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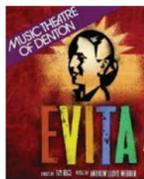
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## UIL Announces Realignment

Traveling to cheer on your favorite Denton ISD team is about to get easier



**DENTON ISD, TX-** The University Interscholastic League announced its bi-annual realignment today, Feb. 1, placing the athletic programs from Braswell, Denton, Guyer and Ryan high schools in new conferences and districts. The district's four high schools will be split into the state's largest conference classifications with Guyer competing in Class 6A and Braswell, Denton and Ryan staying in Class 5A for the next two school years beginning this fall.

Guyer will join Keller, Keller Central, Keller Fossil Ridge, Keller Timber Creek, Northwest Eaton, Northwest Nelson and Southlake Carroll District 5-6A for football and basketball. The move keeps the Wildcats in Region I, but should ease the traffic burden of traveling into Collin County for the bulk of its games.

"We're very pleased with the new district for Guyer. Those are all schools we're familiar with and our fans should enjoy competing

against schools a bit closer to home," said Denton ISD Athletic Director Joey Florence.

UIL officials determine realignment based on student enrollment, with the goal of placing schools with similar enrollments in districts that are geographically close together for football and basketball competition. This year, in an effort to close the disparity in enrollment in Class 5A, the UIL created separate districts for football and basketball.

Due to their larger enrollments, Denton and Ryan will join Birdville, Carrollton Creekview, Carrollton Newman Smith, Carrollton Turner, Colleyville Heritage and Grapevine in District 4-5A Division I for football. Braswell will compete in District 7-5A Division II with Denison, Frisco, Frisco Memorial, Frisco Reedy, Lake Dallas, Lovejoy and Princeton.

The district's three 5A high schools will be reunited in District 8-5A for basketball along with Denton

County neighbors Lake Dallas, Little Elm, Northwest and The Colony. Both moves end the district's longtime traveling relationship with Wichita Falls ISD, which should appease fans said Florence.

"We're not going to be making those long trips to Wichita Falls and Sherman anymore, so that's a plus... but we're still trying to wrap our heads around this whole thing. It's different from what we've done before, but in the end it's good for the kids," Florence said.

The split in Class 5A achieved its goal, separating schools with enrollments as low as 1150 away from those with more than 2,000. Denton and Ryan each submitted enrollment numbers just below 2,050, while Braswell came in at 1,734.

The cutoff point for Class 6A was set at 2,190, an increase of 40 students from the alignment number set in 2016. Guyer, the district's largest high school,

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## PointBank Steps Up Again, Donates over \$27K to Local Charities



**DENTON COUNTY, TX-** More than two dozen local charities received a helping hand from a familiar donor this December when PointBank donated just over \$27,000 as part of its ongoing mission to be a trusted partner in the communities it serves.

The donations were raised during PointBank's annual golf tournament and distributed to 25 charitable organizations throughout Denton County. Some of those non-profits in-



clude area food banks, Christian Community Action, Hearts for Homes, and Health Services of North Texas.

"These 25 charities represent the heart and soul of our community. This is our way of saying thank you to each and every one of them," PointBank CEO J. Raymond David Sr. said. "Just like we want customers to immediately feel warm and welcome when they come into one of our nine branches, we want to have that same relationship with our community."



PointBank is Denton County's oldest community bank and has grown from a single-location bank of around \$18 million in assets to nine locations and roughly \$475 million in assets today. The David family, which has managed the 133-year-old bank since 1984, has created a deeply-rooted culture of superior customer service, local decision making, and giving back through monetary donations, school sponsorships, and volunteer work.

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## Domestic Disturbance Results in Spousal Death

**LITTLE ELM, TX-** On Sunday, January 28, 2018, a domestic disturbance took a deadly turn on Sunday evening in Little Elm.

A husband and wife, residents of the Lux 3-Eighty Apartments, 26493 E University Dr., were involved in an apparent dispute that resulted in each suffering physical trauma.

Officers were called to the scene at approximately 8:20 p.m. in response to what was described as a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, officers discovered the male subject with serious wounds, apparently as a result of the argument with his spouse.

The male subject was transported to Medical City Den-

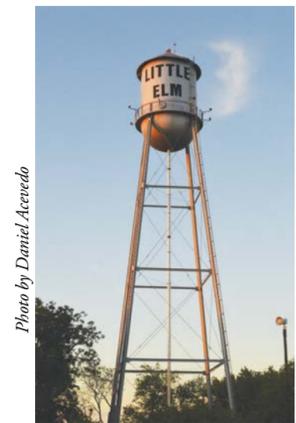
ton where he died as a result of his injuries. The female, also injured during the disturbance, was transported to Denton Presbyterian Hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

The deceased victim's remains were transported from Medical City Denton to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office where an autopsy will be performed today.

No arrest has been made at this time, and the incident is still under investigation. Identities of the individuals involved have not been released, pending notification of next of kin.

## Winter Maintenance May Affect Water's Taste, Smell

Thirty-day maintenance period conducted annually



**LITTLE ELM, TX-** The annual chlorine maintenance carried out by the Town's water supplier begins on Feb. 26 and continues until March 26, causing some customers to detect a slight change in the taste and smell of their water, says Andrew Figueroa, Utilities Superintendent.

"Every year, the North Texas Municipal Water District (NT-

MWD) takes about a month to conduct this maintenance on its system," he said. "During those 30 days or so, the purity and safety of the water does not change or diminish."

Nevertheless, some people with heightened senses may find a slightly altered taste and smell. This change in taste and smell is because chlorine is the only additive mixed into the water during the annual distribution system maintenance period. Normally, chlorine is combined with ammonia to treat drinking water, creating chloramines that serve to oxidize possible contaminants. However, during this timeframe no ammonia is added resulting in what's known as "free chlorine," which can cause a change in the smell and taste.

This process is accomplished once a year to help optimize

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## Little Elm Police Arrest Suspect in January Homicide

**LITTLE ELM, TX-** An arrest has been made in the case which resulted in the death of a Little Elm resident last month.

On Friday, Feb. 2, officers executed a warrant for the arrest of Shania Craven, 25, in connection with the death of Christopher Singh, 31. Craven, the spouse of the deceased, was taken into custody for the offense of murder.

Singh died as a result of injuries sustained on Jan. 28 which investigators attribute to Craven during a domestic dispute. Detectives were able to

gather sufficient physical evidence and relevant facts that established probable cause, a condition required to request and obtain a warrant.

The warrant was issued by Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace James DePiazza.

Craven was transported to the Denton County Jail where she was arraigned by Judge Robin Ramsey. Bond was set at \$200,000. The individual remains in custody.

