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# Collin County



## ALLEN

### Mayor honors wrestling team with proclamation

The Allen Eagles wrestling team was honored by Mayor Stephen Terrell with a proclamation naming 2015 "Allen Eagles Wrestling Team Year." Under head coach Jerry Best, the team won its sixth UIL championship this year. The proclamation recognized the "character, talent and hard work" of the team, as well as its "outstanding athletic performance and commitment to teamwork."

Charles Scudder

## FRISCO

### First Choice collects 50,000 items for troops

A Preston Road location of First Choice Emergency Room collected 50,000 items for care packages through Operation Gratitude. Operation Gratitude is a nonprofit that works with active-duty and veteran communities. The items will fill care packages for deployed service members, children back home, veterans, new recruits and others involved with the military. The national network of emergency care centers has a location at 5245 Preston Road. For more information on Operation Gratitude, visit [operationgratitude.com](http://operationgratitude.com).

Charles Scudder

### City's annual financial report available online

The city has released its Popular Annual Financial Report, which is

considered a more user-friendly version of its 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The report is not audited, but it "provides a brief analysis of where the city's revenues come from and where the dollars are spent as well as trends and local economic information," according to the summary.

The link for the 24-page report is available on the city's website, [frisco.texas.gov](http://frisco.texas.gov), under "Impacting Frisco."

Valerie Wigglesworth

## PLANO

### City moves to be paid back for Cotton Belt rail station

The City Council unanimously approved a memorandum of understanding at its Monday meeting so it could be reimbursed \$916,000 for DART's planned Cotton Belt line rail station at 1106 Ave. K.

The city had approved the purchase of 2.6 acres for the station at a February meeting. Reimbursement will come from the Regional Transportation Council and the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

DART's planned Cotton Belt line will run from downtown to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

Meredith Shamburger

## WYLIE

### City OKs purchase of Birmingham House

The City Council unanimously agreed Tuesday to buy the historic Birmingham House from the Birmingham Trust for \$330,000.

## SPOTLIGHT | FRISCO

# Penalty for Exide violations approved



G.J. McCarthy/Staff Photographer

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality approved a nearly \$2.5 million penalty against the shuttered Exide plant in Frisco.

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The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on Wednesday approved a \$2,451,984 penalty against Exide Technologies for violations at its Frisco plant.

The commission approved the agreed enforcement order that not only penalizes the company for hazardous waste violations but also sets the course for some of the cleanup at the contaminated site.

As part of the agreement, Exide will be required to post financial assurance of \$1.8 million for the estimated closure and post-closure monitoring of the Class 2 landfill. The landfill will be contained on site.

The agreement must still be approved by the U.S. bankruptcy court, which is overseeing Exide's Chapter 11 case.

According to Exide's court filing, \$150,000 of the penalty will be paid as a post-petition administrative expense of the bankruptcy estate. The remaining \$2.3 million will become a general unsecured claim as part of the bankruptcy case. It's unclear how much of that penalty Exide will ultimately pay.

The Birmingham Trust is selling the house because of recent changes in trust laws. City officials said they were eager to buy the house so it could remain open to the community.

"This house is significant to the history of Wylie, and the desire was to make sure it was protected," City Manager Mindy Manson said. The Queen Anne-style Victorian

house was built in 1905 by William and Mattie Brown at 301 S. Ballard Ave. It is a Texas Historical Commission landmark.

Meredith Shamburger

# Tarrant County



## ARLINGTON

### Police officer injured in early morning crash

A police officer was injured after his patrol cruiser crashed into another car early Wednesday. The crash occurred around 1:30 a.m. in the intersection of Matlock and Harris roads. The officer was driving northbound on Matlock when he struck the other vehicle, which was traveling eastbound on Harris, said Arlington police Sgt. Paul Rodriguez. The officer was taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, Rodriguez said. The driver of the other vehicle suffered minor injuries but declined medical treatment, police said.

Neither driver has been publicly identified. The cause of the crash is under investigation, Rodriguez said.

Samantha McDonald

### Fines possible after gas leak that led to evacuation

A gas drilling company may be facing several fines after a leak led to the evacuation of more than 100 homes on Saturday, Arlington city officials said. Vantage Energy waited almost two hours before calling 911, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported. City officials are working to determine the types of citations to issue, said Arlington Fire Chief Don Crowson.

