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Collin County



ALLEN

'Grandma' songwriter to perform at library

Randy Brooks, the singer-songwriter who penned "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer," will perform free at the Allen Public Library at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The song was originally recorded in 1979 by Elmo and Patsy. It tells the story of a grandmother who — after a few too many cups of eggnog — has an unfortunate run-in with one of Santa's flying ungulates.

The library is at 300 N. Allen Drive.

Charles Scudder

FRISCO

Christmas in the Square runs nightly until Jan. 2

Christmas in the Square continues from 6 to 10 p.m. nightly through Jan. 2 in Frisco Square.

The choreographed holiday light show involves more than 175,000 lights. Added activities include snow machines on Fridays and Saturdays, Skate the Square outdoor ice rink through Jan. 3 and a Christmas tree lot.

Learn more at friscosquare.com/cits.

Valerie Wigglesworth

New Hindu temple to host open house

The Karya Siddhi Hanuman Temple is hosting an open house from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

This come-and-go event will include a tour of the new Hindu temple, which celebrated its official opening in August. It is behind the Hanuman Cultural Center at 12030-B Independence Parkway.

R.S.V.P. at conta.cc/lm0b7by.

Valerie Wigglesworth

Frisco, DCTA sign deal for on-demand transit service

Denton County Transportation Authority is now providing curb-to-curb service for trips originating within Frisco to destinations in Frisco, McKinney and Allen.

The service runs from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday except New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The city of Frisco and DCTA have signed a one-year contract, with a possible one-year extension if both parties approve. DCTA will review existing service and fares within the first 90 days of operation. Additional service may be provided based on available funding and service capacity. Initially, fares will stay the same.

To use the service, residents must be at least 65 years old, disabled or require transportation for medical care. Schedule a ride at least 24 hours in advance by calling 940-243-0077. For more information, visit ridedcta.net or frisco-texas.gov.

Adam Schrader



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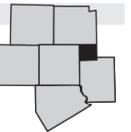
Arts and Santa are stars of Wylie festival

A painting by the children of Wylie was front and center at the Wylie Arts Festival on Saturday. A community canvas allowed kids to add their artistic touches at the event downtown.



Autumn Ray, almost 1, was introduced to Santa Claus by her grandmother, Debbie Manning, at the festival, which included fine art and handmade crafts, a Christmas tree lighting, and festive music and food.

Rockwall County



AREA

Radio system consulting contract to be weighed

A contract for consulting services related to a new radio system will be considered when Rockwall County commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

A decision on county ownership of roads in the Alexander Ranch subdivision is expected at the meeting. Polling places and early voting locations for the 2016 presidential election will also be discussed.

The meeting will be at the county's Historic Courthouse, 101 E. Rusk St.

Ray Leszczynski

ROCKWALL

New width requirement for subdivision streets on tap

Subdivision requirement modifications involving street widths near schools and parks will be considered when the City Council meets in regular session at 6 p.m. Monday.

Variance requests for signs at 301 N. Fannin St. and 1411 S. Goliad St. will also be heard.

At its 4 p.m. work session, the council will hear about a potential development near FM3097 and FM549 and a report on public transportation. The meetings will be at City Hall, 385 S. Goliad St.

Ray Leszczynski

Stores to offer specials for Helping Hands gifts

Businesses participating in a special late-night shopping event downtown will remain open until 8 p.m. Thursday to benefit a local social services provider.

People who drop off canned goods for Rockwall Helping Hands will get discounts and specials at certain stores. A pie vendor will serve pie and take holiday orders. An area chef will smoke turkey legs, and Mitchell Morrison will perform.

Liz Farmer

Historical group lecture will be on city's rock wall

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation's next Sheri Stodghill lecture will be on the underground rock wall formation from which the city got its name. The talk will be from noon to 1 p.m. Friday on the third floor of the historic courthouse, 101 E. Rusk St.

Liz Farmer

Denton County



AREA

Santa to swap sleigh for firetruck for a few weeks

The Lewisville Fire Department will kick off its annual Santa program at 6 p.m. Monday. It runs from 6 to 9 each night through Dec. 23. All seven stations will participate. Track Santa's route through the city streets at services.cityoflewisville.com/santatracker.

Santa will ride with the Highland Village Fire Department nightly between 6 and 8:30 p.m. from Dec. 13 to 19. Find his route at highland-village.org/DocumentCenter/View/1195.

The city also will host Santa Day from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 19 at Highland Village Fire Station, 1200 Highland Village Road. Activities include a fire engine bounce house, coloring, face painting and pictures with Santa. The department is also accepting new,

unwrapped toys through Dec. 19 to benefit a local charity.

Adam Schrader

Youfit Lewisville transfers members to Flower Mound

Youfit Lewisville has ceased operations and is transferring all health club memberships to its Flower Mound location at 2221 Cross Timbers Road. The Lewisville location had been at 500 E. Round Grove Road.

For more information, call 469-528-6953 or email flower-mound@youfit.com.

Adam Schrader

CORINTH

Chaffin to resign as city manager next month

City Manager Rick Chaffin is resigning effective Jan. 3 to focus on family and deal with ongoing health

issues, according to the city.

Lee Ann Bunselmeyer will be acting city manager upon Chaffin's departure, city officials said.

Chaffin has been city manager in Corinth since Dec. 2, 2013. Before that he was deputy city manager in McKinney.

He has also worked as city manager in Mount Pleasant and Lampasas, as well as Roswell, Ga., and Griffin, Ga.

Christian McPhate,
Denton Record-Chronicle

FLOWER MOUND

Symphony, choirs to share Christmas music at church

The Flower Mound Symphony Orchestra, the Voices of Flower Mound and the Trietsch Chancel Choir will perform free concerts at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Trietsch Memorial United Methodist Church, 6101 Morriss Road.

The Bells of Trietsch Handbell Choir and the Lewisville First United Methodist Church Choir will join them for Bach's Magnificat, Christmas favorites and a carol sing-a-long.

Flower Mound Community Orchestra's educational groups, the Preparatory and Philharmonic orchestras, will present their Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the same location.

Auditions open to musicians of any proficiency level will be at Trietsch from 1 to 5 p.m. Jan. 3.

To sign up for an audition, visit fmco.org.

Adam Schrader

High school choir to put on holiday concert for seniors

The Flower Mound High School Choir will perform a free holiday concert at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Flower Mound Senior Center, 2701 W. Windsor Drive.

Adam Schrader