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Texas Master Naturalist Elm Fork Chapter

**Denton County COVID-19 Vaccine** 

Waitlist Now Open to All Adults Dawn Cobb

COUNTY, **DENTON TX**– Any adult resident in the announcements, in Denton County.

DentonCounty.gov.

a COVID-19 vaccine begin- VID-19 vaccine. ning on Monday, March 29.

"In response to the state's State of Texas can now regis- County immediately opened ter for the COVID-19 vaccine its Vaccine Interest Portal so that all residents can begin Anyone interested in add- signing up," said Denton ing their name to the Den- County Judge Andy Eads. ton County Public Health's "We welcome this news so (DCPH) Vaccine Interest we continue to get shots into terest Portal Waitlist, visit Portal waitlist should go to arms as quickly and efficiently dentoncounty.gov/COVIDas possible."

On Tuesday, the Texas As of Monday, Denton Department of State Health County has administered active case information Services announced all adult 122,493 first doses and 51,779 by municipality, hospital Texans are eligible to receive second doses of the CO- capacity, and ventilator uti-

An estimated 413,077 indi- gov/COVID stats

viduals have signed up on the Vaccine Interest Portal with an estimated 404,438 invited to an appointment to date.

Most vaccines are authorized for people 18 years old and older; the FDA has authorized the Pfizer vaccine for use in people 16 and older, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

For any questions or concerns, DCPH's COVID-19 call center can be reached in English and Spanish at 940-349-2585 Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For local COVID-19 vaccine information or to join DCPH's Vaccine In-19vaccine. For additional COVID-19 data including lization, visit dentoncounty.

## Prosper Adds Experienced **Development Services** Director



PROSPER, TX- A proven professional with nearly 20 years' experience in municipal plan- a wide variety of development ning, economic development, development services, community improvements to the city's development, and municipal zon- downtown and outlying neighing has joined the Prosper staff as borhood areas. She was also Development Services Director.

Khara Dodds, who has devoted her entire career to municipal, county and state-level planning encapsulated the city's vision and development, was most re- for specific neighborhoods. cently the Director of Planning and Land Use Services for the five years as the Planning Town of Glastonbury, CT. She and Economic Development served in that capacity for almost

six years, with supervisory responsibility for the Planning, Building and Zoning, Health, and Fire Marshal Divisions. Glastonbury is a municipality with a population of over 34,000.

Prior to that position, Dodds served as Planning Director for the City of Hartford, CT., a city of over 120,000 in population. In that post, which she held for two years, she handled projects that resulted in major responsible for the development and implementation of several master plans, some of which

Before then, Dodds spent Continued on A2

# Denton City Council Extends COVID-19 The City of Celina Wins Declaration of Disaster and Order

Council Adopts Twelfth Order of Council That Supersedes Previous Orders



C.H. Collins Athletic Complex to Host Denton ISD Class of 2021 Commencement Ceremonies

**DENTON, TX** – On to the COVID-19 pandemic. updated; • Fees and charges **CELINA, TX**– City of Celina the development of excellence Tuesday, March 16, the Den- The new Order shall be in relating to the nonpayment has been awarded the prestigious and continued organizational ton City Council voted to effect through 11:59 p.m. on of utilities will not accrue extend the Declaration of Lo- Wednesday, June 30, 2021. Included within

Emergency first executed Twelfth Order of Council: City Manager maintains the by Mayor Chris Watts on • All businesses and establish- authority to create standard Friday, March 13, 2020. The ments in Denton are strongly declaration will now be in encouraged to continue to effect through 11:59 p.m. on follow and implement the In addition, the Council and recommendations of the public, including adopting adopted a new Twelfth Order Centers for Disease Control of Council, which will super- and Prevention (CDC), as sede previous orders related they may be amended or

during the period for which the the order is in effect; • The operating procedures and administrative as necessary, to protect the health and safety precautions safety of employees and the procedures and directives related to personnel, or to open,