Detectives are in the process of preparing the case for presentation to the Denton County District Attorney.



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Crowd image: Solutions of North Texas (Sontx) hosted their annual banquet fundraiser at the UNT Gateway to a full crowd. Sontx is a drug and alcohol recovery facility located in Denton.

## City of Denton Appoints New City Auditor

DENTON, TX – The Denton City Council has selected Umesh Dalal as the new City Auditor for the City of Denton. The Council approved an employment agreement at the City Council meeting on Jan. 16.

“I am honored to be selected as the City Auditor for the City of Denton,” said Mr. Dalal. “Denton is a wonderful community and I am eager to work with City Council and staff to enhance Denton’s commitment to transparency, compliance, and continuous service improvement through the auditing function.”

Mr. Dalal is a seasoned auditing professional, with extensive experience in financial and performance/operational auditing and fraud investigations. He is an avid advocate of accountability and transparency in government. His approach has made a significant positive impact in improving internal controls, efficiencies, and operational effectiveness during his previous employments with governments. He believes that the auditing function, in partnership with administration, can play a significant role in improving government processes for rendering services to taxpayers of the City. Mr. Dalal’s most re-

cent employment was with the City of Richmond, VA, where he retired after approximately 11 years of service as the City Auditor. Prior to Richmond, he was the City Auditor for the City of Arlington, TX and the City of Tempe, AZ. He has also served in other internal auditor roles for the City of Phoenix, AZ and Maricopa County Treasury, AZ.

Mayor Watts and the City Council expressed excitement after the final selection had been made.

“The City Council is pleased to welcome Umesh to the City of Denton,” said Mayor Chris Watts. “He has the skills and background to help the City continue to emphasize accountability and transparency.”

The City Council started the selection process in October by working with Dallas-based executive recruitment firm Springsted|Waters to launch a nation-wide search for candidates. A total of 10 applicants responded. Springsted|Waters worked with the City Council to narrow the list to four finalists based on the candidate applications, resumes, and supplemental materials. The Council held interviews on Jan. 5.

## Voters in Little Elm to Elect Mayor, Two Representatives

Residents in districts 3 and 5 to choose their representatives

Little Elm, TX- Registered voters in Little Elm will elect a mayor and voters in two geographic districts will elect their respective Council members on Saturday, May 5. Votes can be cast on Election Day or during the election’s Early Voting period.

“All Little Elm residents who are eligible to vote may cast a ballot for the mayor’s position,” says Town Secretary Kathy Phillips. “In addition, those who live in districts 3 and 5 may cast an additional vote for their representative.”

Residents wishing to run for any of the positions, and who meet the eligibility criteria, may declare their candidacy during the monthlong filing period, which runs from Wednesday, Jan. 17 to Friday, Feb. 16. Packets containing the appropriate forms and other relevant materials may be

obtained from the Town Secretary on the second floor of Town Hall, 100 West Eldorado Parkway in Little Elm.

David Hillock occupies the position of mayor, while the incumbent in Place 3 is Neil Blais, the current mayor pro tem, and the Place 5 incumbent is Nick Musteen. All three are eligible for re-election. Whereas the mayor’s position is at-large, meaning that any eligible resident may file for election, residents who declare their intention to run for either of the two districts up for election must reside in that district. Specific boundaries for district 3 and district 5 appear on the Town website www.littleelm.org. The Council district number in which voters reside also appears on individual voter registration cards.

Potential candidates must also be qualified voters in Town elections, be at least 21 years of age on

the date of election, and have been a fulltime resident of Little Elm for no less than 12 months immediately preceding election day.

“The length of time for individual terms of office for the mayor and Council members is three years,” said Phillips. “The Town Charter also stipulates that the maximum number of terms for the mayor and Council members is three successive terms.”

Registration to vote in the May 5 election must be completed by April 5. Voter registration materials can be downloaded from the Texas Secretary of State website www.votetexas.gov. The Denton County Elections Office will soon publish the Early Voting and Election Day voting times and locations.

“We encourage eligible voters throughout Little Elm, and those in the two districts to cast their ballot in this election,” she said. “Voting for our representatives is a privilege that we enjoy, and it should not be taken for granted.”

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submitted an enrollment of 2,514.5 students.

Denton ISD is currently the fourth fastest-growing district in terms of home closings in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, so the current two-year alignment may be the last time Braswell is separated from its district peers.

District 5-6A Football and Basketball: Denton Guyer, Keller, Keller Central, Keller Fossil Ridge, Keller Timber Creek, Northwest Eaton, Northwest Nelson, Southlake Carroll

District 4-5A Division I Football: Carrollton Creekview, Carrollton Smith, Carrollton Turner, Colleyville Heritage, Denton, Denton Ryan, Grapevine, Birdville North Richland Hills

District 7-5A Division II Football: Denison, Braswell, Frisco, Frisco Lebanon Trail, Frisco Memorial, Frisco Reedy, Lake Dallas, Lucas Lovejoy, Princeton

District 8-5A Basketball: Denton, Denton Braswell, Denton Ryan, Lake Dallas, Lewisville The Colony, Little Elm, Northwest

## Make a Reservation to Read on Dr. Seuss' Birthday

**DENTON, TX-** Denton ISD's elementary schools will celebrate Read Across America from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, March 2 by asking community volunteers to read to students for 30 minutes on campuses across the district. Mark the 20th Anniversary Celebration of Reading and what would have been Dr. Seuss' 114th birthday with a gift of time, sign up at: <https://www.volunteersignup.org/W8B4D>.

Additional details will be emailed to volunteers closer to Read Across America. Remember to bring your photo identification (Driver's License or ID) to check in on the day of the event.

*For more information, please contact Courtney Martin, Community Engagement Specialist at [cmartin@dentonisd.org](mailto:cmartin@dentonisd.org) or 940-369-0146.*

## Town Officials Encourage Residents to Seek Exemption

**PROSPER, TX-** Eligible homeowners in Prosper are encouraged to take advantage of the Town's homestead exemption, a 10 percent discount in the taxable value of residential properties.

The homestead exemption, among the most generous in the North Texas area, applies to homes in both Collin and Denton Counties and will remain in effect until repealed by Council vote. Even so, residents who've not already applied for the exemption must actively request the exemption from their respective appraisal districts. Those who've already done so in previous years, need not reapply.

Homeowners who have not previously applied for a homestead exemption should fill out the necessary forms from their respective appraisal district between now and April 30.

The exemption, by state statute, is applicable only to homes that serve as the primary residence for the appli-

cant, and only one exemption is applicable. The minimum reduction in value of residential properties is \$5,000. The exemption is not applicable to commercial concerns or income-producing properties.

