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From the Sports Desk with John English

WHHS Loses Close Game to Mineral Wells; BMHS Falls to Iowa Park

The Western Hills football team moved to 1-1 on the season on Friday night, losing to Mineral Wells by a score of 55-40.

Coach Blake Moilan said there were a number of take aways from the game.

"I thought that our kids came out played really hard," Moilan said. "We had to fight through some adversity in the first quarter with some guys out, but our team responded the way we needed them to. We were very happy with their fight and resiliency. We got down fast and it would have been easy to let the snowball keep rolling and

getting bigger and bigger, but our kids put their foot down and fought hard. We got the game within one score twice in the fourth quarter and just couldn't make the final push. Mineral Wells is a tough team. They have a smash mouth offense with their double tight I formation and they are going to run the ball. This was a physical game that we needed to make us better moving forward."

Cam Hawkins had two kickoff returns for touchdowns in the game (three for the season) and Aaron Martin had 11 solo tackles.

Gavyn Harris (pictured left) finished the game 120 yards receiving and a touchdown, and D'Mareay Hornsby "played an all around good game," from the slot.

"We are excited about him and his potential with the ball," Moilan said.

Western Hills plays Polytechnic this week, and Moilan said he expects his team to have it's work cut out.

"Poly has some good athletes," Moilan said. "We will need to contain them. It should be a good game for us."

Over at Benbrook, the Bobcats lost to Iowa Park by a score of 63-21, and coach Cody Slater (continued on page 2)

Benbrook Council Action

City Council Incumbents

Unopposed, Nov. 8 General Election Canceled *with John English*

The Benbrook city council meeting on Sept. 1 was conducted as scheduled. Mayor Jason Ward called the meeting to order. An invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ward allowed an opportunity for citizen comments on any agenda item, and resident Anne Mattern approached the podium. "My major concern is for residential semi-truck parking for extended periods of time, greater than a few hours from days to a week," Mattern said.

Mattern pointed to a report in 2020 that showed that Texas has the highest rate of tractor trailer truck drivers in the country estimated at over 195,000.

Mattern said she has driven around and noticed several semi-trucks parked in residential neighborhoods, and said her number one concern is safety, as the size of the vehicles block the fields of visions of drivers and pedestrians.

Ward thanked Mattern for her comments. (continued on page 3)



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HS Football

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said it was a tough game.

“We made too many mistakes in the game versus Iowa Park,” Slater said. “I will take that on me as the coach. We tried to put too much on them last week and it was too much for our young team.”

Offensively, Collin Thompson went 10-25 passing, with 182 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 114 yards and a touchdown.

Receiving, Kyler Hayes had five catches for 51 yards and two touchdowns, and Kade Cross finished the game with four catches for 131 yards.

On defense, Roman Rabago, Santiago Merino, Elijah Guzman led the way for the Bobcats.

Benbrook will play Mineral Wells this week, and Slater said his team will have it's hands full.

“Mineral Wells is 2-0,” Slater said. “They have wins over Castleberry and Western Hills. They are big and physical up front on the offensive line and they play good defense. I expect them to come out and run the ball right at us. We are making a few changes this week and simplifying what we do. I’m looking forward to seeing our kids compete against them and see how our changes play out.”

Legal Notice

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a BG/FB: Wine and Beer Retailer’s Permit with Food and Beverage Certificate by Maneerat Nganpitak dba Sakura Japanese Restaurant, to be located at 406 Mercedes St. Unit F, Benbrook, Tarrant County, Texas 76126. The owner of the business is Maneerat Nganpitak.

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From the Benbrook Public Library Upcoming Events at Benbrook Public Library

Adults who would like to practice and improve their Spanish are encouraged to attend free beginner/intermediate level, conversation-based classes on Thursday, Sept. 8 and Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. Classes are held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Those interested in art will enjoy “Artful Evenings: Modern Art” on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. Join us to discover the origins of the modern art movement, key artists and techniques, and how working in that manner is harder than it seems. Whether you're a modern art lover or skeptic, you'll leave with new skills to better appreciate the style.



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Make plans to attend your one-stop shop for all things higher education at Fort Worth ISD’s Annual College Night, Monday, Sept. 19, 5:30-8:30 p.m. This is an event where students and parents within and beyond Fort Worth ISD can explore college, career, and military options. You don’t want to miss this event at the Amon Carter, Jr. Exhibit Hall, Texas Room, 3400 Burnett-Tandy Drive, in Fort Worth, Texas.