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# **Prestigious Procurement** Award Donna Lynch

25th Annual Achievement of Ex- improvement to earn the award cellence in Procurement® (AEP) annually. for 2020 from the National Procurement Institute, Inc. (NPI). successful applicants, including The AEP Award is earned by 40 counties, 69 cities, 15 higherpublic and non-profit agencies education agencies, 22 school that demonstrate a commit-districts, 34 special districts, five ment to procurement excellence. state agencies, and three others. This annual program recognizes procurement organizations that has won this award. We owe embrace Innovation, Professional- this success to our Purchasing ism, Productivity, Leadership, and Manager, Dawn Berry. She has e-Procurement.

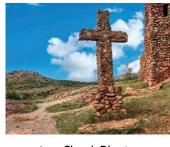
For 2020, there were 188

"This is the first time Celina worked diligently to get the The AEP program encourages City's bidding and contracts Continued on A5

## **SPIRITUAL** A5



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Area Church Directory

# City of Denton Lawsuit Against ERCOT Update Temporary Restraining Order Continued Until April 30, 2021

City of Denton's lawsuit March 23, 2021. against the Electric Reli-(ERCOT) at 9:00 a.m. on March 9, 2021, in the "uplift" mechanism. 16th District Court of Denton County. The parties agreed that the temcurrently in effect will be continued until April 30, venue has been filed by

Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

ing was held regarding the to be heard at 11 a.m. on Municipal Electric (DME).

the City of Denton filed suit against the Electric Reliability failed to pay ERCOT for porary restraining order Council of Texas (ERCOT) in power purchases. Ultithe District Court of Denton County seeking to prevent the the costs of those ERCOT 2021. A motion to transfer unconstitutional use of public funds. The City of Denton

**DENTON, TX**–A hear- ERCOT and is scheduled owns and operates Denton

ERCOT is using a While in effect, the tem- mechanism within its ability Council of Texas porary restraining order pro- protocols known as "uphibits ERCOT from utilizing lift." Due to the recent record high wholesale en-Background: On Feb. 25, ergy prices, some ERCOT market participants have mately, uplift may spread market participants to other

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# **New Middle School** Located on 1385 Named for Pat Hagan Creek

**DENTON ISD, TX--** The schoolers in this community, Denton Independent School so being honored for doing District Board of Trustees an- things for the people I have nounced the official name of the loved means the absolute district's ninth middle school, world to me." Pat Hagan Cheek Middle School, honoring a retired Den- district, Mrs. Cheek taught ton ISD educator and commu- at Denton Junior High, nity advocate.

honor," said Pat Cheek when Denton High School, Contrustees called her moments gress Junior High (now Calbefore the announcement. "I've houn Middle School), and at loved serving this community the elementary grade level. and I've loved serving middle

During her 37 years in the Strickland Junior High (now "I am overwhelmed by this Strickland Middle School),

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# **METRO**



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# **Texas Master Naturalist-**Elm Fork Chapter

Denton ISD Days at Clear Creek become Virtual Field Trips Elise Spain



ISD, outside the box. A team of ten for the State of Texas. live virtual presentations.

by Tosha Hoefert, Elementary Elm Fork Chapter, serving their connected learners at the end of April. the presenters.

in-person program will continue when pandemic restrictions are no longer in place. With restrictions still in place for the spring, however, plans are being made to provide the live virtual presentations as a substitute for the traditional field trips by DISD second graders beginning in April.

The mission of the Texas **TX**-- Master Naturalist program is to When the traditional field trips develop a corps of well-informed of fourth graders from Denton volunteers to provide education, ISD schools to Clear Creek outreach, and service dedicated Natural Heritage Center were to the beneficial management shut down by the pandemic of natural resources and natural last fall, it prompted thinking areas within their communities

Texas Master Naturalist-Elm Texas Master Naturalist-Elm Fork Chapter volunteers led Fork Chapter is one of nearly 50 by Project Manager Sharon chapters across the state. Formed Betty, a long-time DISD in 1999, the chapter has grown teacher and administrator, to 200 active members. Informet the challenge by bringing mation about monthly meetings nature to the students through and community service projects is posted on the Chapter's web-Coordinated for the schools page at www.txmn.org/elmfork.