While tax bills for Prosper residents include levies by several entities, the homestead exemption lowers the exposure for property taxes levied only by the Town of Prosper.

First approved as a 7.5 percent exemption in the fall of 2015, an increase to 10 percent was approved by the Town Council last summer.

"Homeowner tax relief is something everyone on Council agrees on," said Prosper Mayor Ray Smith when the increase was passed. "The value of virtually all homes and property in Prosper is rising, so increasing the exemption made perfect sense. People can take advantage of the higher exemption and either save money or redirect it to other purposes."

Prosper's 10 percent exemption is the second highest in Collin County. Of the 27 municipalities in Collin County, only eight offer a homestead exemption.

The tax rate of 52 cents per \$100 valuation, which has been unchanged in a decade, divides property tax revenue into roughly 36 cents for the General Fund, used for maintenance and operation, and 16 cents for the Interest and Sinking Fund, used to pay debt service.

Taking the homestead exemption into account, the effective tax rate, according to the Collin County Appraisal District, is reduced from \$0.52 to \$0.4314 per \$100 valuation.

The typical home in Prosper is valued at \$495,762, and with the exemption in place, the tax exposure will decrease by \$49,576, saving the homeowner about \$258 in ad valorem taxes to the Town.

## Keep America Beautiful Presents a State Agency Partner Award to Texas Department of Transportation and Keep Texas Beautiful

*Texas Department of Transportation Recognized at 2018 Keep America Beautiful National Awards Ceremony*

**AUSTIN, TX -** The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) was recognized as a recipient of a Keep America Beautiful State Agency Partner Award, presented at Keep America Beautiful's National Awards Ceremony, which took place during Keep America Beautiful's National Conference in Dallas, Texas, Jan. 17-19, at the Fairmont Dallas. The award recognizes state agency partners for their support of Keep America Beautiful state affiliates through joint partnership projects. This award highlights the value Keep America Beautiful places on public-private partnerships.

Keep Texas Beautiful was one of more than 80 individuals or organizations recognized at Keep America Beautiful's National Awards for their commitment and passion to transform public spaces into beautiful places.

"Keep America Beautiful's National Awards celebrates some of our country's most dedicated community leaders - representatives from our affiliates and partner organizations," said Keep America Beautiful President and CEO Helen Lowman. "It's my privilege to recognize such valuable, mission-based work that our state agency partners achieve with their respective Keep America Beautiful state affiliate partners to help communities become more environmentally healthy and economically sound."

Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Department of Trans-

portation first began working together in the late 1960s, sharing the common goals of making Texas roadways attractive and safe for motorists and encouraging tourism, goals which have remained more than 40 years. The two organizations now support TxDOT's anti-litter and beautification programs such as Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off and the Governor's Community Achievement Awards.

"We are incredibly proud to work with TxDOT," said Keep Texas Beautiful Executive Director Suzanne Kho. "Our partnership has contributed to many successful programs that have made a difference in our community and furthered our mission of inspiring and empowering Texans to keep our communities clean and beautiful."

The State Agency Partner Award recipients were: Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; Mississippi Department of Transportation; Mississippi State University Extension Service; Ohio Department of Natural Resources; Ohio Department of Transportation; Ohio Environmental Protection Agency; Oklahoma Department of Transportation; Oklahoma Turnpike Authority; Pennsylvania

Department of Environmental Protection; Pennsylvania Department of Transportation; and Tennessee Department of Transportation.

For a complete list of Keep

America Beautiful National Awards recipients, click here.

The Keep America Beautiful National Conference, its premier educational and networking event, brought together nearly 400 leaders from Keep America Beautiful's national network of affiliates, business leaders, policymakers and other experts who shared innovative ideas and proven strategies to help End Littering, Improve Recycling, and Beautify America's Communities. Celebrating its 65th anniversary in 2018, Keep America Beautiful believes everyone has a right to live in a clean, green and beautiful community, and shares a responsibility to contribute to that vision.

The 2018 Keep America Beautiful National Conference was made possible through the support of some of America's leading companies, including: Leadership Sponsors - Altria, Lowe's, Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company, SC Johnson, A Family Company and Wrigley Company Foundation; Stewardship Sponsors - Anheuser-Busch, Carton Council, Pratt Industries - Recycling Division and Steel Recycling Institute; Strategic Sponsors - Dr Pepper Snapple Group and Owens-Illinois, Inc.; Supporting Sponsors - Dipjar, insurance Auto Auctions, Inc. - Donation Division and Irio. Scholarships are provided by Altria, Dr Pepper Snapple Group, Southwest Airlines and Wrigley Company Foundation.

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# COMMUNITY

## Annual Report Captures Selected Highlights of 2017

LITTLE ELM, TX- Attempting to capture an entire year's worth of accomplishments, events and activities of a community as active and vigorous as Little Elm runs the risk of missing many of them. "There is just so much happening in Town every week," says Town Manager Matt Mueller. "Little Elm is one of those communities where lots of moving parts are in play, whether it be a Town-sponsored event or an activity put on by one of the many local groups and organizations. The level of year-round activity in Town can be hard to summarize."

To address the challenge and to ensure that a summation is available for citizen review, Town staff has encapsulated events and activities that are representative of the goals and objectives set forth in the Town's strategic plan.

The strategic plan, developed with the input of staff and Town Council, is the regularly-updated blueprint for guiding Little Elm's progress. It defines the broad areas where the Town sees forward movement and identifies concrete and measurable ways to accomplish objectives.

Using the strategic plan as the benchmark for reviewing the accomplishments of 2017 gives some structure to the summarization of the just-completed year.

The 2017 Strategic Report, a document that can be viewed

electronically or in printed form, was developed using the six major tenets of the strategic plan: 1) Little Elm is safe and welcoming; 2) Ensure strong relationships; 3) Operational integrity; 4) Promote identity; 5) Excellence in public service; and 6) Maximize recreation and leisure.

In addition, a portion of the report outlines a few of the accomplishments of the Economic Development Corporation along with the work which resulted in providing greater opportunities for outdoor recreation.

The report brims with facts and figures related to Little Elm and includes the Town's mission, vision and core values.

"While it's virtually impossible to relate everything that happened throughout the year, we've tried to hit the highlights as best as we could," said Mueller. "Our attitude of servant leadership is one in which we are always looking for ways to better serve our community. Fortunately, our relationships and partnerships throughout the community make it a unified effort, and the results show."

The report is available on the Town's website, [www.townoflittleelm.org](http://www.townoflittleelm.org), under the Departments tab and under the Town Spotlights section at the bottom of the home page.