Register today to meet representatives from more than 250 colleges and universities across the United States. Attendees can expect direct access to recruiters and admission officers from colleges, universities, trade, technical schools, and the military.

On-going seminars begin at 5:45 p.m. There will be information about financing a college education, scholarships in Tarrant County, the college admission process, and much more. Translators will be on-hand to support Spanish-speaking families.

Parking at Amon Carter Jr. Exhibit Hall is \$10 (subject to change). However, free parking is available at Farrington Field, where there will be a ride shuttle to the event location.

For more information, please visit fwisd.org/college or call the Choice and Collegiate Programming Department at 817-814-1564.

City Council Action

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Minutes for the meeting held on Aug. 18 were then approved. The first item of the evening was a proposal to accept the certification of unopposed candidates and adopt and ordinance canceling Nov. 8 General Election.

After receiving the certificate of unopposed candidates from the city secretary, state law allows governing bodies to declare each unopposed candidate elected to office and to cancel the general election.

Council members Renee Franklin, Dustin Phillips and Laura Mackey were all unopposed, and staff recommended that the city council accept the certificate of unopposed candidates and adopt the ordinance cancelling the Nov. 8 election and declare Franklin, Phillips and Mackey (place 2, place 4 and place 6) duly elected to office for a two-year term.

The ordinance was adopted unanimously. Next was a motion to adopt an ordinance amending Title 10 - Vehicles and Traffic of the Benbrook Municipal Code (1985), as amended, by regulating commercial truck parking on streets within the City of Benbrook.

The ordinance would prohibit commercial truck parking on city streets if the vehicle is more than 20 ft. long, 7 ft. wide or 7 ft. tall.

Commercial vehicles are exempt if they are actively engaged in loading or unloading of the vehicle or on a service call.

Emergency and city vehicles are exempt as well as utility vehicles performing services.

The ordinance carried unanimously. Next up was public hearing on the property tax rate for 2022. The No-New-Revenue tax rate is \$0.552088, voter-approval tax rate is \$0.598420 and proposed tax rate would be \$0.595000. Adoption of the 2022 property tax rate will take place Sept. 15. A public hearing followed, but there were no comments. The next item was a motion to conduct a public hearing on a proposed budget for fiscal year 2022-23.

The general fund beginning fund balance was \$15,551,685, with revenues and transfer ins of \$23,900,915 and expenditures totaling \$22,615,915.

An anticipated ARPA grant of \$2,911,733 left a projected ending fund balance of \$18,463,418.

Adoption of the 2022 budget will take place Sept. 15. A public hearing followed, but there were no comments. Time was then allowed for informal citizen comments, but there were none.

Time was then allowed for council member and staff comments and Council Member Franklin reminded residents that next Sunday was Sept. 11, and the Benbrook Memorial Post of the VFW would be presenting its second annual Run for the V starting at 10 .m. in honor of Suicide Prevention Month.

The meeting was then adjourned.



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TDLR Seeks Volunteers to Serve on 16 Advisory Boards and Committees

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation needs volunteers to serve on 16 advisory boards and committees to provide technical knowledge and industry expertise to the agency, which regulates 37 professions in Texas.

“TDLR needs Texans who care about their communities to participate on our advisory boards and committees,” said TDLR Executive Director Mike Arismendez Jr. “Thanks to a change in state law, we’re able to hold most of our advisory board meetings online, so members no longer have to travel to Austin to meet. We hope that more people will want to get involved.”

Many of the vacancies that TDLR aims to fill are for public members who do not have a connection to the industry of their appointed board and will represent Texas consumers. Most terms on the boards and committees last for six years, although some terms may be shorter because a seat has been vacated by a member who was unable to complete their term.

Advisory board members are appointed by the chair of the Texas Commission on Licensing and Regulation. There is no financial compensation for membership.