Science Coordinator for Denton Denton, Wise, and Cooke coun-ISD, the virtual presentations ties, has opened registration for featured Master Naturalists on the 2021 fall training class. Inditopics such as turtles, hiking, viduals can learn more about the erosion and deposition, bees, organization and download the and Critters of Clear Creek. training application by visiting Teachers registered and were the Elm Fork Chapter website at given their Zoom links, and www.txmn.org/elmfork. Registhey provided the links to tration for this year will close at

home. A typical presentation The Texas Master Naturalist had four teachers with 20 program is supported by Texas students in classrooms and 60 A&M AgriLife Extension and learning from home. Students Texas Parks and Wildlife. Texas were able to ask questions and A&M AgriLife Extension is an make comments in real time equal opportunity employer and by using the chat feature in program provider. The Texas Zoom. Moderators for each A&M University System, U.S. call filtered those questions for Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners In a typical year, 2000 Courts of Texas Cooperating. We students in 100 fourth grade will seek to provide reasonable classrooms from 23 DISD accommodation for all persons elementary schools visit Clear with disabilities for this pro-Creek Natural Heritage Center gram. We ask that you notify the in person and are led in activities Denton County AgriLife Extenby Master Naturalist volunteers sion Office of the auxiliary aid on site. Everyone hopes that the or service that will be required.

## 'City of Denton..' continued from front page

ing DME.

funds and unconstitutional mation or comment. lending of its credit.

granted a Temporary Re- denton.com/ERCOT straining Order in favor information. of the City of Denton in this matter.

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market participants, includ- will explore all legal options to protect the financial assets The City views the pay- of the City and its ratepayers ment of the costs of other from improper use. As this is utilities as an unconsti- a pending legal matter, there is tutional gifting of public currently no additional infor-

The City of Denton Late Thursday, Feb. 25, will provide updates when 2021, the district court available. Visit www.cityof-

> Contact: Ryan Adams, (940) 349-8565, Ryan.Ad-

## 'Prosper Adds Experienced...' continued from front page

Director for Plymouth, CT. the county's jurisdiction. During this period, she was Streetscape project.

Burlington in NJ as Principal counties in the state. Planner for two years where

program and was instru- New Jersey Office of Smart in Connecticut and New Jersey. mental in attracting several Growth. In this position, she ning department. She served both from Rutgers University. In addition to her extensive on a number of project teams

ects for the 12 cities within and is a member of the Amerithat reflects its goals and values."

can Planning Association. She has The county position was held membership in a number of the lead staff member for the preceded by a three-year stint statewide economic development, town's housing rehabilitation as Regional Planner for the diversity, and cultural organizations

Dodds earned a Master's in major employers to the town. was among the principal links City and Regional Planning She also successfully led the between local and county gov- and a Bachelor of Arts degree in municipality's Main Street ernments and the state's plan- Urban Studies/African Studies,

The new director expressed municipal-level experience, which guided planning activi- excitement about joining the Dodds served the County of ties for several large cities and staff. "Prosper is a beautiful community that has a bright future," She holds professional cer- she said. "I'm excited about the she coordinated economic de- tification from the American opportunity to help shape the fuvelopment and planning proj- Institute of Certified Planners ture of this community in a way

### 'Denton City Council..' continued from front page

close, or otherwise alter the

this period to fund essential utility assistance. response activities and func-

funds, from the general • Continued authorization for

• Authority for the City by Governor Abbott's Executive operation of facilities or ser- Manager to accept on behalf Order GA-34 as it may be amended, vices of the City of Denton; of the City services, gifts, preempted, or superseded. The • The City Manager is grants, equipment, supplies, Twelfth Order of Council places no authorized to expend no and/or materials whether additional obligations or restrictions more \$3,500,000, includ- from private, nonprofit, or Denton businesses or establishments ing previously authorized government sources; and beyond what is provided in GA-34.

