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Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt New Auxiliary Inducted to VFW Post 10429

A newly established Auxiliary to VFW Post 10429 held an induction recently at their facility.Since 1914, VFW Auxiliary's has brought together individuals from all walks of life with the purpose to improve the lives of veterans, service members, their families and our communities. The organization is designed to bring needed services, education, information and assistance to these target groups.

This Post has not had an Auxiliary in 20 years so it is exciting that one has been implemented.

Twelve officers were elected on this special occasion that was enjoyed by everyone who participated.

Pictured are newly installed officers: (front) President Shawn Terry, (left side to back) Sr. Vice President Anita Grogan, Treasurer Johnny Neagle, Chaplain Denise Honeycutt, Trustee 3 Michael Sheppard, Trustee 1 Lori Barta and Patriotic Instructor Tessie Kau; (right side to back) Jr. Vice President Judy Grantland, Secretary Nola Roberts, Conductor/Historian Karen Toomer, Guard Stephanie Sights and Trustee 2 Jessica Quinones. (photos continued on page 2)

From the Benbrook Public Library Evening at the Library May 10

The Benbrook Library will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary in style during the Evening at the Library event on Friday, May 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. In honor of serving the Benbrook community for 25 years, the Library will host a *Great Gatsby* themed party! This is a great opportunity for the community to get to know the staff and all the services the Library provides. Refreshments will be provided, and prizes will be awarded for the best costume.

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From the City of Benbrook Spring Household Hazardous Waste Event May 18

Do you have old paint, cooking oil, batteries, or automotive fluids taking up space around your home? You can dispose of these items at the Spring Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event in Benbrook on Saturday, May 18. The event will take place at the Dutch Branch Park Complex off Winscott Rd., in the rear parking lot behind Par 3 Golf (follow signs), from 9 to 11 a.m. (or until the collection trailer is full).

Please bring proof of Benbrook residency (i.e. water bill or driver's license). Staff will be on-site to direct traffic and assist in unloading items from vehicles. Please drive slowly as you enter the drop-off location.

Typical household, garden, and automotive chemicals are accepted for proper disposal. For a complete list of acceptable items, visit www.benbrook-tx.gov/441/Household-Hazardous-Waste.

This is the ONLY 2024 HHW event scheduled in Benbrook.

The City of Fort Worth has the authority to cancel this event. Benbrook residents can take Hazardous Waste items directly to the Fort Worth Environmental Collection Center, located at 6400 Bridge St., Fort Worth.

For hours of operation, please call 817-392-5257. For event questions, call 817-249-6008.

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Newly installed Auxiliary President to VFW Post 10429 received the gavel from State Auxiliary President **Susie Carter**.



Unit 19 Motorcycle Group donated \$500 to the Auxiliary. They are: (l-r) **Ken Evenson**, **Danny Dawson, Philip Casey, Donald Smallwood** and Auxiliary President **Shawn Terry**.



Service Officer **Jerry Grantland** and Sr. Vice Commander **Paul Sights** participated at the event.



Pictured are: (1-r) State Auxiliary President (Abilene) Susie Carter, Davis Dunn, Robert Britt, Auxiliary State Treasurer Nancy Hinkle, Lorri Beltran, Auxiliary District President Lydia Leal, and Post District 21 President Glenda Frink.



Commander **Troy Collum** and Past Commander **Eddie Terry** prepared bbq sandwiches, potato salad, chips and various desserts.





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Suburban Newspapers, Inc. From the City of Benbrook **Senior News**

Spring is in the air at the Benbrook Senior Citizens Center! The Benbrook Senior Citizens Center is a fun, inclusive facility for seniors to experience time with others in friendly fellowship!

like moving and grooving, the Senior Citizens Center will host a Senior Dance on July 26 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The monthly calendar is posted on the Benbrook Senior Citizens Center Facebook page.

For more information, contact the Senior Citizens Center at email benbrookgardens@gmail.com. 817-249-6300.

