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Collin County

ALLEN

City Council special workshop set for today

The Allen City Council will have a special called workshop at 9 a.m. Saturday. The agenda includes updates on public transportation, the water and sewer fund, the status of development projects and the Central Business District. The workshop will be at Hilton Garden Inn, 705 N. Central Expressway. Learn more at cityofallen.org.
Dawn M. Burkes

FRISCO

Frisco Square streets to close for Resolution Run

The inaugural Resolution Run 5K will be Saturday in Frisco Square. The run will benefit Fearless Hope, a nonprofit that provides support to children with life-threatening and life-altering conditions and their families. The Fun Run starts at 8 a.m. The 5K will follow at 8:30 a.m. Roads in and around Frisco Square will be closed from 6 to 10 a.m. for the Resolution Run 5K. During the closure, vehicles will not be allowed in the plaza in front of City Hall and the library. Motorists will be able to use the parking garage behind the building by approaching it on Page Street from the west. For a link to a map of road closures, go to friscotexas.gov. Learn more about the organization at fearlesshope.org.
Valerie Wigglesworth

PROSPER

Catch the Fishing Derby at Frontier Park pond

The Fishing Derby will return to Frontier Park at 9 a.m. Feb. 27. Children 14 and younger will able compete for prizes. The park's pond will be stocked with largemouth bass, crappie, channel catfish, copper nose bluegill and rainbow trout. Participants can catch and keep trout, but officials encourage catch-and-release for others. Admission is free, though participants should register at www.prosperparksandrec.org.
Dawn M. Burkes

WYLIE

Black Light Zumba party planned at rec center

The Wylie Parks and Recreation Department will host a Black Light Zumba Dance Party on Saturday from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Participants are encouraged to wear white. Glowing face paint and bracelets will be provided. Admission is \$8 at the door at Wylie Recreation Center, 300 Country Club Road.
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Tarrant County



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Got spirit? Let's hear it!

Prosper High School cheerleaders competed during the UIL Texas State Spirit Championships on Friday at the University of Texas at Arlington's College Park Center. Four days of competition among high schools of all sizes was scheduled to wrap up Saturday.

FORT WORTH

Stock Show parade to feature drovers, stagecoaches

Expect plenty of horses and no motorized vehicles Saturday at the 120th annual Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's All Western Parade. This year, the parade will feature the Fort Worth Herd drovers, stagecoaches, equestrian troupes and more. Standing room along the parade route will be free; reserved seating was sold in advance. The parade will step off at 11 a.m. at the Tarrant County Courthouse, at Weatherford and Main streets. It will follow Main to the Tarrant County Convention Center on Ninth Street, then go up Houston Street to return to the courthouse.
Staff reports

GRAPEVINE

Career expo to offer info on jobs, education, training

TXA 21's fourth annual Education and Career Expo will be from noon to 6 p.m. Jan. 23. Job applicants are encouraged to bring current résumés, dress appropriately and be prepared for on-site interviews. Representatives from employers, colleges, universities, trade schools and prep schools will offer information on job opportunities and provide guidance on enrolling in college for the first time, returning to school to complete a degree, or learning a new trade. The expo will include information on career-based training programs in health care, information technology, cosmetology, aviation maintenance, massage therapy, truck driving and more. The free event will be at Grapevine Mills mall, 3000 Grapevine Mills Parkway. More information is available at CBSDFW.com.
Deborah Fleck

Denton County

DENTON

UNT professor chosen to endorse trumpets

A trumpet manufacturer has chosen a University of North Texas professor to handpick its best Bach trumpets to be sold in the South-west. Jason Bergman, a professor of trumpet, was chosen to take part in the Bach Artist Select program for Conn-Selmer Inc. Conn-Selmer offered 40 Bach trumpets for Bergman to test. His task? Pick the 14 highest-quality Bach trumpets to be sold in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Bergman played each instrument. He listened for sound quality, ease of playing, resistance, intonation and range. The selected models will include a card with Bergman's biography, signature and notes about his endorsement.
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RAY ROBERTS LAKE

State park offers chances to learn about wildlife today

Visitors will have opportunities to view and learn about wildlife Saturday at Ray Roberts Lake State Park's Johnson Branch Unit. A 1.1-mile guided hike on the Shady Oaks Trail, which winds through post oak woods, will provide opportunities for wildlife viewing. Visitors are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes and bring water. The hike will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and will begin at the picnic pavilion in the Dogwood parking lot. At 1 p.m., at the amphitheater near the kids' fish pond, a "Wildlife Detectives" session will teach children and adults how to find traces of animal activity. The talk will be followed by an optional short-track hunting hike. Sturdy shoes and water are recommended. Park admission costs \$7 for those 13 and older. For information about events in the park's other unit, Isle du Bois, call 940-686-2148. For information about Johnson Branch events, call 940-637-2636.
Denton Record-Chronicle



Ranjani Groth/Denton Record-Chronicle

Fun in the sun in Denton

Ashley Mitchell and her son, Holden, played with their dog at South Lakes Park on Thursday. Sunny days and periods of balmy weather have made the winter a relatively painless one so far.

SPOTLIGHT | DENTON COUNTY

Busted for pot? Don't expect just a ticket

Local law enforcers aren't following Dallas' lead on misdemeanor possession

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Citing and releasing individuals caught with small amounts of marijuana may be going through a test

run in Dallas County, but it is not in the cards for Denton and Denton County, officials say. Dallas County officials are mulling the particulars of a pilot program to ticket people for possessing small amounts of the drug rather than arresting them. Denton County law enforcement officials say it would be too hard to make the change, though a state law

passed in 2007 provides cities the option of cite and release. "We take a hard line against possession of all drugs, [and] we are against decriminalization of marijuana and will continue to arrest for Class B possession," said Sheriff Will Travis. "It may work for Dallas, but I don't see it working for Denton." House Bill 2391 gives police dis-

cretion to cite and issue a summons for Class A and Class B misdemeanors instead of taking suspects to jail. Those misdemeanors include possession of 4 ounces or less of marijuana. Police officers could issue a citation and summons only if the person charged resided in the county where the offense occurred.