Residents needing utility asfund reserve balance during an additional \$125,000 for sistance are asked to call City of Denton Customer Service at 940-All businesses and establish- 349-8700 in order to be referred tions not already budgeted. ments in Denton must abide to a utility assistance provider.











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# Our Town's Current Events

Visioning our Town's future One of Cross Roads im-

portant projects is the Community Visioning project. You should have already received information about the workshops that we have scheduled to provide a forum for the community to share their vision for the Town of Cross Roads by giving the residents the opportunity to honestly express their goals, objectives, and values. Debbie Womack, CEO of Greater Yield, a skilled facilitator who has worked with numerous Texas towns and cities has offered to provide her services pro-bono to assist our Town with this process.

The Community Visioning Events are to engage residents, community stakeholders, small business owners and other groups that provide services to the Town of Cross Roads with a platform to discuss what they would like their community to look and feel like within the next five to ten years. Ms. Womack positioned the visioning in this way: "The relevant question is not simply what shall we do tomorrow, but rather what shall we do today to get ready for tomorrow? And what does the very best Cross Roads look like?" These are a few of the questions and concepts that these series of events and meetings, which will run from March through May, will help our community to answer. Two in-person meetings were held on Thursday, March 25th at the

Stephen E. Copeland and a virtual Zoom event was held Tuesday, March 30th at 7 pm with for all members of the community. "We are seeking to include as many community members as possible. The more input we have the more meaningful the Visioning process will be for the entire community." noted Debbie K. Womack. "So, if your HOA, Church group, or special organization would like to participate, please contact Kristi Gilbert at the Town of Cross Roads Town Hall or me at dwomack@greateryield.com to schedule a separate visioning session. I will work with you to try and hold as many discussions as possible, to garner as much input from the entire community that we can."

### **Town Council actions**

The Town Council conducted their regular meeting on Monday, March 15th. Discussions and actions included:

• Approval of a variance to the landscape setback from 25' reduced to 18' for a Bank of America planned at the NE corner of FM 424 and US 380. The variance was granted as a result of TxDOT condemning portions of land for the upcoming US 380 construction project.

· Adoption of an Official Zoning Map that incorporates all previous zoning changes (no new changes were included on this map.)

• Adoption of only the updated Future Land Use Plan map and determined

**Growing Town supports new businesses** 

amendments to the text of the plan would happen at a later date when 2020 Census data and Community Visioning Project input was avail-able. The updated map can be viewed on the Town's website. \* Approval of a final plat for Aubrey Storage Facility located in the Cross Roads ETJ.

• Discussion of amendments to the Comprehensive Zoning Regulations to remove the Architectural Review Committee and references to the committee as a result of previous legislative changes. Action will be taken on this item after a public hearing on April 5th with the Planning and Zoning Commission and April 19th with the Town Council.

## General information

The May 1, 2021 General Election was canceled as a result of unopposed candidates. Ron King will be sworn in to replace Duke Roberson in May. Dave Meek and Wendy White-Stevens were re-elected.

Remember, agendas are posted one week before all Town meetings with all supporting documents. While events may occasionally require an updated agenda, you will know as soon as the Mayor does. Also, all Town meetings are now recorded - Every committee and

every board meet are available on the Town website: www.crossroadstx.gov

Schedule your community group for a Visioning Session. It is important that we all take the opportunity to vision Cross Road's future together.

CROSS ROADS TOWN PARK

**Wendy White-Stevens** 

# Living the good old days today

Sharon J. Baca

Wendy White-Stevens ran unopposed in 2021 and was elected in the nonelection. The Town of Cross Roads saved thousands of dollars since all three candidates ran unopposed.

