

North Texas

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

COPPELL

Old Town Coppel to celebrate anniversary

The fifth annual Old Town Coppel Party on the Lawn will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday to celebrate the area's anniversary. There will be a concert featuring LIVE 5 at 7 p.m., and the Coppel Community Orchestra will perform at 6:30 p.m. The event includes food trucks.

Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs and arrive early. Admission is free. The Square of Old Town Coppel is at 768 W. Main St. Details are at coppelltx.gov.

Deborah Fleck

DALLAS

Dallas Fest will be in West End District

The West End Association will present Dallas Fest from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday in the Historic West End District. The event will feature entertainment, performance art, a Kids Zone, a food truck court and more.

The main stage area will be at the intersection of Ross Avenue and Record Street. Performers include Jessie Frye, Northern National, Ronnie Hart, Heart of the City and more.

This is the festival's first year. The chair is Jeremy Scott. Find more at dallaswestend.org.

Deborah Fleck

DOWNTOWN DALLAS

New lane, ramp closures on Lowest Stemmons

Lanes and ramps along Interstate 35E in downtown Dallas will be closed overnight and during the day through this week for construction on the Texas Department of Transportation's 2.3-mile, \$79 million Lowest Stemmons project.

Eastbound Commerce Street between Riverfront Boulevard and I-35E will close nightly. The Reunion Boulevard entrance ramp will be closed 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily, starting Monday. Lanes on Reunion will also close. The southbound ramp from the Dallas North Tollway to I-35 will be closed overnight at 10 p.m. Friday.

The southbound I-35E frontage road between Inspiration Drive and Continental Avenue remains closed until the end of the summer as part of the project.

Ray Leszczynski

GARLAND

Rail station zones on council agenda

Amendments to the tax increment financing zone around the city's two light rail stations will be considered when the City Council meets in regular session at 7 p.m. Tuesday. A plan for 291 multifamily units on about 42 acres at 4701 Bunker Hill Road will also be considered.

In its Monday work session, the council will get a construction update from the street department. The meetings will be at City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

Ray Leszczynski

GRAPEVINE

TxDOT to host ribbon-cutting for I21/360 project

The Texas Department of Transportation, the city of Grapevine and NorthGate Constructors will host a ribbon-cutting at 10 a.m. Tuesday on the SH 121/360 interchange project in the Skate Town parking lot, 2330 William D. Tate Ave.



Photos by Jason Janik/Special Contributor

Above: Volunteers from Mercedes-Benz Financial Services helped organize a display Thursday at Dwell With Dignity's Thrift Studio, which invited North Texas' leading interior design experts to transform donated pieces into room vignettes. The annual pop-up shop raises money for the nonprofit, which is dedicated to creating inspiring rooms for families struggling with homelessness and poverty.

Right: The shop featured furniture, housewares and accessories — including high-end designer items — at deep discounts.

Completed seven months ahead of schedule, this \$61 million project added new direct connectors for State Highways 114, 121 and 360 to minimize weaving, reduce congestion and improve safety in the area.

The SH 121/360 interchange was the first Texas Clear Lanes project to start construction, part of an overall \$3.8 billion congestion relief initiative provided by Gov. Greg Abbott and the Texas Legislature to reduce gridlock in some of the state's most congested areas. Learn more at dfw-connector.com.

Deborah Fleck

IRVING ISD

District announces upcoming events

The Irving ISD will host a Teacher of the Year Celebration with a reception at 6 p.m. Thursday at Singley Academy, 4601 N. MacArthur Blvd. The district will honor the campus teachers of the year and announce the two teachers chosen as Elementary Teacher of the Year and Secondary Teacher of the Year.

An Irving Schools Foundation fundraiser will be from noon to 5

p.m. Sunday at Thirsty Lion, 350 W. Las Colinas Blvd. Twenty percent of sales will benefit the foundation. There will also be a raffle and silent auction. For details, call 972-600-5018.

Graduation will be June 1 and 2 at the Potter's House, 6777 Kiest Blvd., Dallas. Find more at irvingisd.net.

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LANCASTER

Cemetery lot owners to have annual meeting

The Lancaster Cemetery Association's annual meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday at the Pavilion in Edgewood Cemetery, 600 Nokomis Road.

