Benbrook Resident Ted Brewer Celebrates 96 Years of Memories by Denise Honeycutt

A resident of Benbrook for 30 years, Ted Brewer has an amazing life story. Benbrook News reporter Denise Honeycutt sat down with Mr. Brewer as he recounted meaningful moments that highlight decades of adventure. Ted Brewer was born on July 28, 1921 in Humeston, Iowa to Harry and Bess Brewer. Here is his story.

About his family

Harry and Bess Brewer were married in 1910 when Wild Bill Hickok came through town with his Wild West show. The two joined the traveling group, along with Brewer’s sister and her husband. She sold the tickets and the elder Mr. Brewer was a cowboy. This group stopped at different cities by covered wagons along the coast to New York City or travel by train with Wild Bill Hickok. Ted Brewer’s brother, George, was born in Brady, Kan. in a covered wagon. The circus moved and the Brewers went back to Iowa.

Ted Brewer grew up and lived in a normal family environment in Humeston, along with his siblings Robert, Dean, Violet, George, Joe, Marjorie, Glenys, June, and Joy. Ted was the fifth born. The family moved to Centerville, Iowa when he was five years old, where he attended first and second grade, then moved again to Corydon, Iowa where he attended third through sixth grade. He finished high school after having moved back to Centerville. His dad did mechanical work for 60 hours per week and was paid $10.

Brewer, sharing some of his earliest childhood memories, recalls a moment when one of his aunts ran away from home three times to join the Wild West Circus. He remembers his grandmother’s funeral in 1926 when he was five. Brewer’s mother told him to “touch your grandmother so you’re not afraid of death.”

Early adulthood

After graduating from high school in 1941, Brewer worked for the city and was paid 25 cents an hour to mow lawns. He also did miscellaneous jobs, along with a friend, including picking up “junk” for 15 to 20 cents daily. The most they made was 75 cents per day. If they had a penny left, they would purchase a BB Bat candy on-a-stick.

Later in the year, he and his best friend hopped on a steam engine train from Centerville, Iowa to Chicago. The two got on a platform that had a water car and held on for dear life. Along the way, another individual joined them. The three climbed on top of the boiler and were kicked off. He and his friend Doyle Coatney jumped on another train 50 miles outside Chicago, where they decided to jump off at 40 miles per hour. Brewer saved Coatney from the jump. After walking a while, a bus came along. He had 90 cents and the bus ride was 10 cents; with nothing left but the clothes he was wearing he had 80 cents in his pocket. He shares the memory of purchasing six White Castle hamburgers for 25 cents. Money was running out.

Brewer wound up working for the President of Montgomery Ward to pick up miscellaneous reports from various officers of the company for 25 cents per hour. He worked there for two hours, then walked two blocks to Moody Bible Institute School for his second job at 25 cents per hour, where he dried and wiped glasses. His third job was at a steel mill making 63 cents per hour. He went dancing every night to the music of Lawrence Welk. Admission was $1.

World War II

Then came World War II. Brewer was drafted in the Army/Calvary in 1943 and (continued on page 5)
Free Job and Life Skills Training Offered to Women

Agape West Christian Women’s Job Corps offers free training for women in Tarrant County. To be eligible, a woman must want to make changes in her life and be willing to take the steps necessary to make those changes happen.

The next six-week session will begin Sept. 20. Classes are held in Agape Baptist Church, 3900 Southwest Boulevard (Highway 183) on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch is provided.

The program is designed and scheduled to assist unemployed and under-employed women in learning life and job skills to help them attain employment. Participants receive personal and spiritual mentoring throughout the program. They will also have the benefit of networking with educational and employment resources throughout the community.

Volunteers providing the training are qualified because they have or have had successful careers in business or organizations throughout the Fort Worth-Dallas area.

To take advantage of this opportunity, call 817-923-6800 for registration information.