From the City of Benbrook Touch-a-Truck May 21

The City of Benbrook invites you to explore a variety of service trucks and other vehicles and meet the people who protect and serve the Benbrook community, Tuesday, May 21, from 6 to 8 p.m.

This event is great fun for kids of all ages! An Ambulance, Patrol Car, Tractor, Ladder Truck, Fire Engine, and Animal Control Truck will be on display. Vendors will also be onsite where attendees can purchase food.

For more information, call 817-249-6008.



For more information, contact Lorena Guerrero at lguerrero@benbrook-tx.gov or call 817-249-6091.

From the City of Benbrook **Benbrook Community Gardens** Now Accepting New Gardeners

The Benbrook Community Gardens, located at Timber Creek Games such as dominoes and cards happen daily. If you feel Park (900 Park Dr.), has a few 16'x4' raised garden plot beds available. The annual fee is \$50 and includes a water source, gardening tools, and limited organic supplies.

> The Benbrook Community Gardens hosts a monthly meeting on the second Saturday of each month. To register for the meetings,

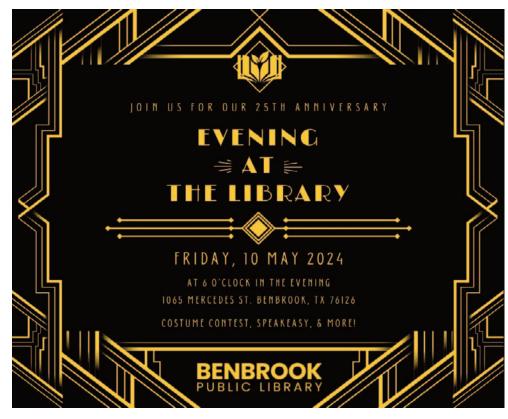
From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers **Balloons vs. Nature**

Whether you are having a party or you are honoring a loved one, it is never a good idea to release balloons. They might say eco-friendly but could take up to seven years to biodegrade.

Mylar balloons are composed of synthetic nylon with metallic coating. They are not biodegradable and can cause power outages or fires when they get twisted with electrical lines. When you release them it might look majestic and you might wonder how far it will go but where it really ends up is terrible.

Balloons, usually bright with color, attract wildlife and marine life and get easily mistaken for foliage or food. Devouring balloons can cause them their life, not to mention being tangled up in the balloon string can cause suffocation. Helium which fills the balloons is a finite source and we cannot manufacture it. Helium is used for fiber optics, infant breathing ventilators, and MRI's.

The next time you want to use this party staple remember the fatal consequences for wildlife and marine life. If you have to have balloons, weigh them down, pop them and properly dispose of them.



Baseball: Benbrook to Face Alvarado, WHHS Defeats Eastern Hills; Softball: Lady Cougars and Lady Bobcats Fall in **Bi-District Round**

The Benbrook baseball team played two warm up games this past week in preparation for its opening playoff series with Alvarado.

Coach Justin Chavez said it was a bit of a mixed bag.

"We beat Tolar 10-1, and Hudson Stockton picked up the win," Chavez said. "We set a new school record with 24 wins in the season, and Hudson continued his great pitching season by going 5 innings and extend his 0.00 ERA to 31.0 innings pitched. Everyone hit the ball very well. Against Godley we lost 10 to 1. We had a lot pionship in the 110-meter hurdles. of mistakes and learned a lot about how we have to stay locked in every pitch."

Benbrook will play a best-of-three series against Alvarado starting tonight at 7 p.m. in Joshua, and Chavez said he believes his team is ready to go.

"We are excited about another opportunity at a deep run in the *Fertilizing the Lawn* playoffs," Chavez said. "However, these kids know that it's going to take a lot of work to accomplish our goals. Alvarado is very well-coached, and we will have our hands full."

Over at Western Hills, the Cougars wrapped up the regular season on a high note, defeating Eastern Hills by a score of 29-1 on Tuesday and following that up with forfeit by the Highlanders on Friday.

Coach James Holcomb the win on Tuesday was truly a team effort.

