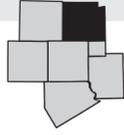


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## Collin County



### FRISCO

#### 'Shakespeare, Abridged' running at Discovery Center

Frisco Community Theatre's production of *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, Abridged* continues this weekend at the Black Box Theater in the Frisco Discovery Center. In the comedy, three guys run through 37 Shakespeare plays. The show is rated PG-13. It runs at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays through May 3, with a matinee on May 2. For ticket information, go to [friscocommunitytheatre.com](http://friscocommunitytheatre.com).

Valerie Wigglesworth

### MCKINNEY

#### Woman pulled from burning house on Thursday dies

A woman rescued from a McKinney house fire Thursday has died, the McKinney Fire Department said. Talat Khan, 47, died at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas on Thursday, officials said. Abrar Khan, 55, died in the fire in the 500 block of Rocky Springs Drive. The couple's two children were in school at the time of the fire, officials said. Miam Amtul, 77, ran from the house to alert a neighbor about the fire. She was taken to Baylor Medical Center at

McKinney, where she remained Friday evening. Fire officials' initial reports indicate there were no working smoke alarms in the house.

Firefighters and the American Red Cross will check smoke alarms and distribute educational materials throughout the neighborhood surrounding Rocky Springs Drive on Wednesday.

Julieta Chiquillo

### PLANO

#### Boy Scout troop to raise funds at garage sale today

Boy Scout Troop 1000 will host a garage sale on Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 1919 Independence Parkway. The sale will feature toys, clothing,

sporting goods, household items and furniture.

Meredith Shamburger

### PROSPER

#### Police chief honored for professional, civic activities

Police Chief Doug Kowalski was recently honored by the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration with the Gary W. Sykes Award for Professional Achievement in Law Enforcement. The award is given annually to someone who has been in law enforcement for at least 10 years, has brought organizational change that benefits the profession, is involved in civic activities and is a role model to law enforcement, criminal justice professionals and citizens. Kowalski was nominated for the award by the McKinney Police Department,

where he was chief before joining the Prosper Police Department.

Charles Scudder

### WYLIE

#### This year's Taste of Wylie set for Monday at event center

The Taste of Wylie fundraiser will take place Monday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Wylie First Baptist Church Events Center, 200 N. Ballard Ave. The annual fundraiser will support the Wylie Christian Care Center. Participants will be able to sample food from local restaurants. Tickets are \$12 at the door, with discounts available for seniors and children. For more information, call 214-893-0486.

Meredith Shamburger



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## Tarrant County



### ARLINGTON

#### Rangers offer Miracle League Fantasy Camp

The Texas Rangers Baseball Foundation will host its fifth annual Miracle League Fantasy Camp from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday at Doug Inman Miracle League Field, 1901 W. Randol Mill Road. About 50 participants from Miracle League Dallas-Fort Worth are expected to attend. They will receive coaching from several former Texas Rangers players, including Tim Crabtree, Dave Hostetler and Ellis Valentine. To learn more about Miracle League, visit [mldfw.org](http://mldfw.org).

Deborah Fleck

copter ball drop and post-tournament awards dinner, raffle and several contests.

Golf Club at Champions Circle is at 15801 Championship Parkway. The cost is \$150. Call 214-704-4026 or visit [christshaven.org](http://christshaven.org).

Deborah Fleck

#### Woman seriously injured after running into street

A woman was seriously injured after she was hit by a truck while running across the street late Thursday. Officers responded to a call around 11:15 p.m. in the 7400 block of Camp Bowie Boulevard. A 26-year-old woman ran into the eastbound lanes and was struck by a 1995 Chevrolet pickup, Fort Worth police Sgt. Steve Enright said. The woman, who has not been publicly identified, was taken to the hospital. She is in serious but stable condition, Enright said. The driver of the truck did not flee and will not face criminal charges.

Bethany Sanderson

### FORT WORTH

#### Christ's Haven for Children to hold golf tournament

Christ's Haven for Children and Johnson Equipment Co. are hosting the 22nd annual Christ's Haven for Children Charity Golf Classic on Monday at the Golf Club at Champions Circle. Proceeds will enable Christ's Haven to continue providing a Christian environment in which children and teens in need of basic care can grow physically, emotionally and spiritually. The four-person scramble tournament will kick off at 1 p.m. The event includes lunch, a pre-tournament heli-

#### Botanic Garden spring festival is this weekend

The Fort Worth Botanic Garden is hosting its spring festival Saturday and Sunday. The event will feature Japanese dancing, music and a tea ceremony in the Japanese Garden, 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 4-12, children under 4 get in free. For more information, call 817-871-7685.

