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## Collin County



### ALLEN

#### Retired teachers award two \$1,000 scholarships

The Allen Retired Educators Association awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating Allen High School students interested in teaching.

Connor Phillips and Jordan Cole were awarded the prizes. Both were selected based on an essay, community service, extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, teacher evaluations and financial need.

Phillips will attend Collin College with plans to transfer to the University of Texas at Dallas to major in English. Cole will attend Texas Christian University and will also major in English.

For more information about AREA, contact Carole Smithwick at [cpmsmithwick@att.net](mailto:cpmsmithwick@att.net).

Charles Scudder

### FRISCO

#### Council OKs rezoning, gets update on toll roads

The City Council gave the green light on Tuesday to three rezoning cases involving key projects in key locations: 31.1 acres at the southeast corner of John Hickman Parkway and Parkwood Drive; 251.2 acres at John Hickman and Dallas Parkway for the Frisco Station project in the "\$5 billion mile"; and 440.1 acres at Legacy Drive and Stonebrook Parkway.

The council also got an update Tuesday from Mark Bouma of the North Texas Tollway Authority.

While there are no plans to make improvements on Dallas North Tollway north of Sam Rayburn Tollway, Bouma said he has asked staff to start reviewing that area in light of the current heavy traffic, especially during special events, and pending developments.

Council member Bob Allen also asked that the agency review the locations where charges are levied so drivers pay only for the amount of road they drive. The fees are set up on

average to charge an amount per mile driven.

But drivers headed northbound on the tollway who turn off at Eldorado Parkway, for example, are paying for use of the road all the way to U.S. Highway 380 because of the location of the main lane gantry. Allen said that extra fee is prompting some drivers to exit early, clogging up the Dallas Parkway. Bouma said he would take the concerns back to the agency to consider.

Valerie Wigglesworth

#### Community Development to discuss museum exhibit

The Frisco Community Development Corp. board is considering participating in a traveling museum exhibit.

The board will discuss the idea at its meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the conference room at the Frisco Discovery Center, 8004 Dallas Parkway.

The board will also get an update on Phase I of Northeast Community Park, discuss its 2015-16 budget and tour the improvements at the Frisco Discovery Center.

Valerie Wigglesworth

### PLANO

#### Prestonwood names head of curriculum, instruction

Tifini Lozano, director of PCAplus Virtual Academy, has been named the new senior director of curriculum and instruction at Prestonwood Christian Academy.

Lozano will be working with current director Gwen Hobbs for the next two years before Hobbs retires.

Lozano earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma, a master's degree from Dallas Baptist University and her teaching certification from the University of North Texas. She previously worked at Fort Worth ISD, Southwest Christian School and Fort Worth Academy.

She joined Prestonwood Christian Academy in 2006.

Meredith Shamburger



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Bethlehem Daniel, 6, blows a bubble during Friday's Summer Reading Kick-Off at Smith Library in Wylie.

## Paging young readers



Boocoos the Clown had his hands full. Kids who read for 10 hours or who read 25 books between June 22 and Aug. 1 will win prizes.



Lilah Mayes, 2, slips down the inflatable slide at the event.

## Denton County



### AREA

#### GOP meeting today features state chairman

Tom Mechler, chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, will be the featured speaker Thursday for the monthly meeting of the Denton County Republican Party.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Denton County Elections Administration office, 701 Kimberly Drive.

At 6 p.m., there will be a social hour hosted by Denton County 16th Judicial District Court Judge Sherry Shipman.

Both the social hour and the meeting are open to all Republicans.

Bj Lewis,

Denton Record-Chronicle

#### Lecture scheduled today on county's clay geology

A lecture about the natural features that make Denton County a good location for manufacturing clay-based products will be offered at noon Thursday in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Courthouse on the Square.

Richard Murphy, an exploration geologist for the Acme Brick Company, will present a brief discussion on the geology of Denton County, which includes rich, natural clays and shale, the primary ingredients needed to manufacture bricks, according to a press release from the Denton County Office of History and Culture.

The courthouse is at 110 W. Hickory St. All Courthouse Museum exhibits and lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, call the Office of History and Culture at 940-349-2850.