## Keep Denton Beautiful Hires New Program Manager

Denton, TX -Julie Anderson has recently been hired as the Program Manager of Keep Denton Beautiful, Inc. (KDB). For the past three years, Anderson served as the City of Denton's first Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator. She began work on January 16.

While Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator, Anderson worked to implement the Bike Plan, organized CycloDia, the first-ever open street event, and received \$1.5 million in federal funding for active transportation projects. She also served as Vice Chair for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

As a part of the Sustainability team in the City of Denton, Anderson is looking forward to increasing collaboration with the city to achieve shared goals. Katherine Barnett, Sustainability and Customer Initiatives Manager, said, "Julie has done a lot of great work as the Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator, and we are happy to have her skills and enthusiasm at KDB." Ali Silva, KDB Board of Directors President, said, "The KDB Board of Directors is eager to begin working with Julie."

"KDB is a great organization with fantastic programs from tree giveaways, to mural paintings, to litter cleanup" Anderson stated. "I am excited to be joining the organization and work with the team and Board of Directors to serve the

Denton community."

Anderson holds a Bachelor of Arts in Film Studies and a Master of City and Metropolitan Planning from the University of Utah.

## Sunny Street Cafe Welcomed to the Little Elm Area

Jim Manning



The Little Elm Chamber of Commerce welcomed Sunny Street Cafe to the area with a ribbon cutting Ceremony. They

## McKinney Releases New Population Estimate

McKinney grew 6.8 percent from 2017 to 2018; 365 percent in 20 years

McKINNEY, Texas- The City of McKinney has announced its annual population estimate of nearly 180,000 residents, a 6.8 percent increase from January 2017. According to city estimates, the population has increased

nearly 365 percent during the last 20 years, from 38,700 in 1998 to 179,804 in 2018.

"While this unprecedented growth provides for a booming economy, we remain committed to maintaining the community feel that has brought so many of us to McKinney," said City Manager Paul Grimes. "With high quality, impactful planning, we are building a balanced future for all residents and families, with better access to desirable and affordable neighborhoods, jobs, transit and parks that make McKinney unique."

Last year, the city was named one of the fastest growing cities in the country according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

A number of high-profile development projects are in the works, further demonstrating the city's exponential growth, including the construction of a retail development anchored by Costco as well as a nine-acre

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# SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## February 2018 Friends of Hagerman NWR Activities

Patricia Crain, Friends of Hagerman

Second Saturday - Denison Dam - the Story of Lake Texoma from Conception to Today

Saturday, February 10, 2018, 10:00am - 11:30am

Paul Balkenbush, deputy manager of Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, will present a program on Second Saturday entitled Denison Dam: The Story of Lake Texoma from Conception to Today. Come join us to learn about why the dam was constructed, how it was built, and the way it works. You will also learn how the resulting reservoir promoted the establishment of Hagerman and Tishomingo national wildlife refuges and earned its nickname: The Playground of the Southwest.

The Refuge Rocks - Just Ducks!

(Free Program for Ages 4 - 12) Saturday, February 17, 2018, 10:00am - 11:30am

Ducks can fly, swim, and waddle! Some can dive while others just dabble. We have many folk sayings related to ducks - water off a duck's back - if it walks like a duck, and more! Learn more at our free nature

activities program for youngsters. Please register at <http://www.friendsofhagerman.com/Contact> or call the Refuge, 903-786-2826. Watch for a new topic each month. Parent/responsible adult must accompany youngsters in the 4 - 7 age groups.

Basic Photography Class

Saturday, February 17, 2018, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

This will be the first of four sessions geared to those who want to learn the basics of using their digital camera. Sessions will be held on the 3rd Saturday in February, April, June and August. Session I - Push Your Button - will be spent on learning the various parts of your camera; Individual help will be available to each participant. Classes are open to the public, free of charge, and are sponsored by the Friends of Hagerman Nature Photography Club. Please register at <http://www.friendsofhagerman.com/Contact> (in the Comments Section please tell us the make and model of the camera you want to learn to use). When you sign up for this class you will be registered for all 4 sessions.

Free Tram Tours, Saturdays and Sundays

Saturdays and Sundays at 2pm, Recommended for adults and children 6 years old and over.

Take a guided tour of the refuge with an expert birder aboard the open air, all-electric Carlos and Eulalia Cardinal Express! Enjoy a trip along Wildlife Drive and some of the Pad roads at the Refuge, with frequent stops to view and photograph wildlife, especially birds. Learn about the history of the town of Hagerman and the operation of the refuge.

This 60-90-minute guided tour is offered on Saturdays and Sundays at 2 pm, weather permitting. Seating space is limited; please call to reserve your seat: 903-786-2826 between 9am-4 pm Monday thru Saturday or from 1pm to 5 pm on Sundays. Please speak to a volunteer when making or cancelling a reservation as volunteers are unable to access messages on the Refuge phone system. Tours are free of charge; however, donations to the tram maintenance fund are appreciated.

## Krewe of Barkus Parade of Pooches Returns to Downtown McKinney

Bark-A-Palooza Tour Around the World celebrates cultures far and wide

MCKINNEY, TX - Downtown McKinney will be celebrating cultures from around the world at the 16th annual Krewe of Barkus Mardi Gras dog parade and festival Sunday, Feb. 11. This year's theme is "The Bark-A-Palooza Tour Around the World - Celebrating Countries & Cultures Across the Globe" and everyone is encouraged to choose a country to use as inspiration for costumes and decor. Be it your heritage, somewhere you've been, or where you'd really like to go, this is going to be the festival of nations.

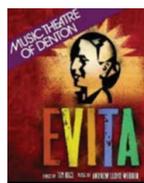
Krewe of Barkus begins

at 12:30 p.m. at Mitchell Park, just west of the historic downtown commercial district, where attendees will visit with more than 40 pet-related/general vendors and can grab a bite to eat. The parade begins at 2 p.m. with more than 300 participating dogs and owners. Patterned after the legendary Krewe of Barkus parade in New Orleans, the McKinney event features a parade, costume contest, vendor booths and Pawty in the Park, which includes free activities for the entire family. This year, spectators will be entertained by the music of the Dixieland Razzmajazz

Band that will perform in the parade and on stage.

The costume contest and float entry fee is \$5 per dog or float, and pre-registration by Feb. 8 is required. There is no fee to walk in the parade. For more information, visit [www.downtownmckinney.com](http://www.downtownmckinney.com) or call 972-547-2661. This event is sponsored in part by McKinney Main Street, Brandon Tomes Subaru, Trinity Falls, Camp Bow Wow - McKinney, McKinney Animal Hospital, Canine Cookie Company, Austin Chiropractic, KLAK, Rover Resort, Custom Dental, Shot Spot, Pet Paradise, Hollywood Feed and Legacy ER.

