

North Texas

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Bowing out



Craig Kelly

Wylie Police Officer Richard Chambers proudly presented his K9 partner Gunner at Wylie City Council meeting last month to say goodbye to officials. Mayor Eric Hogue honored Gunner who is retiring after four years of service to the Wylie community, which, Hogue noted, was “28 in dog years.” Councilman David Dahl is on the dais.

Hours to drop off items are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. For more information, call 214-301-3667 or visit harborchaseparkcities.com.

Deborah Fleck

FARMERS BRANCH

Applications open for Master Naturalist classes

The North Texas Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program is accepting applications for its 2019 class. Master Naturalist trainees receive in-depth education in wildlife and natural resource management, customized to focus on our local ecosystems. In return, Master Naturalists provide volunteer service in community education, conservation, citizen science and demonstration projects.

The initial training includes 40 hours of classroom sessions plus field trips to learn about Texas' natural resources. Training begins Feb. 5 and continues each Tuesday from

6 to 9 p.m. through April 30. Most classes will meet at Brookhaven Community College, 3939 Valley View Lane.

Applications are at public.ntmn.org/about/how-to-join and will continue through Nov. 30.

Deborah Fleck

FORT WORTH

Museum is hosting a health and wellness event today

The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, 1600 Gendy St., offers “Be Thankful for your Health” activities from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday on the second floor near the Grossology exhibit. There will be hands-on activities and experiments showing how the body works.

All activities are included with regular museum admission, which is \$16 for adults and \$13 for ages 2-18; free for members. Find more at fwmuseum.org.

Deborah Fleck

GARLAND

Transfer station to be closed at least six weeks

The city's transfer station was closed for repairs last week, and residential trash and recycling pickup may be delayed as a result.

The transfer station at 1434 Commerce St. won't reopen for at least six weeks. In the meantime, residents with household waste can drop it off for free at the Hinton Landfill, 3175 Elm Grove Road in Rowlett.

Call 972-205-3500 for more information or email ews@garlandtx.gov.

From staff reports

GRAPEVINE

Carol of Lights Show to welcome the holidays

The 31st Annual Carol of Lights Show and street lighting will be at 7 p.m. Monday in downtown Grapevine. The event includes live performances and fireworks. WFAA-TV

morning show hosts Kara Sewell and Ron Corning will emcee.

Activities that will start at 3 p.m. include photos with Santa, visits with live reindeer, ornament making, face painting and Christmas karaoke.

There is optional reserved seating for \$5. To purchase, visit GoGrapevine.com/CaroloLights.

Deborah Fleck

IRVING

Principal flutist to perform Bach piece at concert tonight

The Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra presents a concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. The concert will feature principal flutist LeeAnne Thompson performing Bach's *Suite No. 2 in B Minor*.

Tickets are \$16.50 to \$46.50. To order, call 972-252-2787 or visit irvingartscenter.com.

Deborah Fleck

McKINNEY

Police department to offer holiday home protection tips

The Roy and Helen Hall Memorial Library, 101 E. Hunt St., will host a program on “How to Protect Your Home This Holiday Season” at 4:30 p.m. Monday.

The Police Department will offer information about alarm permits, vacation home watch and porch pick-up thefts. Admission is free.

Deborah Fleck

RICHARDSON

Congregation to host event with News editor

Congregation Beth Torah Men's Club and Sisterhood will host a breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Sunday featuring *Dallas Morning News* editor Mike Wilson. He'll talk about how the paper is coping with tough economic times.

Tickets are \$10 for the public, \$7 for members and \$5 for students. The Congregation is at 720 W. Lookout Drive in Richardson. For more information, call 972-234-1542.

Deborah Fleck

SOUTHLAKE

Tree lighting to include caroling, crafts and more

Southlake's Home for the Holidays Annual Tree Lighting festivities will be from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday in Town Square. The tree lighting will be at 6 p.m.

Among the groups performing will be local schools and the Southlake Community Band. Activities include crafts, photos with Santa, snow hill tubing, carriage rides and more.

Admission is free. Find more at visitsouthlaketexas.com.

Deborah Fleck

ARLINGTON

Peddler Show continues Saturday and Sunday

The Peddler Show, a holiday market with items by designers, artisans and craftsmen, will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way.

Tickets are \$7 at the door; children younger than 12 are free. Parking is free. Learn more at peddlershow.com.

Deborah Fleck

CARROLLTON

Coffee with a Cop, CPR class, Santa photos set

The police department offers Coffee with a Cop from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Parks Coffee Roastery & Café, 1401 MacArthur Drive.

Carrollton Fire Rescue offers an adult, child and infant CPR/AED class from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday at Crosby Recreation Center, 1610 E. Crosby Road. The cost is \$25. To register, call 972-466-4901 or visit cityofcarrollton.com under the Activity Enrollment tab.

Photos with Santa will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the A. W. Perry Museum, 1509 Perry Road. The cost is \$20 for residents and \$22 for non-residents.

Deborah Fleck

COPPELL

Farmers market will open during winter

The Coppel Farmers Market will be open all winter, rain or shine. The winter dates are the second Saturdays January through March (Jan. 12 and 26, Feb. 9 and 26, March 9 and 23). Winter closures will be Nov. 24 and Dec. 22 and 29.

The market is at 768 W. Main St. and is open from 8 a.m. to noon. Find more at coppellfarmersmarket.org.