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Obituary
Raford L. (Deau) Weurdig

Raford (Deau) Louis Weurdig, 72, of Granbury, Texas, formerly of Benbrook, Texas, passed away Friday, July 21, 2017. Deau was born August 22, 1944 in Eunice, La. and was preceded in death by his parents Louis and Agnes Weurdig, both long time residents of Benbrook, Texas and older brother Max Paul Weurdig.

Deau is survived by the love of his life, Sue Sanderson; son, Mikell Weurdig and wife Amy; daughter, Dawn McCawley and husband Bill; sister, Ann Weurdig; and brother, Arthur Weurdig and wife Cindy; four grandchildren, three great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Deau was a loving father to Mikell and Dawn, brother to Ann and friend to Donnie Rodgers and adored his pups, Little Man and Tippy.

Deau grew up in Benbrook, served his country in the Army, ran his own company (Deau’s Heating and Air), tinkered with cars and loved riding motorcycles.

He will be missed by all who loved and knew him. There will be no visitation or service held.

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Texas Beauford Jester  by Dr. Ken Bridges

The years after World War II were a time in which America had confidence in its abilities but looked with concern at the many challenges at home and overseas. Beauford Jester became governor in 1947 in an attempt to modernize Texas. Jester’s years as the thirty-sixth governor helped set the tone for the state in the years after World War II.

Beauford Halbert Jester was born in Corsicana in 1893. His father was State Senator George T. Jester, a prominent Corsicana banker. The elder Jester was elected lieutenant governor in 1894 and served two terms before returning to Corsicana.

The younger Jester attended local schools before enrolling at the University of Texas in 1912 where he also played baseball. He graduated in 1916 and soon enrolled at Harvard Law School.

America entered World War I in 1917. Jester answered the call to service, dropped out of law school, and enlisted in the army. He rose to become captain, commanding a company of infantry. He and his men saw intense combat in France, and he was honorably discharged after the conclusion of the war in 1918.

He returned to Texas and began studying at the University of Texas Law School, earning admission to the bar in 1920. He returned to Corsicana as his father’s health declined, and he opened his own law practice. After his father’s death in 1922, he began managing the family’s real estate and oil holdings. His law office steadily grew; he even defended several area oil companies before the U. S. Supreme Court. By 1925, when he was only 32, local attorneys honored him by electing him president of the Navarro County Bar Association. He held the position for the next thirteen years and ultimately became president of the Texas Bar Association.

In 1929, Gov. Dan Moody appointed Jester to the University of Texas Board of Regents. During his tenure, major improvements were planned for the university as well as the medical school in Galveston. The 1933 plan included the construction of the iconic tower of the main building on campus. Jester served as chairman of the board from 1933 until 1935.

A seat on the Railroad Commission became open in early 1942 when Commissioner Jerry Sadler resigned to join the army. Ironically, Jester’s father had helped create the Railroad Commission when he served in the State House of Representatives in 1891. Jester was appointed to fill the unexpired term and announced his candidacy for the 1942 race and won the election fairly easily. He was re-elected in 1944.

Gov. Coke Stevenson announced in 1946 that he would not seek re-election. Fourteen candidates jumped into a sprawling primary to replace him, including Jester. The lieutenant governor and attorney general had also jumped into the race, but their extremism repelled voters and gave Jester a valuable opening. He led the first primary with 38% of the vote. In the runoff, he faced former UT president Homer Rainey, who had spent the years since his 1944 firing defending his administration. Jester rallied business interests and defeated him easily to win the Democratic nomination.

The state had many problems with poor roads and bridges and serious deficiencies in education. Thought Jester had called for a state board for labor arbitration, the legislature fought to weaken unions. He managed to get the legislature to approve expanded funding for the state’s universities.

He was re-elected in 1948. Important education reforms surfaced in 1949 with the Gilmer-Aikin laws which mandated a state board of education, training standards for teachers, equal pay for white and black teachers, and a nine-month school year. The inclusion of the twelfth grade was also mandated. He also won funding for improved highways.