## Music Theatre of Denton presents Evita the Musical



Denton, TX - In our 33rd season, Music Theatre of Denton is excited to bring Evita the Musical to the historic Campus Theatre. Evita follows the young and ambitious Eva Peron's meteoric rise to sainthood. Set in Argentina between 1934-1952, the Tony-winning musical follows Eva Duarte on her journey from poor illegitimate child to ambitious actress to, as wife of military leader-turned-president Juan Peron, the most powerful woman in Latin America, before her death from cancer at age 33. The events in Evita's life are presented in song by the show's narrator, Che. Well-known numbers from Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical master-

piece include "Don't Cry for Me Argentina," "Oh What a Circus," "Buenos Aires" and "Another Suitcase in Another Hall."

Performance dates are weekends of February 23 through March 4, 2018 with 7:30pm Friday and Saturday performances, and Sunday 2pm matinees. "With such a well-rounded and diverse group of actors, we are proud and excited to share Evita with the community. We're having a fantastic experience learning about Eva Peron and understanding life in 1940's Argentina and cannot wait to bring this story to life on stage," explains Broadway World Senior Editor and Evita Director Kyle Christopher West.

Produced by Jen Peace, Music Director John Norine Jr., Stage Manager Elizabeth Cantrell, Costume Designer Jonathan Daniel Martin, Wig & Hair Designer Logan Coley Broker, Lighting Designer Les C. Deal,

Sound Designer Pat Schaidler, Properties Designer Jessica DeLeon, Scenic Designers John Norine Jr. and Kyle Christopher West, Associate Choreographer/Tango Consultant Dillon Hanson, and Dance Captain Megan Maynard.

Our cast of talented performers feature Alena Cardenez as Eva Peron, Michael McCray as Che, Scott Deck as Peron, Spencer Kapral as Magaldi, and Gabie Hocson as the Mistress. Evita ensemble includes Hunter Barnett, Katie Buck, Kate Dressler, Trinity Ehrhart, Danielle T. Graves, Dillon Hanson, Rae Hillman (Mistress understudy), Tara Linn Hunter, Sara Kennedy (Eva understudy), Belinda King, Jonathan Daniel Martin, Megan Maynard, Anthony Ortega (Che understudy), Lorens Portalatin, Tony Rose, Braiden Fisher, Alex Sutherland, Kiba Walker (Magaldi understudy), and Madison Verre (Santa Evita soloist).

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## Do I Still Need Life Insurance Once I Retire? Your Questions Answered



Do I need life insurance once I retire? Just because you're retired doesn't necessarily mean you're financially sound.

Think of all the different scenarios that may still be applicable: You may have been required to retire early; you may have had investments that have gone sour and haven't had time to rebuild your nest egg. Additionally, there may be a need to cover final expenses, you may have children still at home who depend on them, or you may have a family member like an aging parent or special-needs sibling that you provide financial support for.

The bottom line is this: If you owe someone, love someone, or someone depends on you financially, you need life insurance. And just because you're retired or old doesn't mean those three things go away.

Do I need the same amount of life insurance coverage as I did before? If

you bought the life insurance to replace income and have built up their investments, maybe not.

Then again, if you have built up their investments over the years, there may be some state or federal inheritance tax that will have to be paid upon their death. And even if there is no federal tax, there may still be significant state inheritance tax. There are also things like probate costs, administration costs; there might be final debt or a mortgage on house, too. So as long as there is some type of financial exposure, you need life insurance to match up with that.

If I don't have one, is it still possible to buy a policy in retirement? Absolutely. Just because you're old or older doesn't mean you're uninsurable.

I just got a call from someone doing planning for the family patriarch who's 85 years old. They realized that right now, the estate is worth more than the combined amount of federal exemption and that there will be tax to pay. That's where life insurance comes in, at less than a dollar for each dollar of tax.

Another reason to have the coverage is if someone has taken 100% pay-out on their pension, with no survivorship provision. If that person dies, no money gets paid out to the surviving spouse. This is more

common than you think. Nor is it unusual to hear that someone remarries and forgets to change the pension beneficiary. Life insurance can ensure that the spouse is taken care of.

What else should I know about having life insurance in retirement? People don't often talk about the living benefits of life insurance.

Let's say you no longer need the death benefit, but are living with a lingering, terminal illness and may not have sufficient cash to pay medical expenses. The accelerated death benefit provision means you can go to the insurance company and pull down money from the policy to absorb the costs of that illness and avoid bankruptcy.

A permanent life insurance policy is also a place to put money aside that gives you a better rate of return than a low pay-out CD or putting money in a safely deposit box. It's a way to have some safe money invested at no risk—it's just there for when you need it.

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## In the Kitchen with MOM

Easter Brunch



Springtime is here in Texas! And that means a visit from our favorite bunny! A Holiday smack dab in the middle of spring is always a busy time, and we all want as much easy in the kitchen that we can get! With all the sugar treats from the Easter Bunny, feeding the family a good healthy breakfast is a must do! Easter Sunday Brunch is one of the best meals of the year! Let's talk about egg casseroles! Easy, delicious, healthy and oh so easy, make ahead and relax dish!

## 'Tis the Season to Plant Fruit and Nut Trees in North Central Texas

Kathryn Wells, Communications Director



Pomegranates, as showcased in this photo, are not native to the United States, but reports indicate that Spanish missionaries introduced them to America in the 1500s. Although not indigenous to our area, pomegranates grow quite well and happily here. (Photo courtesy of DCMGA member Kathryn Wells, Flower Mound, TX.)



Blackberries are one of the easiest small fruit crops to grow in North Texas. These Apache blackberries entered by Thiago Arenas of Corinth, TX (now a member of the 2018 DCMGA intern class) won "Best in Show" in the June 2017 DCMGA Fruit, Vegetable, Herb, & Flower Show. (Photo courtesy of DCMGA member Kathryn Wells, Flower Mound, TX.)

January through March is an optimal time to plant new trees and to transplant established ones. Since the trees are in their winter dormancy, the process is less stressful for them, and they can adapt more readily to their new home.

While many varieties of fruit and nut trees can be grown in our ecoregion, some of the more successful large-fruit crops include figs, peaches, plums, and pomegranates. Blackberries and grapes are some of the easiest small-fruit crops to grow here. For nut crops, you can't go wrong with a pecan—our Texas state tree. Mature pecans are quite large; the height can range from 60 to 100 feet or more, so plan their new home accordingly.