Les Cockrell,

Denton Record-Chronicle

### SPOTLIGHT | DENTON

## City repeals fracking ban, plans response to HB 40

DENTON — The city's 7-month-old ban on hydraulic fracturing fell early Wednesday in what city leaders dubbed a "strategic repeal."

The City Council voted 6-1 to pull down the citizens initiative after three hours of public testimony and deliberations that began Tuesday night. Council member Greg Johnson made the motion to repeal, saying that it was too risky for the city — which has been hit with two lawsuits over the ban — to consider the matter much longer.

"We need to let go of the rope," Johnson said.

In seconding the motion, council member Kevin Roden called for a work session to draft an appropriate response to House Bill 40. During their recently ended session, state lawmakers passed HB 40 to block Denton's ban and to limit regulation of oil and gas production by local governments.

Council member Keely Briggs opposed

the motion in the final vote but volunteered to visit affected communities and build a coalition to overturn the new law.

Numerous community members testified against repealing the ban but said they understood the city was in a difficult position.

The Texas General Land Office and the Texas Oil and Gas Association amended their lawsuits against Denton over its ban late Monday. Both cited HB 40 as a basis to both overturn the ban and strike down the city's moratorium on new drilling permits.

After repealing the ban, council members agreed with a staff suggestion to remand the city's drilling ordinance to the Planning and Zoning Commission for more work.

The city has a moratorium on new permits until Aug. 18 to complete that work.

Peggy Heinkel-Wolfe  
Denton Record-Chronicle

### PILOT POINT

#### Pilot Point Players debut 'Warren's Peace' this week

The Pilot Point Players will present their production of *Warren's Peace* beginning Friday at the Pilot Point Community Opera House.

The play is about a young man in the National Guard who is sent to a rural town in Michigan to kick off World

Peace Day, only to find city residents ready for anything but peace, according to a news release from the theater.

Directed by Lyn Rogers, performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday and June 26-27, and 2:30 p.m. June 28. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger.

The opera house is at 110 S. Washington St. For more information, visit [pilotpointoperahouse.com](http://pilotpointoperahouse.com).

Les Cockrell,  
Denton Record-Chronicle

## Tarrant County



### ARLINGTON

#### UTA professor writes on migrant workers

A new book by a University of Texas at Arlington anthropologist examines the demand for fresh produce in the United States and the effect of a robust agro-export business on workers in Mexico.

Christian Zolniski, an associate professor of sociology and anthropology, wrote *De Jornaleros a Colonos: Residencia, Trabajo e Identidad en el Valle de San Quintin* (From Migrant Farmworkers to Settlers: Residency, Work and Identity in the San Quintin Valley) to shed light on how transnational agribusinesses in Mexico are growing crops to meet U.S. demand.

He said he hopes his work will motivate students, scholars, government officials and the public to reflect on an issue that holds economic, social and humanitarian ramifications.

Deborah Fleck

### FORT WORTH

#### Grocery clerk kills man during robbery

A robbery suspect was shot and killed Wednesday afternoon at a North Side grocery store, police said.

Officers found the man at the Lincoln Grocery Store, near Lincoln Avenue and 16th Street.

Investigators said three

robbers entered the store around 1:50 p.m. While one suspect demanded money, another brandished a shotgun, said Fort Worth police Sgt. Steven Enright.

The clerk gave his wallet to the first suspect, then pulled a gun and fired at the man with the shotgun.

The armed robber, who has not been identified, died at the scene, said Matt Zavadsky, a spokesman with MedStar Mobile Healthcare.

The other two suspects ran away and remain at large. No other injuries were reported.

Paulina Pineda

### WATAUGA

#### Library to celebrate Star Wars with event

The Watauga Public Library will celebrate reading and *Star Wars* with an event from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

The event will include games such as Storm Trooper bowling and Destroy the Death Star. There will also be a Star Wars photo booth, crafts and more. Admission is free.

The library is also collecting nonperishable foods in an event to benefit the Community Enrichment Center. The library is at 7109 Whitley Road. For more information, call 817-514-5865.

Deborah Fleck