His record on the increasingly volatile subject of civil rights was mixed. He refused to support President Harry Truman’s end to segregation in (continued on page 4)
Beauford Jester
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the military and federal hiring. However, he won support of an anti-lynching law and created a law school for African-Americans.

He was enjoying a popular and successful governorship as the summer of 1949 approached. On July 22, he boarded a train to leave for a vacation in Galveston when he suddenly suffered a massive heart attack. He died at the age of 56. He was the first governor to die in office and was succeeded by Lt. Gov. Allan Shivers.

In light of his work for the University of Texas, the university named its new dormitory complex after him in 1968, a dorm that housed nearly 3,000 students and was the largest dorm in the world at the time. The State of Texas renamed a prison in Fort Bend County after him. His native Corsicana honored him by naming a park after him, and a historic marker has since been placed at the site of his boyhood home.

West Side Crochet Corner Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the West Side Crochet Corner will be held on Thursday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Benbrook YMCA.

The group welcomes new members who desire to learn how to crochet. Help is provided for newcomers.

Yarn donations are used to make afghans to be given to residents of a nursing home during the holidays.

Free Culinary Training with Tarrant Area Food Bank Information Session Monday

Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) is offering aspiring chefs the opportunity to attend a free 14-week culinary training program followed by a two-week internship at a local restaurant. Interested participants are required to attend one of two information sessions:

• Monday, July 31 beginning at 1 p.m.
• Tuesday, August 1 beginning at 9 a.m.

Throughout the course, students will train under the tutelage of Manuel Vasquez, TAFBs skilled and experienced executive chef. On top of learning how to prepare a variety of menu items including sushi, perfectly cooked steaks, poultry items and baked goods, students will also support the mission of TAFB by producing some 2,000 ready-to-eat meals that get distributed to hungry people in the community each week.

Production Chef Dedrich Flint, a graduate of TAFBs culinary program himself, will develop the recipes and instruct the students on how to prepare and package the food for distribution.

“This program is offered for free, but what students learn is priceless,” said Barbara Higbee, program manager, TAFB Community Kitchen. “They not only learn from our talented chefs, but also from a number of local chefs who stop by almost every week to train them on a culinary skill.”

“We’re not looking for expert chefs for this program,” said Higbee. “In fact, we welcome folks with little formal training but with a ton of passion in the kitchen.” Higbee goes on to say that students will also leave the program with new life skills. “We work with partners like Tarrant County Credit Union, Women’s Center of Tarrant County and others to help our students learn how to craft resumes that land jobs, how to interview like a pro, workplace behavior skills, how to manage a budget and so much more. It’s a well-rounded experience.”


Tarrant Area Food Bank, based in Fort Worth, holds the belief that all people deserve regular, nutritious meals. TAFB works to empower communities to eliminate hunger by providing food, education and resources through innovation and collaboration. Through a network of 270 Partner Agencies, TAFB serves 13-counties in North Texas. Learn more at tafb.org.

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served until 1946. At Fort Hood, he was in reconnaissance as a Scout and drove a Harley for officer training school. Following training, Brewer was promoted to First Sergeant. He was then deployed from San Francisco to fight in the war; he had five days to go home before departing overseas. Wounding up at Leyte, Philippines, he fought there until August 1945.

It was during this time that President Roosevelt passed away and his Vice President, Harry Truman took up the role. Ted left Manila to go to Kobe, Japan, where his unit of 125 soldiers took control of the city. Brewer then went out on patrol to observe the Japanese for 12 days. His job was to report their locations. During the night his unit would form a circle for safety as they slept.

One night, hand grenades were coming into their camp. Brewer was hit on his helmet, near his forehead. He thought he was going to die and asked himself “should I pray?” Staying calm, Ted did not pray; recognizing God, he began shooting back at the enemy and at the same time began to crawl to recover each man from his unit to safety. He then prayed for each of his soldiers. Mortar fire was being shot by the enemy. Ted returned fire 150 yards away then checked on his men. Following that encounter, Brewer spent five days in a hospital. He has received two Purple Hearts and two Bronze Stars for valiant service in World War II for saving his calvary unit.