The following boards and councils currently have vacancies:

Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors Advisory Board, 6-year terms:

- Official of Municipality with Population Not more than 250,000
- Official of Municipality with Population Greater than 250,000

Architectural Barriers Advisory Committee, 3-year terms:

- Consumer with Disabilities
- Consumer with Disabilities

Behavior Analyst Advisory Board, 6-year terms:

- Parent or guardian of a current or former recipient of applied behavior analysis services
- Licensed Assistant Behavior Analyst

Code Enforcement Officers Advisory Committee, 6-year term:

- Structural Engineer/Architect

Dietitians Advisory Board, 6-year terms:

- Public Member
- Public Member

Elevator Advisory Board, 3-year term:

- Public Member/Disabled

Hearing Instrument Fitters and Dispensers Advisory Board, 6-year term:

- Doctor of Otolaryngology

Licensed Breeder Advisory Committee, 4-Year terms:

- Licensed Breeder
- Veterinarian
- Animal Control Officer

Massage Therapy Advisory Board, 6-Year term:

- Public Member

Midwives Advisory Board, 6-Year term:

- Public Member

Orthotists and Prosthetists Advisory Board, 6-Year term:

- Public Member who uses Orthosis

Registered Sanitarian Advisory Committee, 6-year term:

- Consumer/Public Member

Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Advisory Board, 6-Year term:

- Public member

Texas Water Well Drillers Advisory Council, 6-year term:

- Public Member

Towing and Storage Advisory Board

- Peace Officer/Population More Than One Million Residents

Used Automotive Parts Recycling Advisory Board, 6-Year terms:

- Domestic Auto Parts Business

See this page: <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/media/vacancies.htm> for details on specific membership requirements and how to apply.

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Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option North Las Vegas Trail Project From Quebec Drive to I-820 CSJ: 0902-90-176 Tarrant County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the cities of Fort Worth and White Settlement are proposing improvements to North Las Vegas Trail from Quebec Drive to I-820 in Tarrant County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a public meeting on the proposed project. The meeting will take place on September 29, 2022, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Pecan Grove Convention Center at 405 North Las Vegas Trail, White Settlement, TX 76108.

The meeting will consist of a virtual meeting with an in-person open house option including a prerecorded presentation and opportunities to view schematics, ask questions and explore the project design as well as a virtual option at www.txdot.gov. Project maps and materials will also be available online via www.txdot.gov (keyword search "North Las Vegas Trail") and in-person at the Texas Department of Transportation Fort Worth District Office located at 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133. The prerecorded presentation will be available for viewing at the web address indicated above or by contacting the district office at the number provided until at least Thursday, October 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call (817) 370-3523 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 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.

The project proposes to widen the roadway from two lanes to four lanes, add turn lanes, construct shared use paths, and improve the intersections at Heron Drive and Shore View Drive. Additionally, the project proposes drainage improvements at the unnamed tributary to Lake Worth to eliminate the low water crossing on Las Vegas Trail. This project is currently funded with local funds for planning and study development only. Funding for construction has not been allocated at this time. This project is proposing to acquire approximately 0.234 acres of right-of-way and 0.859 acres of permanent easements.

The proposed project has the potential to impact John Griggs Park, managed by the City of White Settlement. This property is managed as a public park and recreation facility and is protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. TxDOT will pursue a de minimis finding for any potential impacts at the park. Although additional right-of-way would be required, no residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time. Portions of the proposed project area are located within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 100-year floodplain, which is defined as the zone with a one percent chance of a flood event occurring in any given year. The hydraulic design for the proposed improvements would be in accordance with current TxDOT and Federal Highway Administration design policies and procedures. The project would not increase the base flood elevation without coordination and approval from the appropriate

FEMA Floodplain Administrator. Approximately 0.21 acres of potential jurisdictional waters of the U.S. were identified within the project limits. Anticipated impacts would be authorized under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Nationwide Permit 14.

Although additional right-of-way is anticipated to be required, no residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced at this time. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction can be obtained from the City of Fort Worth, Property Management by calling (817) 329- 8379.

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 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Texas Department of Transportation Fort Worth District Office located at 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133. Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov keyword search "North Las Vegas Trail Project".

The virtual public meeting and the in-person option will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or 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 if you are a person with a disability who requires accommodation to attend and participate in the public meeting, please contact Jennifer Carpenter at (817) 370-3523 no later than 4:00 p.m., September 16, 2022. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations 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, TX 76133. Written comments may also be submitted by email to jennifer.carpenter@txdot.gov. All comments must be received on or before October 14, 2022. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov keyword search "North Las Vegas Trail Project" once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual meeting with an in-person option, please contact Jennifer Carpenter at (817) 370-3523.