Lot owners or legal representatives of a deceased lot owner in Edgewood Cemetery are shareholders and are entitled to a vote at the meeting. In case of rain, the meeting will be moved to May 13 at the same time and location.

Loyd Brumfield

MANSFIELD

Church breaks ground on senior housing

Bethlehem Baptist Church — the oldest predominantly African-American church in Tarrant County — broke ground Sunday on an affordable housing development for adults 55 and older.

Pioneer Place is a project started about 12 years ago by the 148-year-old church on the west side of Mansfield. It is the first major housing development in more than 50 years in the once economically disadvantaged and impoverished sector of the city.

Senior Pastor Michael Evans Sr. has led the process. The development will be across the street from the church, which is at 1188 W. Broad St.

Deborah Fleck

PLANO

Hospital therapy dog to celebrate her birthday

Monday is National Therapy Animal Day, and Children's Medical Center Plano will celebrate the second anniversary of its therapy dog, Flora, with a party from 10 a.m. to noon. Flora visits each week with eating disorder patients.

PetSmart Charities has committed \$270,000 to support the Children's Health Paws for Hope Program through the end of 2018.

The hospital is at 7601 Preston Road. Learn more at bit.ly/2jccggQ.

Deborah Fleck

RICHARDSON

Health Department begins mosquito testing

The Health Department has

started its annual mosquito collection and testing, with traps set out in 12 areas. The testing will continue through October.

All samples from the first round of testing were negative for the West Nile virus.

Nighttime spraying to control the adult population of mosquitoes is conducted by the city in designated areas only if area samples test positive for the West Nile virus or if a resident contracts the West Nile, Chikungunya or Zika virus.

Find more at cor.net/mosquito, including an interactive map of all 12 management areas and updates for each area.

Deborah Fleck

WYLIE

Annual Pedal Car 500 Race will be downtown

The Downtown Merchants Association will host its annual Pedal Car 500 Race at 2 p.m. Sunday in the downtown area, 112 N. Ballard Ave. Registration is at 1 p.m.

The race is for children ages 2 to 5. They select a car decorated by local merchants and race 500 inches down Ballard in heats of six. Trophies will be awarded in two age brackets.

The entry fee is \$10. For details, visit wylietetexas.gov.

Deborah Fleck

Deals with dignity

PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFS

FORT WORTH

Infant girl pronounced dead after wreck on I-30

A White Settlement man is accused of being intoxicated when he crashed his pickup into a car Friday, killing a 6-month-old baby, police said.

The infant, Reema Ghanim, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash Friday night on Interstate 30.

Jail records identified the suspect as Alexander B. See, 28, who was arrested Friday night shortly after the accident.

See was in the Tarrant County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 bail.

Reema Ghanim was in a booster seat in a car traveling west in the 3600 block of Interstate 30.

The car was struck from behind after it slowed for traffic.

There were two adults and three children in the car. Three people were taken to local hospitals, with one in serious condition.

Staff and wire reports

PLEASANT GROVE

Driver crashed into apartment building

A driver who is believed to have experienced a medical emergency ran off the road Saturday night and crashed into a Pleasant Grove apartment complex, police say.

The driver was treated at the scene of the crash, in the 2100 block of Prairie Creek Road near Bruton Road, KXAS-TV (NBC5) reported.

Police said the driver crashed into a transformer and a fence before hitting the apartment building, the station reported.

Rescue crews responded to the scene about 8 p.m. and stayed for several hours, assessing whether the building was structurally sound, NBC5 reported.

No one in the apartment building was injured, KDFW-TV (Channel 4) reported.

The driver, whose name was not released, won't face charges, NBC5 reported.

Dana Branham

SOUTH DALLAS

Man fatally stabbed Saturday night

Police are looking for the person who fatally stabbed a man Saturday night in South Dallas.

Officers were called to 5010 Colonial Ave., near S.M. Wright Freeway, about 10 p.m. and found the man with a chest wound. He died at a hospital.

No other details were available. Anyone with information about the case may contact Detective C. Shelton at 214-671-3612 or c.shelton@dpd.ci.dallas.tx.us.

The case number is 89702-2018.

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