"The whole team played the way we as a coaching staff expected to the entire season," Holcomb said. "We pitched efficiently, had a great approach at the plate, ran bases aggressively and smart, and made great plays defensively."

Holcomb said there were some challenges this year, but overall, he feels his team made good progress.

"It was definitely a season of highs and lows," Holcomb said. "The inconsistent tendencies kept us from achieving the goal of the playoffs, but we achieved our main goal of being a better team at the end of the season versus the beginning. Every player grew as a ball player and a young man throughout the course of the season, and they were playing their best baseball to end the season. We laid a good foundation for the program going forward, and look to build on the positives from this season."

In softball, the season came to an end for the Western Hills softball team who lost in the bi-district round to Venus.

Benbrook also lost in the bi-district round to Alvarado.

In track and field, Western Hills will be represented at the state track and field meet, and coach Craig Clark could not be more

proud.

"What an incredible hurdle journey for senior Trishtan Willis," Clark said. "He competed in his first 110-meter hurdle race during the 2023 season with a time of 17.99 on the junior varsity team. Midway through the 2023 season, he was moved up to varsity and finished the season as a regional qualifier, finishing in seventh place with a time of 15.61."

During the 2024 season, Willis won the district and area cham-

From the City of Benbrook **Stormwater Pollution Education:**



It's hard to imagine that a green, flourishing lawn could pose a threat to the environment, but the fertilizers you apply to your lawn are potential pollutants! More than 60 percent of water pollution comes from stormwater runoff. The runoff picks up pollutants like leaking oil from cars, fertilizers from farms and gardens, and failing septic tanks. All these sources add up to a big pollution problem.

Unfortunately, fertilizer is a "growing" problem for lakes, rivers, and streams, especially if it's not used carefully. If you use too much fertilizer or apply it at the wrong time, it can easily wash off your lawn or garden into storm drains and then flow into lakes or streams. Just like in your garden, fertilizer in lakes and streams makes plants grow. In water bodies, extra fertilizer can mean extra algae and aquatic plant growth. Too many algae cause water quality problems and makes boating, fishing, and swimming unpleasant.

As algae decays, it uses up oxygen in the water that fish and other wildlife need to survive.

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/nutrientpollution.

Daughters of the American Revolution Mary Isham Keith Chapter NSDAR Presents Essay Contest Awards

Mary Isham Keith Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, presented awards to outstanding students at Ridglea Country Club in Fort Worth at their March and April meetings.

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The purpose of the DAR Good Citizens Program and Scholarship Contest is to recognize outstanding young people who exhibit the qualities of good citizenship in their homes, schools, and communities.

This year's DAR Good Citizen and Scholarship Award winner was Joseph Baugher, a senior at Arlington Heights High School. His parents are Christopher and Kathryn Baugher.

The purpose of the American History Essay Contest is to promote the study of American history by contests which bring recognition to significant historical people, places, dates, and events.

The fifth-grade winner was Walker West, who is homeschooled. His parents are Stacy and Ron West.

The sixth-grade winner was Paige Ball, who attends Benbrook



American History Co-Chair Katrina Lorenzen, Chapter Regent Charlsey Holler, Charlotte, Mandy and David Patty.



American History Co-Chairs Katrina Lorenzen and Dawn Needles, Paige Ball and Chapter Regent Charlsey Holler.

Middle School. Her parents are Auva and Robbie Ball.

The winner of the high school contest was Paschal High School junior, Charlotte Patty. Her parents are Mandy and David Patty.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a women's service organization whose members can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. Today's DAR is dynamic and diverse, with over 185,000 members in 3,000 chapters in the United States and abroad. DAR members annually provide millions of hours of volunteer service to their local communities across the country and world. DAR chapters participate in projects to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

If you are interested in learning more about DAR membership, email mikregent2023@gmail.com.



Chapter Regent Charlsey Holler, Walker West, American History Co-Chairs Katrina Lorenzen and Dawn Needles.



DAR Good Citizen Chair Julia Mallin, Chapter Regent Charlsey Holler, Joseph, Kathryn and Christopher Baugher.

