave on the few available trains still going southward. While they were initially planning to reassemble a new government in North Carolina, the reality was that they were running for their lives.

What lay next was still uncertain in a very chaotic time.

### *Part II*

John H. Reagan had risen through the ranks of Texas frontier politics, serving as a local judge and legislator and ultimately a member of

Congress. He had fought for Texas secession and later became a member of the Confederate cabinet. But with the end of the Civil War at hand, everything he had worked for was now at stake.

By late April 1865, with the Confederacy disintegrating, Jefferson Davis named Reagan, already postmaster general of the Confederacy, as acting secretary of the treasury. By this point, the Confederate government was on the run and most Confederate military units had surrendered. He would be in charge of a treasury of now-worthless Confederate money. Within weeks, Reagan and Davis were both captured by Union troops in Georgia, along with former Texas Gov. Francis R. Lubbock, now a military aide to Davis, and sent to Fort Warren in Boston. There Reagan was kept in solitary confinement for five months, uncertain of his fate.

While imprisoned, he read many northern newspapers and their blistering attacks on the South in the wake of the Civil War. Reagan wrote an open letter to the people of Texas urging cooperation with Reconstruction, warning that the enraged North would tolerate no resistance and would inflict even harsher penalties on the South if challenged. His letter provoked anger in a Texas humiliated by defeat. But the violence of Reconstruction, the military response, and martial law across the state later proved he was right. Reagan was later granted amnesty and returned to Texas in disgrace.

In 1874, after the chaos of Reconstruction had ended, he was elected to his old seat in Congress. While serving in Congress, Reagan also served as a delegate for the new state constitutional convention. This convention produced the Texas Constitution of 1876, which is still used by the state today. Whatever actions he had committed for the Confederacy were quickly forgiven by his colleagues once he returned to Congress. He was quickly named chairman of the new post office committee and then became chair of the influential House Committee on Commerce after his 1876 re-election.

While in Congress, Reagan turned his interests to the railroad industry. Increasingly, farmers across the nation were upset with railroad monopolies and unfair hauling rates. He began pushing for legislation to regulate railroads but received strong pushback from the industry. In 1887, the state legislature elected him to the U.S. Senate, and Reagan was able to push through the Interstate Commerce Act. This legislation regulated railroad prices and practices and created the first federal regulatory body in the nation's history.

Gov. Jim Hogg successfully pushed through a similar law in Texas in 1891, the Texas Railroad Commission. Hogg invited Reagan to serve as the first chair of the commission. Now 73, Reagan stepped down from the Senate to return to Texas to serve in this position. Reagan would continue to serve as chairman for the next 12 years.

He maintained an active interest in history and the story of his own role in the climactic events of the mid-nineteenth century. In 1897, he co-founded the Texas State Historical Association. In 1903, he published his memoirs. The state legislature also honored him by naming Reagan County after him in West Texas, near San Angelo. Later that same year, now aged 84, he retired from the railroad commission.

In March 1905, he contracted pneumonia and died at his home in Palestine at age 86. Several schools were named after him in the years after his death and a statue was erected to him at the University of Texas. The state even named an office building on the Capitol grounds after him.

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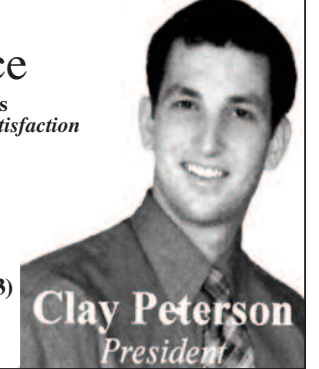
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### Friday, Sept. 30:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 84. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**PM** - Clear; low around 56. E/SE wind 5mph.



### Saturday, Oct. 1:

**AM** - Sunny; high near 84. S/SE wind 5 to 10 mph, becoming east northeast in the afternoon.

**PM** - Clear, with a low around 57.



### Sunday, Oct. 2:

**AM** - Sunny, with a high near 86.

**PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 59.

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