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# Collin County



## AREA

### Military-friendly schools list includes Collin College

Collin College has been named a 2016 Military Friendly School by Victory Media.

Victory Media recognizes colleges and universities that help military students in the classroom and after graduation. Inclusion is based on a survey of each school's policies and practices.

Find the full list of Military Friendly Schools at [militaryfriendly.com](http://militaryfriendly.com).

Charles Scudder

## FARMERSVILLE

### Community development board will meet Monday

The Community Development Corporation Board will meet Monday.

The meeting will be at 5:45 p.m. at City Hall, 205 S. Main St. The board meets on the second Monday of each month.

Learn more by going to [farmersvilletx.com](http://farmersvilletx.com) or calling Adah Leah Wolf at 972-784-6846.

Dawn M. Burkes

## MURPHY

### Chief Cotten to meet with residents Tuesday

Coffee With the Chief will be from 8 to 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Police Chief Trey Cotten will discuss changes in the law, including open carry, and meet with residents and business owners. The event will be at Murphy Activity Center, 205 N. Murphy Road. For more information, go to [murphytx.org](http://murphytx.org).

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## PLANO

### Diversity Job Fair scheduled for Monday

The Plano Diversity Job Fair will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday.

Job hunters should bring résumés to meet with diversity-minded companies. The fair is at Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway.

Admission is free. For more information, visit [jobbertising.com](http://jobbertising.com).

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### Annual homeless census looking for volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the



Texas School for the Deaf

## Mayor's introduction

Wylie Mayor Eric Hogue, who has been named president of the governing board of the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin, introduced himself to school drama students. Hogue, who is fluent in American Sign Language, was appointed to the board by the governor's office in 2009.

Collin County Homeless Coalition's annual point-in-time homeless census on Jan. 21.

The project counts the number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless

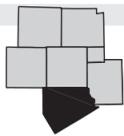
persons on one night, providing information for homeless service planning, awareness and federal grants. Last year, organizers and 100 volunteers found 108 homeless people in

Plano.

To volunteer, contact Jesse Madson at 972-941-7322 or [jessema@plano.gov](mailto:jessema@plano.gov).

Meredith Shamburger

# Ellis County



Andy Jacobsohn/Staff Photographer

The two-vehicle crash happened on eastbound U.S. Highway 287 in Midlothian on Friday and involved a van stolen earlier that day.

## MIDLOTHIAN

# Suspect among 2 dead after chase, crash

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A police chase ended in a fiery crash Friday afternoon that killed two people, including a carjacking suspect, and shut down U.S. Highway 287 for hours.

The two-vehicle crash was reported just before 2 p.m. on U.S. Highway 287, east of Plainview and Walnut Grove roads.

Police said one of the vehicles involved in the crash was a white van reported stolen from a Waxahachie construction site earlier in the day.

Authorities began chasing the van after lo-

cating it using a tracking device installed on it.

While fleeing police, the suspect crashed into a car headed toward Waxahachie on eastbound Highway 287. The suspect and one other person died in the crash, Waxahachie police said.

Neither victim was identified.

# Denton County



## AREA

### Faster commute almost ready on FM2499 in Grapevine

Leaders with NorthGate Construction hope to have the new southbound main lanes of FM2499 open by Monday morning in Grapevine.

The lowered lanes will allow commuters from the Flower Mound area straight through to Highway 121, bypassing the traffic lights at Grapevine Mills mall.

Communications Manager Kristen Stieg said Thursday that NorthGate plans to shift traffic patterns on the stretch over the weekend, weather permitting. That could cause some backups for traffic in the area through Monday morning.

Focus can then shift to the northbound lanes, which Stieg is hopeful will be opened in March. The entire project must be complete by January 2017, she said.

Brian Scott, KXAS-TV (NBC5)

## LEWISVILLE

### Partial demolition of Garden Ridge bridge set for this weekend

AGL Constructors will demolish a part of the Garden Ridge Boulevard Bridge this weekend.

Crews will close one lane of northbound Interstate 35E approaching Garden Ridge Boulevard at 8 p.m. Saturday and two lanes of north and southbound I-35E from 10 p.m. Lanes are scheduled to reopen at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Traffic will be stopped in 15-minute increments while crews demolish the existing half of the bridge. Motorists should expect long delays.

For more information, visit [35Express.org](http://35Express.org) or call 214-483-7777.

Adam Schrader

# Tarrant County



## AZLE

### Man beat wife to death at their home, police say

A 45-year-old man has been arrested in the slaying of his wife early Friday at their home.

Mark Phelps Andrews faces a murder charge in the death of 43-year-old Doris Jean Andrews, police said.

Officers responded to a 911 call around 4:40 a.m. at the home in the 600 block of Dunaway Lane and found Andrews dead inside. She died from blunt-force trauma to the head and body, police



MARK PHELPS ANDREWS

said.

Detectives interviewed witnesses who were inside the home at the time. Mark Andrews' bail has been set at \$250,000.

The Azle fire marshal's office and Fort Worth police assisted in the investigation.

Tasha Tsiaperas

## FORT WORTH

### Father gets 11 years for carving pentagram on son

A Richland Hills man was sentenced Friday to 11 years in prison for carving a pentagram on his son's back because he believed his wife was cheating on him.

Brent Bartel, 42, was convicted Thursday of aggravated assault with a



BRENT BARTEL

deadly weapon on a family member and injury to a child.

Jurors gave Bartel an 11-year sentence and a 10-year sentence, which will run concurrently, according to KXAS-TV (NBC5).

Police say Bartel used a box cutter to carve the image onto his 6-year-old son's back in December 2012, then smeared the boy's blood around the front doorway of the family's home on Ruth Road. He then called 911 and told a dispatcher that it was a holy day and he had "shed some innocent blood."

Bartel was previously found incompetent to stand trial, and his attorney claimed Bartel was insane when

he attacked his son and did not know right from wrong.

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## NORTH RICHLAND HILLS

### Police hope to ID bank robber who shot cop in '03

Police have released a sketch and surveillance video of a bank robbery suspect wanted for shooting an officer who tried to stop him in 2003.

Authorities are offering a reward up to \$13,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the man, who is accused of shooting motorcycle Officer Jeff Garner in the leg as he fled the robbery.

Investigators believe the gunman,

dubbed the Cowboy Hat Bandit, had just robbed a Watauga bank when Garner tried to pull him over in March 2003.

The man has been linked to at least six other bank robberies in Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma.

The suspect is described as a white man in his late 30s to early 50s. He wears a cowboy hat, a fake mustache and an eyepatch and also appears to have scarring on his face, possibly from acne, police said.

Anyone with information can call Crime Stoppers at 817-469-8477.



Authorities have released a sketch and video of the suspect.

Tasha Tsiaperas