Deborah Fleck

DALLAS

HarborChase to host toy drive through Dec. 10

HarborChase of the Park Cities, 5917 Sherry Lane, will host a toy drive through Dec. 10 to support Dallas-based nonprofit Hope Supply Co. and its Holiday Hope Toy Drive. The organization meets the critical needs of homeless and at-risk children by providing necessities including diapers, clothing, school supplies and toys, as well as hosting programs that enhance their lives.

The public is welcome to drop off sports balls and equipment, arts and crafts kits, books and board games, and hats and scarfs. The need is greatest for children ages 12-18.

COLLIN COUNTY

Woman jailed in kidnapping of girls, ages 8 and 11

A woman was jailed Friday on suspicion of kidnapping two young girls from their Collin County home and taking them to Mississippi.

Crystal Gaylene Edwards, 33, was placed in the Rankin County Jail in Brandon, Miss., on two counts of kidnapping and one count of sale of narcotics, according to police in Josephine, a town on the east side of Collin County's Lavon Lake.

Josephine police were called to a home in the 100 block of West Hubbard about 1:30 a.m. Friday about the missing children. The girls — ages 8 and 11 — had been lured from the home and were being taken without permission to Jackson, Miss., according to police.

With the help of the Collin County Sheriff's Office, investigators were able to identify Edwards, who lives in Pearl, Miss. The U.S. Marshals Service and Pearl police found Edwards with the girls in Jackson, Miss., shortly after 10 a.m. Friday.

The girls, who were unharmed, were turned over to Mississippi Child Protective Services to await their return to Texas.

While the girls' family knows Edwards, she is not related to either

girl, investigators said.

Valerie Wigglesworth

DALLAS

Officer's foot run over by car burglar, but she makes arrest

An off-duty Dallas police officer who confronted car burglars early Friday was injured when the fleeing suspects ran over her foot — but she still managed to arrest one of them.

The incident happened around 12:15 a.m. in the parking garage of a downtown apartment complex in the 2600 block of Ross Avenue.

The officer, who has not been identified, saw three suspects trying to break into a car at the complex where she lived. The officer confronted them, but two jumped into a car and fled, running over her foot as they drove off.

Despite her injury, the officer chased down and arrested a third suspect who tried to run away, police said. That person has not been identified, and neither was the officer.

The two suspects who drove away are still at large, police said.

Loyd Brumfield

EAST FORT WORTH

Girl, 15, wounded after argument erupts in gunfire

A 15-year-old girl was wounded

Thursday night when an argument in an East Fort Worth neighborhood ended in gunfire, police say.

Police responded to a shooting call at 6:30 p.m. in the 5100 block of Cottey Street, where several men were arguing with the family of the 911 caller.

The argument escalated to the point where one of the men pulled out a gun and started shooting into the crowd.

One bullet grazed the teenage girl's head. Her injuries were minor, and she was conscious, breathing and in stable condition as an ambulance took her to a hospital.

Police have identified a suspect but have not taken the man into custody.

Sara Magalio

MESQUITE

Border agents arrest suspect in theft of mastiff puppy

Two men face charges in the theft of a mastiff puppy from a backyard in Mesquite last month, authorities said.

Border agents in Webb County arrested Jose Angel Rosas, 31, of Laredo on a theft charge on Oct. 31. A second suspect, 27-year-old Antonio Salazar, remains at large, authorities say.

The warrants were issued in late

October, officials said.

The Oct. 6 theft went viral on social media after surveillance footage captured two men walking up to a fenced front yard containing the puppy, named Chipper, and two other dogs.

The video shows one man grab Chipper by his scruff and pull him over the fence. Both men then climb into a black SUV and drive away.

Matt Ivy, Chipper's former owner and a Dallas firefighter who breeds dogs, was reunited with the puppy a week after it was stolen. The thieves had sold Chipper to a North Texas man who recognized the puppy in the viral video.

Bryan Vasquez saw the video and returned the dog to Ivy on Oct. 10. Ivy said a family from Dripping Springs adopted Chipper on Oct. 11.

Officials said Rosas posted a \$10,000 bond and was freed from jail the same day he was booked.

Sarah Sarder

PLEASANT GROVE

Bail set at \$150,000 for man held in fatal shooting

A shooting suspect was arrested Thursday in Mesquite and charged in the death of a man last weekend in Pleasant Grove.

Anthony Quinn Rider, 33, was booked on a murder charge in the

slaying of Jimar Nichols, police said.

Nichols, 26, was shot Sunday in the 2000 block of Lewiston Avenue, near Bruton Road and Masters Drive. Officers were called shortly after 5:30 p.m. and found Nichols wounded. He was rushed to Baylor University Medical Center and later died.

Shortly before the shooting, Rider was sitting in a white Chevrolet Silverado when Nichols and a witness pulled up in a white BMW, according to police documents.

Surveillance footage shows the victim standing near the pickup when Rider gets out and approaches Nichols, an arrest warrant states.

According to the warrant, Nichols was walking toward Rider in a “calm manner” when Rider shot him multiple times. Rider then got back into the truck and drove away.

Witnesses identified Rider by the nickname “Bear” and told police he shot Nichols, according to the warrant. One witness told police Nichols might have been reaching for a gun when he was shot, but that person never saw Nichols holding a gun.

Rider admitted to the shooting when he was interviewed by a detective, police said.

He was being held in the Dallas County Jail in lieu of \$150,000 bail.

LaVendrick Smith