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Collin County



AREA

College's endowed chair to focus on letter writing

A Collin College professor is looking for pen pals. Dallye Clark, the Lebrecht Endowed Chair for Scholarly and Civic Engagement, is spending her time studying letter writing. She plans on creating an interactive museum exhibit and a short documentary, *The Letter as Art in the Digital Age*. Clark is looking for interview subjects and artists who can contribute letter-related artwork. For more information, contact her at dclark@collin.edu.

Charles Scudder

FRISCO

City Hall rally to support police at noon today

A Back the Blue rally to show community support for the police department will be at noon Saturday at Frisco City Hall, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd. People are encouraged to wear blue shirts and bring posters and flags. Members of the police department will be on hand to greet supporters. Learn more on Facebook; search #BacktheBlueFriscoTX rally.

Valerie Wigglesworth

Bunker Sands Wetland director to hold workshop

John DeFillipo, director of the John Bunker Sands Wetland Center in Seagoville, will hold a free workshop to demonstrate how lessons of stewardship learned in the center's habitat can be integrated into people's daily lives.

The 2,000-acre man-made wetland provides millions of gallons of additional drinking water while serving as a vital natural habitat for wildlife in the region.

The workshop is noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Frisco Public Works Department, 11300 Research Road. Register by sending an email to waterwise@friscotexas.gov and include your name, email, address, phone number and number of attendees.

Valerie Wigglesworth

FRISCO ISD

First coffee talk of year is Thursday at Liberty High

District leaders will host the first coffee talk of the new school year from 8 to 9 a.m. Thursday at Liberty High School, 15250 Rolater Road.

Parents may ask questions or share feedback with Superintendent Jeremy Lyon and a member of the school board. There is no formal agenda or topic for the event, which will be hosted at each FISSD high school over the course of the school year.

Go to friscoisd.org for the schedule.

Valerie Wigglesworth



Louis DeLuca/Staff Photographer

'Heroes of Wylie' bronze stands tall on Sept. 11

Young and old admired the *Heroes of Wylie* sculpture at unveiling ceremonies Friday at the Public Safety Building. Arizona artist Sid Henderson used photographs of Wylie police officers and firefighters to create the piece, which was funded through Wylie's Public Art Program.

MCKINNEY

Back to Church Sunday prayer rally set for today

Leaders hope to raise awareness for the Back to Church Sunday initiative during a prayer rally from 2 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Bonnie Wenk Park.

Local churches will meet with new residents or those looking for a place of worship. The event will have speakers, prayer, music, food and drinks.

Bonnie Wenk Park is at 2996 Virginia Parkway. For more information, visit backtochurch.com.

Julieta Chiquillo

MURPHY

Central Park to close Monday, Tuesday

Central Park will be closed Monday and Tuesday for repairs and maintenance.

The park, at 550 N. Murphy Road, will reopen Wednesday.

Meredith Shamburger

Tarrant County



ARLINGTON ISD

Teams to visit homes to try to get kids back in school

The district will host Operation Graduation Walk from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Volunteers will accompany district administrators to drive to the homes of students enrolled in school in spring who have not returned to school this fall. The teams will encourage those students to come back to school.

All Arlington ISD high schools will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to re-enroll students. Those who can't come to the schools that day will be given

enrollment packets. Volunteers will also visit the homes of at-risk students to encourage them to remain in school.

Deborah Fleck

CARROLL ISD

Culinary Celebration today for Education Foundation

The Carroll Education Foundation will hold its 2015 Culinary Celebration from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. Saturday at the Southlake Hilton, 1400 Plaza Place.

The annual fundraiser benefits all schools in the district.

Tickets are \$50 for Carroll ISD staff, \$100 for a staff member plus two guests and \$150 for the public.

For more information, visit southlakecef.joinme.org/reg.

Deborah Fleck

GRAPEVINE

Join your pet for a swim at Doggie Dive In today

The pool is open for water play and swimming for dogs and humans on Saturday at Doggie Dive In.

Hourly competitions for small and large pets include a paddle race and costume contest, with trophies for top dogs.

The event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pleasant Glade Pool, 1805 Hall-Johnson Road. Admission is \$5 per dog and free for humans. Proof of dogs' current vaccinations is required.

For more information, call 817-410-3450.

Norma Cavazos

Denton County



DENTON ISD

Colors, mascot chosen for new Braswell High

Braswell High School, which will open next year, announced its school colors and mascot Thursday at Meet the Principal Night at Navo Middle School.

After votes were tallied, the roughly 750 students chose red and black for their school colors and a Bengal tiger for their mascot.

A committee of students and adults came up with five mascots and five school colors to choose from.

Principal Lesli Guajardo announced that the school will have students from ninth, 10th and 11th grades. It will most likely share the same school zone with Navo Middle School and be open by August.

Rhiannon Saegert, Denton Record-Chronicle

THE COLONY

Man indicted in deadly convenience store robbery

A Denton County grand jury has indicted a man accused in a deadly robbery at a convenience store in June.

Deon Kingston Jr., 19, was charged with capital murder in the June 10 shooting death of Rapido store owner Samira Siwakoti.

Police said Kingston went to the store to buy a drink, shot the 31-year-old as she stood behind the counter, and fled with cash from the register.

About a week after the shooting, a tip led detectives to Kingston, and he was arrested by Frisco police.

He also had an outstanding warrant for a aggravated robbery at a Frisco Check'n Go, not far from the Rapido store.

Adam Schrader

SPOTLIGHT | FORT WORTH

At Alliance, Angels to take wing

Elite Navy flight team returning to air show for first time since 2010

By NICHOLAS FRIEDMAN, Staff Writer

The Blue Angels will lift off once again at this weekend's Bell Helicopter Fort Worth Alliance Air Show.

"Fourteen of the 17 Blue Angels pilots will be here," said Corrie Mays, event coordinator and Blue Angel No. 8. "We've got parachutists, Bell helicopters, an Air Force heritage flight and more."

The U.S. Navy's aerobatics team last took flight over Fort Worth at last year's Air Power Expo 2014, but this is the first time since 2010 they've appeared at the Alliance show. That was the year when government budget cuts caused the group to cancel most of its touring season and lay off some of its staff.

General admission is free, but parking costs \$30. Gates are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and



Smiley N. Pool/Staff Photographer

An F-22 Raptor flies in formation with a vintage P-51 Mustang in a practice run for the Bell Helicopter Fort Worth Alliance Air Show.

Sunday, with performances starting at 10 a.m.

Activities are available for all ages, including aircraft tours, bounce houses, rock climbing, airtime sim-

ulations and autographs from the pilots.

For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, visit allianceairshow.com.