A plentiful selection of fruit and nut trees should be currently available at area nurseries. You will find them in one of three forms: bare-rooted (no soil, usually packed in moist peat moss), balled-and-burlapped (ball of soil around roots), or container-grown (soil and roots in a nursery pot). When purchasing a container-grown tree, check to ensure the roots are not girdled (tightly circling the trunk or other main roots) in the pot.

Fruit and nut trees need at least six

Here is a basic recipe for you:

- 9 X 13 Pan serves 12
- 350\* for 50-60 minutes, or slow cook overnight in 6 qtr. slow cooker, 6-7 hours on LOW.
- 12 eggs
- 5 cups milk
- 10 slices bread, cubed, day old is best!
- 1 ½ teaspoons dried mustard
- 1 ½ teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups shredded cheese
- Spread bread cubes in pan and sprinkle with cheese. Whisk the eggs, milk, and spices and pour over bread and cheese. Cover and place in refrigerator overnight. In the morning uncover and bake, covering the last 15 minutes if it is getting to brown.

This is just the base for what you can do! Add two cups cooked sausage crumbles, crumbled bacon, chopped ham, or Canadian bacon.

Use any shredded cheese you want!

Instead of bead cubes, use fresh hash browns, or cubed croissants, or tofu!

Sautee onions, green bell pepper, mushrooms and tomatoes for a veggie version.

Slow Cooker Method: Layer ingredients as listed, and slow cook overnight in 6-quart slow cooker, 6-7 hours on low.

Be fearless! Use the base recipe and create your own Easter Brunch Egg Casserole Masterpiece!

Happy Easter Everyone! "Mom" Kryss Murray

trees, to help eliminate competition for water and nutrients. Keep the soil surface free of weeds and grass in a circumference area at least as wide as the tree canopy (width of limb spread). Mulching helps retain moisture and repress weeds, but take care to leave the trunk and its root flare exposed.

It's also a good time to prune established fruit and nut crops in your landscape. Remove select vertical shoots from peach and plum trees to encourage horizontal branching, but always maintain the central leader as the highest point. Just above bud growth, make a slightly angled cut (45 degrees) with a sharp, clean implement. Always leave a branch facing southward to help train against the prevailing south/southwest winds. After grapevines reach their second year of growth, cut back canes by approximately 75% to remove dead wood, encourage new fruit-producing growth, and train sturdy scaffolding.

Some fruit and nut cultivars are self-fruiting; others require cross-pollination. Chilling hours (the amount of time needed before dormant buds set new fruit) also vary. Everything you need to know about the best varieties for our area can be found on the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service website at <https://aggiehorticulture.tamu.edu/fruit-nut/>.

If you have horticulture questions, please contact our Master Gardener Help Desk, [mastergardener@dentoncounty.com](mailto:mastergardener@dentoncounty.com) or 940.349.2892; it's free of charge, and it's our pleasure to assist you.

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# EDUCATION

## An Evening for Education

Aubrey's 19th annual Red & White Gala



Aubrey Education Foundation (AEF) will host the 19th Annual Red and White Gala- An Evening for Education, on March 9, 2018. The venue location will be at the newly constructed Embassy Suites by Hilton Denton Convention Center, address 3100 Town Center Trail, Denton TX 76201.

The evening's entertainment will feature Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos along with a ca-

tered meal for dinner. Fund raising will consist of a silent and live auction, and table sponsorships.

Since 2000, AEF's goal and mission have been to support students, teachers, and staff of Aubrey Independent School District (AISD) through senior scholarships and teacher grants. For the year 2017, AEF awarded over \$20,000 in teacher grants and over \$22,000 in scholarships to 19 high school seniors.

In an environment of underfunding our schools, which directly impacts the students who will soon be our next gen-

eration of leaders, we are proud of the partnership between the community and AEF with the common goal of making AISD a leader in education for our area.

Early Bird Tickets of \$50 per person are available through March 5, 2018. After that date, the normal price of \$75 per person will apply. Discounted rooms are available at the Embassy Suites through 2/7/18 using code AUB.

For more information, please contact Rhonda Brawner, AEF Executive Director, at (940) 668-0073 or by email at aubreyef@gmail.com.

## The McKinney Fire Department McTown Klownz Honored on the National Stage



McKINNEY, TX— The McKinney Fire Department (MFD) McTown Klownz have been educating children in the McKinney Independent School District and surrounding school districts about fire and burn safety for decades. Now Hoser, Siren, Bucky, Blaze, Plug, Mr. Sean and DJ Fuego have taken their skills nationwide. Last week, the Klownz were showcased at the

Arizona Fire & Burn Educators Association conference in Bullhead City, Arizona.

The McTown Klownz taught a class on stage and set building. Over the years, the Klownz have created astonishing sets depicting popular movies and themes, to serve as a backdrop as they educate a new generation of children about fire prevention and life safety. The annual conference in Arizona helps educators learn and share ideas that will be used to keep children all over the country safe from fire and other types of burns.

Here's why this education is so important:

Fires kill about 500 children ages 14 and under each year.

65 percent of children ages 4 and younger who are hospitalized for burn-related injuries suffer from scald burns; 20 percent are due to contact burns.

Scalding hot tap water causes more deaths and hospitalizations than any other hot liquid burns. -Information from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

"It was quite an honor to have our very own McTown Klownz invited to teach a course at the annual Arizona Fire & Burn Educator's Association conference. The association is quickly becoming one of the most respected authorities on fire and burn prevention," said McKinney Fire Chief Daniel Kistner.

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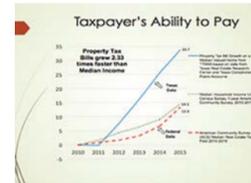
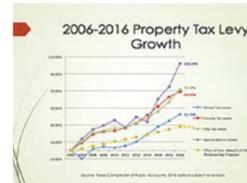
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## Texas Commission on Public School Finance Holds First Meeting in Austin

*Highlighting explosion of property taxes in Texas, Sen. Bettencourt says taxpayers must be part of the solution. Robert Flanagan, District/Communications Director*



AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Commission on Public School Finance met for their inaugural meeting today in Austin. Highlighting the "explosion of property taxes in Texas", Senator Bettencourt (R-Houston) presented data showing property tax levy growth from 2006-2016. Over this

period, local school property tax levies have only grown by 43%, due to legislative buy downs of property tax rates and a recent homestead exemption increase. Notably county, city, and special district property tax levies have grown 69%, 72%, and even 102% respectively, or much faster than ISD revenues.