Suburban Newspapers, Inc. **Texas History Minute** Spanish Military Leader, Bernardo de Galvez by Dr. Ken Bridges



The Revolutionary War found the American colonies in a desperate struggle for independence against one of the great superpowers of the eighteenth century, the British Empire. America found help in unexpected places. What turned out to be some of its most important foreign aid came from half a continent away from a largely unknown provincial Spanish governor, Bernardo de Galvez. Galvez served as governor of Spanish Louisiana, an area that at the time included Texas.

Bernardo de Galvez was born in a small mountain village on the southern tip of Spain in 1746. His father was a respected officer in the Spanish army. The younger Galvez began his military career at the age of 16 during the Seven Years War in the Spanish attack on neighboring Portugal. He earned the rank of lieutenant and was sent to what is now the American Southwest shortly afterward and fought in many battles with the different Native American tribes the Spanish were trying to subjugate. He was injured many times and cited for his bravery, rising to the rank of captain while still in his teens.

He returned to Spain in 1772. He took a number of assignments, including serving as an instructor at a military academy before returning to the New World and rose through the ranks. In 1777, Galvez, just 31, was named governor of Spanish Louisiana. region. Slowly, he wore down the British

Louisiana, large portions of East Texas and the Red River Valley, and lands all the way to the Dakotas and the Rocky Mountains, were under his command.

The American Revolution erupted two years prior to Galvez becoming governor. praise to Galvez in his role in the long war A British defeat would take immense pressure off the Spanish in North America. However, the delicate diplomatic situation represented Spain in the treaty negotiations between Spain and Great Britain prevented him from taking any overt action. Nevertheless, he devised a plan to aid the colonists anyway. In 1777, he quietly pulled nation's strategic interests while regaining together supplies and sent them up the Mississippi River to the Ohio River and from there to Pennsylvania. He sent weapons, medical supplies, and uniform materials New Spain by King Charles III. New Spain worth more than \$2 million in 2024 dollars included all of Spain's imperial possessions to a grateful Continental Army.

In 1778, a group of American refugees came to Galvez seeking land and founded Galveztown in Southeast Louisiana. Galvez began sending troops and colonists to the area in hopes of transforming the area in a Spanish military base against British intrigues in Spanish Florida. By August 1779, Spain was at war with England, and it was Galvez's job to oversee the defense of Spanish interests in the region.

While there would be clashes between American citizen in 2014. Spanish and English land forces, Galvez realized the bulk of the fighting would be naval battles in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea. English naval supremacy prevented many supplies from reaching the colonies. By contrast, the American navy, though staffed with spirited men, consisted of only a handful of ships and was too small to cause any significant damage to the huge British fleet. However, France and Spain, with their large fleets, proved to be a much more even match.

In late 1779, a message to British forces in Jamaica was intercepted by the Spanish, and Galvez prepared Louisiana for an attack. His forces deflected a British force at Baton Rouge in 1779. He sent the Spanish fleet to attack British ports and ships in the

The sprawling territory, which included advantage, allowing much needed supplies to reach the Americans. Galvez was preparing to press the advantage of the Spanish with an invasion of British Jamaica when word came that the war had ended. George Washington himself extended his lavish for American freedom.

> With the fighting over by 1782, Galvez in Paris to formalize the end of the war. He worked closely with his American counterpart, Ben Franklin, to help secure the new Florida for Spain. The Treaty of Paris was formally approved in 1783.

> In 1785, he was appointed viceroy of in North America and the Caribbean Sea, from Panama to California to Florida. As viceroy, Galvez was second only to the king in all matters relating to North America.

> He fell ill and died in Mexico City in November 1786 at the age of 40. Statues honoring him were later placed in New Orleans, Washington, DC, and Mobile, Alabama. Galveston was named for him when it was founded as a Mexican port in 1825.

Congress named him as an honorary



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<u>PM</u> - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



Saturday, May 4:

<u>AM</u> - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 82. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

<u>PM</u> - A 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67.



Sunday, May 5:

<u>AM</u> - A 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81. <u>PM</u> - A 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68.

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