**Coming to Dallas**

After the war, he went to Chicago and became a manager at a news agency. It was during this time that he was collecting monies for deliveries of the newspaper. An individual that answered Brewer’s knock suggested that he didn’t owe funds, but instead asked for a refund of 3 cents as his delivery was missed the week prior. Upon hearing Brewer’s distinctive voice, the resident who had lost his sight during his service, asked if Brewer was the man that saved his life during the war. The two were happy to have been reunited and hugged in acknowledgement.

In 1947 he went to college at Baylor University to study business. He received $50 per month from his time at war; room and board was $37, which left him $13 to live on for the rest of the month. Brewer continued his education at the University of Houston in 1948. He worked at the audio/visual department on campus and earned 50 cents an hour. While at this campus, he also worked at Theater in the Round doing stage work for three years. It was here where Brewer wrote and produced the first “Wonders of the World” documentary. He received his bachelor’s degree from Baylor, his masters degree from the University of Houston and a doctoral degree from North Texas State in psychology.

After this time of his life, Brewer bought an old Chevrolet with 215,000 miles that used to be a taxi cab from Mexico for $125. He drove to Dallas. When the radiator went out, he had $90 in his pocket and paid $55 for the repairs to the Chevy.

His journey continued in Dallas and he stayed in a YMCA for $5 per night; he later slept in his Chevy because there was not room availability. Bill Smith, a friend from Houston, directed Brewer to Highland Park Methodist Church and took care of him. He needed a job and a room. For $40 per month, Pastor Bill Dickerson offered him a place to stay, but Ted only had $35.

**Meeting Mrs. Brewer**

In 1955, Ted was put on the Administration Board, but he had no coat nor tie. Tom Landry was on the Board as well as Jerry Jones. Mostly everyone on the Board were affiliated with various companies such as Dr. Pepper, Sun Oil, banks and Texas Instruments; all had important positions. An individual suggested Brewer to a Sunday School class where he met someone to fill out an application for Sun Oil. This is where he met his future bride, Beth. Both of them attended an OU football game and went on a few more dates. It was Christmas, 1956, when he proposed to Beth in Granbury beneath Christmas lights. He was invited for dinner over the next few months and they got married in Highland Methodist Church in Dallas, May 1957. As a Doctor of Psychology, he became the Vice President of Decal Advertising where he designed the colors for Braniff Airlines and several other businesses.

In 1961, Brewer and his wife had a baby named Elizabeth and they continued to live in Dallas. He worked at LTV Aerospace as a Human Factor Psychologist designing cockpit, control and lighting, response time, locations of sizes and pressure control for airplanes. Brewer did weightlessness studies in a pool at Naval Air Station Grand Prairie.

The family moved to Corpus Christi in 1966. It was here where he accepted a job as a professor at Delmar College to teach and be a counselor where he taught five classes in psychology and was also in charge the Suicidal Prevention Program. As time went on, Brewer became a private psychologist.

**Life in Benbrook**

Brewer and his wife moved to Fort Worth to be closer to relatives and their daughter Elizabeth, while she lived on campus at Texas Christian University. The Brewers purchased a home in Benbrook, where they both stayed involved in the community.

Elizabeth Brewer received her bachelor’s degree in education from TCU and her Masters of Early Childhood Education from Texas Woman’s University. She taught at Benbrook Elementary School from 1986 to 1988 and has been a member of the faculty at Westpark Elementary School since 1988. She resides in Crowley with her husband Dale and son Matthew.

Beth Brewer passed away in January 2004. Ted is now retired and continues to be a member of First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth, where he has attended for 29 years.

He began running marathons in December of 1992 and continues to this day. His first race was a full marathon where he ran the most in his age category, 70+. Brewer has received over 400 medals running in Quad Cities, Cowtown, Dallas and Virginia. He attends the Benbrook YMCA three days a week and is a dancer at various facilities where all the ladies need him for a partner because he is that amazing. He participates with the seniors at the Benbrook Center and is a beloved neighbor in the community of Westpark.