Alyssa Parrish

## FORT WORTH

### Authorities searching for escaped sex offender

The Texas Department of Public Safety is searching for a sex offender who escaped from a Fort Worth halfway house and is believed to be dangerous. About 5 a.m. Wednesday, Charles Raymond Sprague, 44, cut off his 24-hour electronic tracking device and fled from the 600 block of North Henderson Street, near Jacksboro High-



Kelley Chinn/Special Contributor

# Best feet forward at fest

Kevin Delcarson of Weatherford danced with Rita Porter of Fort Worth during a live music performance that drew crowds to Sundance Square during the Main Street Fort Worth Arts Festival last weekend.

way, in Fort Worth, officials said.

He is described as a 6-foot-6 Native American man with black hair and brown eyes. He weighs about 240 pounds. Sprague was last seen wearing a black leather jacket, dark jeans, white sneakers and carrying a clear backpack.

Sprague has convictions for aggravated sexual assault and aggravated kidnapping with sexual abuse, according to DPS records. He has also been known to go by Jake Sprague.

Anyone with information about Sprague's whereabouts is asked to call 911 or DPS at 214-861-2040 or 817-657-1999.

Clarie Z. Cardona

### Man arrested in fatal shooting over sunglasses

A 29-year-old man shot and killed

a man after arguing over a pair of sunglasses, police said.

Nicholas Jeremiah Jackson, 29, has been charged with murder in connection with the slaying of 32-year-old Ronald Wyatt last week. Jackson shot Wyatt several times with a shotgun Friday morning in the 1400 block of Stafford Drive, Fort Worth police Officer Tamara Pena said.

Wyatt was sitting in a vehicle parked in front of Jackson's house when the men got into an argument over a pair of sunglasses Jackson sold Wyatt. Wyatt died at the scene from multiple gunshot wounds, Pena said.

Jackson is in the Tarrant County jail in lieu of \$150,000 bail.

Alyssa Parrish

## AREA

### Mayors' food drive will continue through Monday

Denton County leaders are encouraging residents to donate food items through Monday for the fourth annual Mayors' Day of Concern for the Hungry.

Some of the mayors will present the donations to Christian Community Action, Metrocrest Services Food Pantry, Lake Cities Community Food Pantry and other food banks on Tuesday at CCA's Lewisville location, 200 S. Mill St.

A list of drop-off locations is available at [cchelps.org/mdoc-2015](http://cchelps.org/mdoc-2015).

Adam Schrader

## DENTON

### Questions due today for council candidate forum

Voters have until 4 p.m. Thursday to submit questions for a Denton City Council candidate forum to be held Thursday night at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney St.

The Denton Neighborhood Association, which organized the forum, is accepting questions through its Facebook page, <http://on.fb.me/1CY6cZe>.

The forum begins at 7 p.m. and is expected to be recorded for rebroadcast on the community access channel.

Peggy Heinkel-Wolfe, Denton Record-Chronicle

### UNT to feature Beethoven, Vaughan Williams works

Two University of North Texas

music ensembles will join to perform a Beethoven work and a lesser-known piece by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The UNT Symphony Orchestra and Grand Chorus will perform Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 in D minor and Vaughan Williams' "Five Mystical Songs" at 8 p.m. April 29 in the Winspear Performance Hall at the Murchison Performing Arts Center, Interstate 35E at North Texas Boulevard.

Tickets cost \$10, or \$8 for those 55 and older, non-UNT students, children, UNT faculty and staff members, retirees and people in groups of 10 or more. Admission is free for UNT students, who must have a valid student ID and must pick up individual tickets at the box office.

Lucinda Breeding, Denton Record-Chronicle

### Dinner event to benefit Arc of Denton County

An "All-Star Waiter Night" from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday will benefit the Arc of Denton County.

The event will be at Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant, 821 N. Locust St. The waiters will be Arc volunteers and board members. All tips and a percentage of dinner receipts will benefit the Arc.

The nonprofit volunteer organization is committed to expanding opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. The group provides family support, public awareness, advocacy service and referral.

For more information, visit [arcofdentoncounty.org](http://arcofdentoncounty.org).

Les Cockrell, Denton Record-Chronicle

# Metro

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