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# Collin County



## ALLEN

### Female mariachi group to play at public library

Mariachi Rosas Divinas — an all-female band — will perform Feb. 11 at the Allen Public Library.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and will kick off the Allen Reads program. One book and two accompanying titles are selected to encourage reading among different age groups.

Admission is free. The Allen Public Library is at 300 N. Allen Drive.

For more information, call 214-509-4911 or visit [cityofallen.org](http://cityofallen.org).

*Julieta Chiquillo*

## PLANO

### Texas Health hospital deemed 'baby-friendly'

Texas Health Presbyterian Plano again has been designated as a "Baby-Friendly" Hospital by Baby-Friendly USA Inc., a global initiative led by the World Health Organization and UNICEF.

The designation means that Texas Health Plano has maintained distinct high standards of care for breast-feeding families, and has carried out advocacy, education and policy work supporting and promoting the benefits of breastfeeding.

There are currently 14 other designated hospitals in Texas — including eight Texas Health hospitals — and only 326 "Baby-Friendly" hospitals in the United States.

*Deborah Fleck*

## PLANO ISD

### RECAP: Vaccine rate won't be released, district says

If Plano ISD parents want to know how many students at their child's school aren't vaccinated, like the child who came down with the measles at Schell Elementary, the district isn't saying.

Texas law says parents who want to opt out of vaccines can cite medical reasons or "reasons of conscience, including a religious belief." Someone on each campus, generally the school nurse, maintains a list so those students can be quickly identified by public health officials.

That happened at Schell earlier this month when the Collin County epidemiologist got confirmation that a student had contracted the measles. Jawaid Asghar said last week that he had contacted the school and has been monitoring the unvaccinated students.

The *Dallas Morning News* asked the district how many students at Schell, or any other Plano ISD school, had not been vaccinated and how a parent could get that data. The district responded that it could not provide the information about Schell "due to restrictions regarding student



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## Play Like a Girl Soccer Clinic

**Top:** A blindfolded Nick Stavrou, assistant coach of the Dallas Sidekicks, demonstrates how to work with a practice tether in a skills drill at the Play Like a Girl Soccer Clinic at the Allen Event Center on Saturday. The goal was to show young campers how active play, physical activity and sports improve overall health and quality of life.

**Left:** Aryana Wills, 12, ran through a drill at the clinic, which was presented by Play Like a Girl and the Dallas Sidekicks. The girls also got tickets to see the Sidekicks play Soles de Sonora on Saturday night.

confidentiality under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)."

*Jeffrey Weiss*

## WYLIE

### Senior center to offer a Valentine's double feature

The Wylie Senior Recreation Center is hosting a Dinner Double Feature Valentine's event from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 13.

*The Love Bug* and *Herbie: Fully Loaded* will be screened. Dinner and dessert will be served throughout the showings. The cost is \$5.

The center is at 800 Thomas St. For more details, call 972-442-8119.

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## SPOTLIGHT | ALLEN CITY COUNCIL

# \$93.1M in projects sought for bond vote

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A committee of residents is recommending that the city conduct a bond election this year with \$93.1 million worth of projects on the ballot.

Led by former Mayor Joe Farmer, the committee outlined its proposal at a City Council meeting Tuesday. Council members heard a presentation but didn't take action.

The projects would be part of a seven-year capital improvements program, according to the committee's report.

Committee members solicited input from other residents. More than 100 people participated in a series of meetings.

The committee recommends \$16.1 million for public facilities (a library expansion), \$23.8 million for streets and drainage, \$27 million for parks and recreation, \$24.4 million for public safety and \$1.8 million for public art.

"Given the city's advance toward residential build out, the proposals contained in this report represent a variety of necessary projects that enhance Allen's quality of life throughout the entire community," the com-

mittee wrote in its report.

Allen is home to about 94,000 people.

If the council were to put those proposals on the ballot and voters approved them, the city's tax rate would go up by less than half a cent. The current rate is 53 cents per \$100 valuation.

Council members appointed the citizen steering committee. In addition to Farmer, members also included George Chrisman, Craig Gillis, Kathy Litinas, Chris Schulmeister and Mary Vail-Grube.

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# Tarrant County



## AREA

### SH 360 South Project to start night work

Nightly construction work on the State Highway 360 South Project will start Monday at the Lynn Creek Parkway/Webb Lynn Road crossover in Grand Prairie.

Crews will work from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through Feb. 19 except for Feb. 6 and 13.

Drivers traveling east on Webb Lynn Road who want to continue east on Lynn Creek Parkway or north on the SH 360 frontage roads will be detoured south to New York Avenue.

The night construction is the initial phase of building the crossover bridge at the Lynn Creek Parkway/Webb Lynn Road intersection. Construction of the bridge is expected to take six to nine months to complete.

Advance warning signs will be installed to advise the public about

the detour being closed at night and to use New York Avenue as an alternate detour.

For updates, visit [drive360south.com](http://drive360south.com) or follow the project on Facebook and Twitter.

*Deborah Fleck*

## GRAPEVINE

### Palace Theatre concert to benefit 'Elvis' Tapley

David Tapley and the Cavalcade of Stars will perform at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Palace Theatre, 300 S. Main St.

The benefit concert was organized by friends of David "Elvis" Tapley, who is battling melanoma.

Seating is reserved, and tickets are \$35 to \$40. Concessions will be available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 817-410-3100 or visit [Palace-Theatre.com](http://Palace-Theatre.com).

*Deborah Fleck*

# Denton County



## DENTON

### Council agrees to timeline for building new city hall

The City Council took a step closer to building a new city hall by agreeing to a timeline that could put it on the next major bond election, likely in 2020.

During the council's retreat with the senior staff Thursday, members switched to a brief work session in the late afternoon to give direction on the staff proposal.

Talk of a new municipal complex emerged at the group's January 2014 retreat, although it didn't get much traction with the council then. The current City Hall has been in use since 1969.

During the last round of budget hearings, the council agreed to hire a consultant. For an estimated \$84,000, a consultant would look at how the city uses its buildings and

whether there are better ways to make the most of the space it has.

*Peggy Heinkel-Wolfe, Denton Record-Chronicle*

### Licensing underway for second brewery in city

Denton County Brewing Co. has filed paperwork with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to become the second fully operational brewery in Denton.

Seth Morgan, a graduate of the University of North Texas and a long-time Denton resident, has been working to open a brewery for about two years. A home brewer for the past 11 years and a beer fanatic since his time in England in the 1990s, he hopes to open Denton CBC by the end of the year.

The City Council voted last July to change zoning codes for businesses that brew beer commercially, meaning breweries could come to the heart of downtown. Before the zoning

change, only one brewery existed in Denton: Audacity Brew House, which opened in October 2014 on Shady Oaks Drive.

Morgan's company now has space at 200 E. McKinney St., right next to craft beer bottle and growler shop the Bearded Monk and across the street from City Hall.

The TABC permit is expected to be approved in August, which means Morgan can start brewing his home recipes in industrial equipment, which will take a few months. Ideally, the brewery will be open by Christmas, he said.

*Jenna Duncan, Denton Record-Chronicle*