That is why Senate Bill 1, as passed by the Texas Senate in the last Special Session, focused on slowing the growth of property tax revenues in these jurisdictions.

"Thus the real data shows that school property tax levies are actually growing much slower than property tax revenues collected by counties, cities, and special districts," said Senator Bettencourt. "The plight of the taxpayer is clear, average property tax bills are rising roughly twice as fast as Texans' paychecks. As a taxpayer advocate we need to reduce growth rate to something that Texans can afford."

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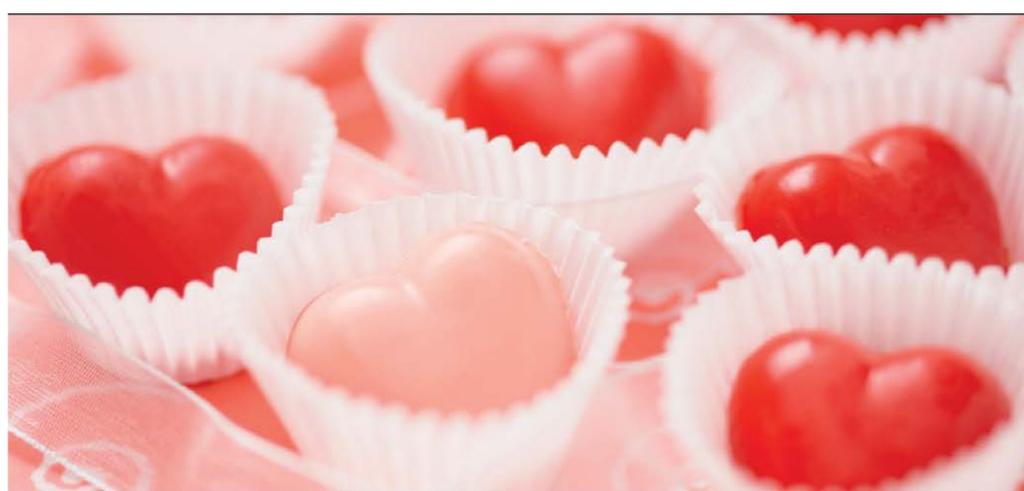
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## Denton County Reports Two Additional Influenza-Associated Deaths

**DENTON COUNTY, TX-** On January 26, 2018, Denton County Public Health (DCPH) reported the fourth and fifth influenza-associated deaths in Denton County for the 2017-2018 flu season.

"We believe the current flu vaccine is critically important for preventing both Flu A and the now-growing number of Flu B cases," stated Dr. Matt Richardson, Director of Public Health at DCPH. "We are hopeful the number of positive flu cases will begin falling soon, but want to reiterate that simple everyday preventive actions help stop the transmission of the flu."

DCPH recommends a three-pronged approach to fighting the flu:

1. Get vaccinated. The best

way to protect yourself and your family from the flu is to get an annual flu shot, and the flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older.

2. Remember that antiviral medications are a second-line defense against the flu. If you are experiencing fever, runny or stuffy nose, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches, visit your doctor immediately, and take antivirals if prescribed. These remedies can help you recover quicker, and can potentially prevent you from being hospitalized with flu complications.

3. Take everyday preventive actions to

help stop the spread of germs. Cover your cough and sneeze, avoid people experiencing flu symptoms, stay home when you feel sick and wash your hands often. These steps will help prevent respiratory viruses, including influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and rhinovirus.

Weekly Denton County flu surveillance reports and additional information can be found at [www.DentonCounty.com/flu](http://www.DentonCounty.com/flu). Visit [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu) for details about symptoms, treatment, and prevention, and search [www.vaccinefinder.org](http://www.vaccinefinder.org) to find the vaccine in your neighborhood.

*"Winter Maintenance..." continued from front page*

the quality in the distribution system and reduce the amount of water hydrant flushing in the warmer months.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality allows water suppliers, like the NT-MWD, to perform chlorine maintenance, helping reduce the need to flush systems during the summer, thus conserving water.

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# B BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT

## Experienced Development Services Director Added

LITTLE ELM, TX- Following an extensive search for an experienced, multi-faceted professional to lead the Development Services Department, the Town of Little Elm has named Fred Gibbs to the position. Gibbs assumed leadership of the department in late December.

The new director brings over 15 years' experience to the position, a critically important post that includes engineering, planning and zoning, community integrity, building permits and safety, and GIS and mapping. The crucial areas of Code Enforcement and building inspections are among the varied aspects of Town administration that fall within the Development Services Department.

Gibbs comes to Little Elm

from the City of Corinth, where he was Director of Planning and Development for 11 years. Before elevation to the directorship in Corinth, Gibbs was Planning Manager for almost three years, having been promoted from his initial post as Planner.

The Planning and Development Department which he headed in Corinth closely mirrors the Little Elm post, providing Gibbs the type of specific managerial experience in the areas he now leads in Little Elm.

The new director counts on additional experience in budget development and administration, and has extensive experience in applying for and securing grants for beautification programs and other municipal enhance-

ment projects through his work with the Corinth Economic Development Corporation. He also partnered with the Corinth EDC on a variety of other successful programs and projects.

His prior work with developing, refining and implementing comprehensive plans is particularly important as Little Elm continues to move toward reinforcing its position as a destination for local, regional, and statewide recreation, entertainment and retail activities, while polishing its growing identity as a preferred location for exceptional family lifestyle residence.

Town Manager Matt Mueller says Gibbs has the right mix of deep experience and innovative vision to help Little Elm meet its goals. "Fred comes to us with

impeccable credentials and the right set of skills to keep us moving in the right direction," he said. "His insights and out-of-the-box thinking are all the more important as we move toward complementing the Lakefront District with the kind of Town-wide development that benefits all residents."

Gibbs graduated with a bachelor of science in Geography, Urban and Regional Planning from Texas State University, and is a member of the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association, the American Public Works Association, the Congress of New Urbanism, the American Planning Association, and the International City Managers Association.

## Little Elm Chamber of Commerce Community Winners

Jim Manning



The Little Elm Chamber of Commerce, at a packed luncheon in the End Zone, members and guests were recognized for their achievements as voted upon by their fellow members. Matt Mueller, Town Manager, showed the upcoming events in Town and talked about some upcoming items being developed for the community. Daniel Gallagher, LEISD School Superintendent, recognized some of the Teacher of the year awards.

The winners from the Chamber were: Service Business of the Year-Millennium Smiles Dentistry, Retail Business of the Year- Zip-it Postal Center, Community Partner of the Year- Co-Serv, New Members of the year (Tied)- Remax Lakefront and LovePacs.