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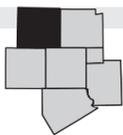


## Soggy note for jazz fest

Mike Oxford (right), Geneva Max and Brayden Max cleaned up around their food booth after heavy rain hit the Denton Arts & Jazz Festival in Quakertown Park on Friday.

Volunteer Robert Stahr drained the water off the Victory World Outreach Church booth. The festival shut down early Friday but planned to reopen as scheduled at 10 a.m. Saturday.

## Denton County



### AREA

#### United Way to back team focused on mental health

The Denton County Citizen's Council on Mental Health is looking to implement system changes to address needs in the community and has found the help to do that following a discussion during Thursday's United Way board meeting. Board members voted unanimously to form a county Behavioral Health Leadership Team and have it use the resources of the United Way organization as a backbone to help organize the team and launch its mission. The United Way contracted with Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute to carry out an analysis of the county's mental health system and recommend strategies to improve that system. The leadership team will be made up of 15 to 28 members, with representatives to be selected from the Commissioners Court and the Denton and Lewisville city councils. There will also be a small-cities representative and representatives for area hospitals, insurance providers, higher education, law enforcement and the United Way.

Bj Lewis, Denton Record-Chronicle

### DENTON

#### Police 'Sky Tower' back in action for Arts & Jazz fest

As thousands descend on Quakertown Park for the 25th annual Denton Arts & Jazz Festival this weekend, safety is the Police Department's top priority. This year, festivalgoers will once again see the "Sky Tower" rise up to 50 feet in the air, said Officer Shane Kizer, spokesman for Denton police. The tower had been inoperable for about a year, police officials said, but with air conditioning and heat working inside, the tower will provide aerial security year-round. Officials said at least one person will be in the tower during the festival, which ends Sunday. A pedestrian crosswalk will also be placed in the 500 block of North Bell Avenue, said Officer Ryan Grelle, another police spokesman. The crosswalks are new this year, and it is being put in place to increase citizen safety as they are walking across the street to attend the festival, Grelle said.

Megan Gray-Hatfield, Denton Record-Chronicle

#### Final council candidate forum sees high turnout

Candidates for City Council were again in the spotlight Thursday night, going before the public in the final forum before the May 9 elections. Close to 100 came out to City Hall for

a question-and-answer forum organized by the local chapter of the League of Women Voters. It was one of the largest turnouts that a candidate forum had seen in some time.

League member Linnie McAdams moderated the forum, plowing through about 15 questions written and submitted by audience members and giving the candidates a minute to answer them.

Four of the seven Denton City Council seats are up for election on May 9. The election includes all the seats representing Denton's four districts, each a two-year term. Early voting begins Monday and ends May 5.

Peggy Heinkel-Wolfe, Denton Record-Chronicle

### THE COLONY

#### Cougar Prowl 5K to raise funds for football is today

The Colony Cougar Football Boosters Club will host its Cougar Prowl 5K on Saturday at Tommy Briggs Stadium. The fifth annual event, which starts at 7:30 a.m., will raise money to purchase football equipment for the program. It's expected to raise around \$4,500. "It is a great event for community members," football coach Rudy Rangel said. "It gives everyone an opportunity to be a part of the football program and encourages the support of a healthy, active lifestyle." Registration is required. A post-race pancake breakfast is free for runners.

Bethany Sanderson

## Rockwall County



### AREA

#### Gardening group to host educational tour

Tickets are on sale for a new garden tour the Rockwall County Master Gardener Association will host next month. The event will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 16 at locations around the county. The first portion, which runs until 1:30 p.m., will feature one public and two private gardens that may provide inspiration for those looking to use water-conscious plants. The tour of Rockwall County Discovery Garden will be the first public viewing since the Alice and Wonderland Children's Garden opened. The second part will be at the Rockwall County Library with Dotty Woodson, an extension water resource specialist. Woodson specializes in landscape water conservation, rainwater harvesting, rain gardens and irrigation efficiency.

Liz Farmer

### ROCKWALL

#### New smoothie and juice bar to host grand opening

Juice It Up! is hosting a grand opening from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at its new location, 3035 Ridge Road, Suite 105. The California-based franchise offers smoothies and a raw juice bar. The first 50 customers Saturday will receive a complimentary small smoothie, according to a press release. There will also be opportunities to win gift cards and merchandise, as well as face painting and balloon animals for kids. The store will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. To view the menu, visit [juiceitup.com](http://juiceitup.com).

Liz Farmer

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