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ON THE COVER

An unidentifed resident walks along a trail at Timbers Nature Preserve Park, 324 Pine Top Drive, in Murphy. A renovated Timbers Nature Preserve Park is expected to reopen this summer after a year of construction. In addition to all-purpose fields, walking trails and a pavilion, the new park will also include a trail that will connect to others trails in Plano and Richardson. Read the story on Page 18.

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BRIEFS

Plano West senior named U.S. Presidential Scholar

Elizabeth Tian, a senior at Plano West Senior High School, is one of 141 students nationwide recently named 2015 U.S. Presidential Scholars.

A White House commission appointed by President Barack Obama chooses students for the honor based on academic success, artistic talent, essays, school evaluations, transcripts, leadership and community service.

Scholars are offered the chance to name their most influential teacher. Tian chose Vivian Zhong of Plano ISD's Jasper High School.

The students will be honored June 21-23 in Washington, D.C.

Julieta Chiquillo

Four newcomers elected to Plano City Council seats

Political newcomers Ron Kelley and Tom Harrison won in two contested races for the Plano City Council

Both candidates ran on similar platforms, criticizing Plano's equal-rights ordinance that gave anti-discrimination protections to the LGBT community and other groups. They feel the measure should have been decided by voters.

Kelley and Harrison also were critical of a draft of a comprehensive plan that some feel promotes dense, urban-style housing.

In the three-way race for Place 5, Kelley defeated Mike Mansfield and Matt Lagos. In the race for the Place 7 seat, Harrison was the winner over Jim McGee.

Saturday's election replaced half of the members of the council.

Four members of the eight-member council decided not to seek re-election or were unable to run again because of term limits.

Angela Miner was unopposed for the Place 1 seat held by her husband, Pat, who is term-limited.

Rick Grady drew no challengers for the Place 3 seat being vacated by Andre Davidson.

Wendy Hundley

Bender, Stolle reelected in Plano ISD race, runoff set

Incumbent trustee Missy Bender defeated challenger Paul Kaminsky in Saturday's elections, getting 60 percent of the vote.

A runoff will take place in June to decide the Place 4 trustee. Yoram Solomon received 40 percent of the vote in Saturday's elections, with Sharon Hirsch coming in second with 33 percent.

Incumbent David Stolle ran unopposed.

 $Meredith\,Shamburger$

Collins, Hardin reelected to college board, runoff planned

Incumbent trustee Bob Collins was relected Saturday in the Collin College Community College District race.

Collins won 60 percent of the vote against challenger Ken Roberts.

In the race for Place 7, incumbent Steve Cone did not earn enough votes to get into a run. Challengers Collin Kennedy and Jim Orr will vie for the seat in June.

Incumbent Andy Hardin ran unopposed.

M.S.

Culver elected to Wylie City Council, Jones sent to runoff

Diane Culver won a seat on the Wylie City Council during Saturday's elections after getting 68 percent of the votes against challengers Lisa Mellers and Catherine Butschek.

Wylie city councilmember Bennie Jones is headed to a runoff against challenger Candy Arrington in June.

Jones was challenged by Arrington, Brooke Lopez and Brad Emerson.

Jones came in first with 37 percent of the votes against three challengers. Arrington won 26 percent.

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