## McAlister's Deli Opening Second Location in Denton

New restaurant will open this Spring

DALLAS, TX- McAlister's Deli® Dallas based franchisee, The Saxton Group, will open its second McAlister's Deli location in Denton, Texas this Spring. In 1989, the first McAlister's Deli® opened in a converted gas station in Oxford, MS. The fast-casual chain has remained one of the nation's top franchises by being dedicated to genuine hospitality, handcrafted sandwiches, always-fresh salads, giant stuffed spuds, and McAlister's Famous Sweet Tea™.

The second Denton restaurant will be located at 2200 W. University Drive Ste. 190, Denton, TX 76201. The restaurant is 3,540 square feet and will seat up to 122 guests. The Saxton Group plans to hire 40-45 employees.

"We are excited about our second McAlister's Deli in Denton to better serve even more customers in the community. Our original

Denton location was recently remodeled and will stay open. The new restaurant allows us to meet more of our neighbors in the busy University Ave, Hwy 380 corridor," says co-CEO of The Saxton Group, Adam Saxton.

The restaurant will be operated by The Saxton Group and will represent the franchisee's 77th McAlister's Deli restaurant.

As with all McAlister's Deli restaurants, the new Denton location will provide customers with a fast-casual dining experience, a friendly atmosphere and personalized service. The restaurant will offer a menu featuring over 100 items including: sandwiches, giant spuds, entrée salads, soups, desserts and its signature McAlister's Famous Sweet Tea™. In addition to serving dine-in guests, McAlister's Deli Denton will have online ordering and a full catering menu.

## Little Elm Chamber Welcomes Panther Creek Animal Hospital

Jim Manning



Panther Creek Animal Hospital with Dr Kim, DVM and

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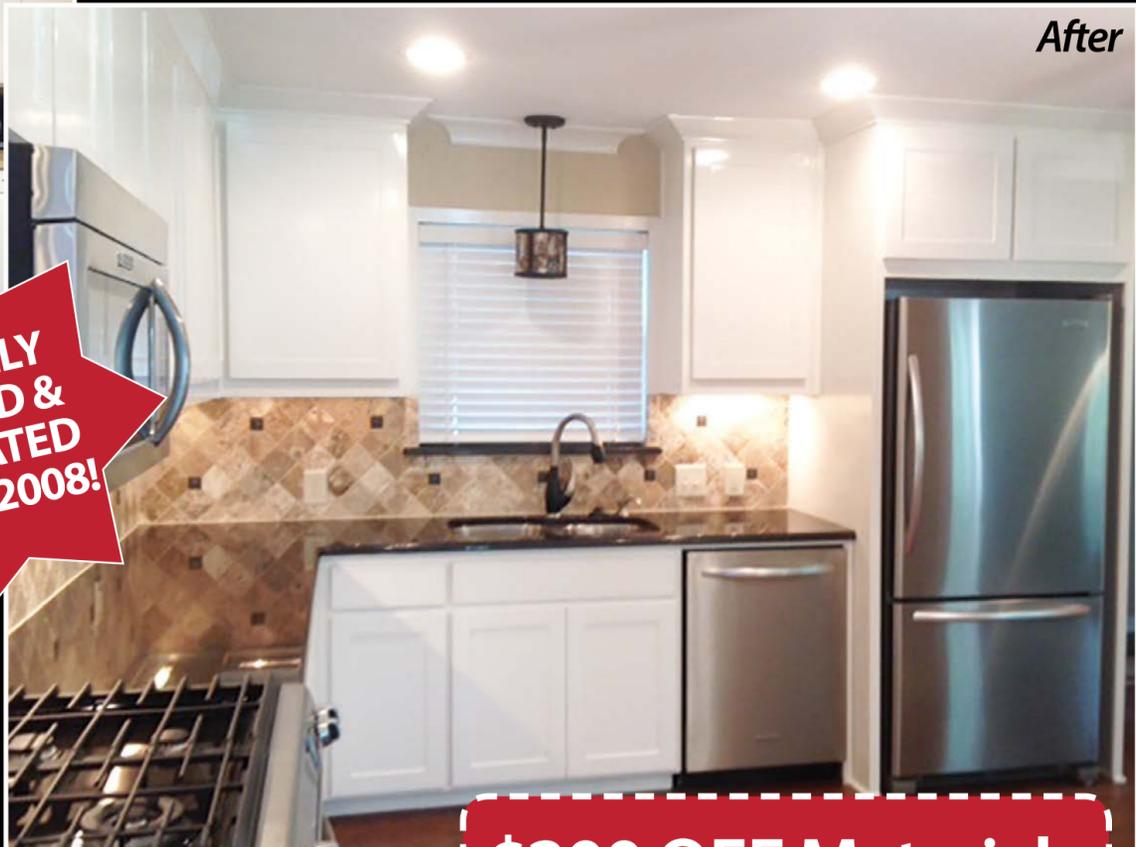
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After the Israelites defeated the Amorites and drew closer to the Promised Land, Balak the King of Moab, called on Balaam (God's prophet) to come and curse the people of Israel. God said to Balaam, "Do not go with them. You shall not curse the people for they are blessed (Numbers 22:12). The account goes on to show that even though the idea of placing a curse on Israel was pursued, God deflected and defeated all that was attempted by Baalam and Balak.

As Christians we are the blessed children of God. He watches over us and is well aware of the world trying to hurt us. Jesus words to Saul (in Acts 9:4) give us insight into God's concern for His children ... "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

As God's children we are under God's divine and loving protection. It does not mean that we will not suffer or that life will always be easy. Job stands as testimony that God does not put a "hedge" around us but He puts the "hedge" within us. He cared for Israel then and he cares for us now.

Let us take comfort in the fact that our loving God is present in our lives and that He loves His children and indeed ... "they are blessed!"

-Adapted

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LITTLE ELM, TX- This charming and talented group of children with their chaperones came to Living Word Baptist Church prior to their evening performance. Most of the children ranged from ages seven to 12, and some were older. Growing up in Uganda in villages with a Christian base, they had come from broken and war torn areas outside the communities. Many were of them were left abandoned. Each home they end up in has a "Mother" to tend to eight children, who sees to their education and needs and assures their education. There are about 3000 protected children now getting care, food, and an education. The choirs are formed from the many talents available and some get to visit different countries including the United States.

The groups always have a leader, who assures things flow harmoniously for the groups. Solomon led the choir in Little Elm. He was a young man himself, who had grown up in their system. All of the choir and counselors have very pleasant demeanors, despite their hardships. They are engaging when interacting with others and have sincere manners. It was a joy to interact with this fun loving group. You could also see the deep bond they had with each other.

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