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.

Southern Methodist University *by Dr. Ken Bridges*



Students begin a new school year with hopes and dreams of better lives. Teachers and administrators similarly have high hopes for their students, trying to create classrooms and schools of the highest quality where these dreams can be nurtured and minds developed, as difficult as this sometimes is given the limits of budgets. Southern Methodist University in Dallas was created with such hopes but also with many obstacles. In the end, SMU was the result of a fight to relocate another college and the fate of a Dallas medical school that culminated in a world-class university.

Southwestern University in Georgetown, just north of Austin, had been founded by the Methodist Church in 1840. As Texas grew, Methodist leaders at the turn of the century questioned if Georgetown was the best location. To many in North Texas, it only seemed reasonable that the college be relocated to Dallas or Fort Worth, given their large population of Methodists and growing business communities.

While some communities were hesitant to embrace colleges and universities in their communities, worried about rowdy students or radical ideas, Dallas leaders saw an opportunity. They quickly realized that a top-rate university would become an important economic engine for the city, attracting students from far and wide and producing the skilled thinkers that businesses increasingly needed to operate.

Southwestern University ultimately stayed in Georgetown, but Dallas was able to secure the new university, in part from help from Southwestern. In 1903, Southwestern had opened a medical school and school of pharmacy in downtown Dallas. The school was small and a drain on resources. Through the efforts of the school's dean, Dr. John McReynolds, Southwestern handed ownership over to the new university to be established in Dallas.

SMU's charter was signed in April 1911. Dr. Robert S. Hyer was hired by trustees to serve as the first president. The medical and pharmacy schools were the only programs offered. Students paid tuition of \$100 per year while SMU trustees poured in

\$25,000 trying to update the school's facilities. While it was a modest success, the costs made it difficult to expand into a full university.

Hiram Boaz was hired as vice-president and fundraiser in 1913. Boaz, a Methodist minister and later a bishop in the church, had many connections needed to be able to secure the donations the university needed. Hyer meanwhile hired 37 professors and started an aggressive recruitment campaign. Dozens of acres were secured in North Dallas and tens of thousands of dollars were spent on the ornate Dallas Hall, the first permanent building on the new site.

In the summer of 1915, SMU was faced with a difficult choice. The university had the money to either operate the medical school or the new university. Trustees made the decision to suspend the medical school in favor of the new campus. By the fall of 1915, SMU opened in North Dallas. Some 456 students enrolled in the college's first classes. Women were also admitted as students in a time when many colleges still refused to admit women. A basic program of the liberal arts and sciences were offered as well as graduate programs and a school of divinity. Two buildings were included on the campus, which included a fully-functioning library, with Hyer and trustees planning even more construction as time progressed.

A campus community quickly coalesced at the new location. The Daily Campus, the student newspaper, began publication that fall. At the university's first graduation ceremony in June 1916, twenty-four bachelors degrees and seven masters degrees were granted. The first years were clearly a success. Anxious to expand the offerings of the university and acquire the talent needed to help manage the rapidly growing businesses in Dallas, the local business community pushed SMU to open a business school, which opened in 1920.

Hyer retired in 1920 but stayed with the university as a physics professor until his death in 1929. Boaz stepped into the position of president, for two years. Dr. Charles Selecman then became the university's third president in 1923. The Methodist minister oversaw a massive building project and expansion of the university as it steadily matured.

Under Selecman's tenure, SMU added nine more building to its campus. The SMU School of Law was opened in 1925. The university expanded even further with the opening of the engineering school that year. In 1927, the ornate Highland Park Methodist Church was completed on campus. While the university and the nation struggled through the Great Depression in the 1930s, Selecman was able to keep enrollment and funding strong.

The college continued to grow, weathering war, controversy, and celebrating successes along the way. It grew over the intervening years to become one of the most respected universities in Texas. SMU today boasts more than 11,000 students pursuing dozens of majors.

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Three Day Weekend Forecast



Friday, Sept. 9:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 92. E/SE wind 5 to 10 mph.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 70. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.



Saturday, Sept. 10:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 92. Light wind becoming east 5 to 10 mph in the morning.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 70.



Sunday, Sept. 11:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 89.
PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

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