Ted Brewer will celebrate 96 years of birthdays tomorrow, July 28!
Second Friday Poetry to Meet at Benbrook Library

Second Friday Poetry will meet at Benbrook Public Library on Friday, Aug. 11. The meeting will feature a reading by Nathan Brown, PhD, former Poet Laureate of Oklahoma, a widely known and respected poet whose writing is both humorous and profound. Free refreshments will be provided, and there will be a drawing for door prizes. Mixing and mingling will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the program will start at 7.

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Chili Cook Off Winners (continued from July 20 issue; photo by Denise Honeycutt)

Brisket and Pork Butt winners were: (l-r) first place brisket, second place pork butt Shawn Terry from VFW Post 7835; second place brisket and first place pork butt, Lynn Toomer, Commander of VFW Post 10429; and third place in brisket and pork butt, J.R. Rowley from VFW Post 7835.
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each. The volume of calls is increasing and ranges from medical service to serious criminal activity. Additionally, the department says not all hotel managers have been cooperative.

The changes will include a licensing process and a two-tier system, based on calls for service to the location. Tier 1 is with one or fewer calls per room per year; Tier 2 is greater than one call. Tier 2 hotels must work to improve conditions or risk losing the now-required license. Each hotel has received a copy of the ordinance and must apply for licensing within 60 days.

City Council meetings are open to the public and take place on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 911 Winscott Road.

Legal Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 1411

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BENBROOK, TEXAS, AMENDING TITLE 8 – HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE BENBROOK MUNICIPAL CODE, AS AMENDED, BY ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 8.10 – HOTEL LICENSING OF THE BENBROOK MUNICIPAL CODE; BY ESTABLISHING A SECTION RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A LODGING LICENSE, REVOCATION AND DENIAL OF A LODGING LICENSE, PROCEDURES FOR AN APPEAL OF A REVOCATION OR DENIAL OF A LODGING LICENSE AND PREMISE REQUIREMENTS FOR A HOTEL; AND AMENDING TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1.12 OF THE BENBROOK MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO HOTEL LICENSE, INSPECTION, AND RE-INSPECTION FEES, PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDNANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM; PROVIDING FOR ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION 3

PENALTY CLAUSE

Any person, firm, or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, or refuses to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00) for all violations involving zoning, fire safety, or public health and sanitation, including dumping of refuse, and shall be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) for all other violations of this Ordinance. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 9

PUBLICATION IN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

The City Secretary of the City of Benbrook is hereby directed to publish the caption, penalty clause, publication clause, and effective date clause of this ordinance for two (2) days in the official newspaper of the City of Benbrook, as authorized by Section 52.013 of the Local Government Code.

SECTION 10

EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of July, 2017.

Jerry B. Dittrich Mayor

Ordinances and other public notices from the City of Benbrook are published in the Benbrook News under Legal Notices.
Hennessey Electrical Solutions, LLC

Hennessey Electrical Solutions, LLC is a family-owned company located in Benbrook, Texas. Owners Zack and Jennifer Hennessey are longtime Benbrook residents. Zack is a Master Electrician licensed through the State of Texas, with over 20 years of experience in the electrical business. Hennessey prides themselves in quality, service and value.

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They can be reached at 817-773-6625 or by email at zhennessey@att.net.
Gold Tone Show Choir Seeking New Voices by Claire Craig

Gold Tone Show Choir, a community-based senior adult choir, is looking for singers. Both female and male voices are needed for this choir that performs classic music, such as Irving Berlin and Christmas carols.

Volunteers for the choir will rehearse on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning August 8, 2017 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth, 7001 Trail Lake Dr. 76133.

Please contact Kathy Moriarty at 817-478-7870 or Bob Krause at 817-504-9223 for more information about the choir.