Why would a woman who has a business and a family run for the Cross Roads Town Council for the third time? "I ran for public office initially because I believed I could make a positive impact in my community from not only a day-to-day perspective, but also long-term as well," said White Stevens.

Before running for town council Wendy Town served on a number of town committees: the Park Board Chair 2014-2017, MDD 2016-2017, Comprehensive Planning 2012, Park Board Council Liaison 2020 - current.

She considers her most significant contributions to be: the introduction of events such as Bingo Night, Movie in the Park, and Christmas in Cross Roads as well as the development of the master plan for the park at FM 424 and Fishtrap. (See above)

"I decided to run for a third time because I still believe this to be true. I also feel that I have a solid foundation of historical references regarding a lot of what has happened in Cross Roads in the last seven years, and the 380 corridor

for 18 years. "I have the spirit to serve, an ability to unify, I enjoy critical thinking, and have a passion to educate. I am truly honored to be given the opportunity to bring these attributes to my community

in service," she said. Originally from Paradise Valley, AZ, White-Stevens grew up in Allen, TX. She met her husband through a mutual friend in 1992 and were married on January 8, 1997. She and Chad White-Stevens traveled in the military as a young couple to Pensacola, Florida.

He is now the selfemployed, owner of 380 Powersports, a boat, motorcycle, and equipment repair service. "My husband and I are both entrepreneurs.. When we bought our current property in Cross Roads, we identified it as having significant future potential. We like options, both personally and professionally" she added.

By owning 380 Ideal Health Studio; "we are able to assist clients in targeting preventable chronic disease and obesity with nutrition. We are fortunate to have partnered with talented medical providers in north Texas to deliver this unparalleled treatment. Through nutrition, educa-

tion, one-to-one support, and the way we structure the patient experience enables the interventional dietary service we provide to be a curative treatment. We thrive helping others, of all ages, live their best and healthiest lives.

Their children are Jasmine Mian, 26, married and a Rockwall resident. She achieved her Gold Award with the Girl Scouts Tejas Council and is a college graduate. She and her husband started and run a non-profit, American Prosperity Fund. Their son, Bradley White-Stevens, is 19 and in college studying to be a chiropractor. He earned his Eagle Scout award with Troop 65 in Denton. He currently lives at home with the White-Stevens'.

"What's my favorite Cross Roads' memory? Part of my life's story really begins when I decided to run for Town Council. Being involved in the community creates many of my favorite memories."

"As a town, we have been very fortunate to have intelligent, caring, talented leaders and visionaries serve Cross Roads. Those leaders mentored and invested in



## Park Board hard at work planning fun

The Parks Board is full of plans for Spring 2021, with such a full plate that the Cross Road's Town Council added two additional permanent members and two alternate members to the Board.

The first event is the Spring Eggstravaganza that will be held from 9:30 to noon on Saturday, April 3 at the Town park.

The Spring Eggstravaganza is a delightful way for children to enjoy a fun-filled day at the park. Face painting, and egg hunt, cakewalk and a basketdecorating contest are some of the planned activities.

Additionally, a visit from the Easter Bunny is expected – with a chance to take a family photo commemorating the day!

Did you know that there is a masterplan for our Town park at Fishtrap and 424? Where are the restrooms, you might ask? Stand by for more good news.

me to help me develop into the council member I am today. I will have lasting gratitude for these folks and their contributions," White-Stevens. noted "One in particular, who will always have a special place amongst my favorite Cross Roads memories, is Alan Hauf.

As a citizen, I would have to say it's the collective experience of being part of our town that creates the feeling of a favorite memory. To me Cross Roads is a low-key suburban paradise.

It is nestled between several larger cities, along a bustling thoroughfare, yet to experience the town is to understand there is still a tight knit sense of community here within our six square miles.

The citizens care and are passionate about the direction of the town; they are active and engaged, and many of us know each other by name. We have the beginnings of a great gathering place in our town park with events to connect people and the events are well attended.

"The town Visioning Project is one more example of our desire to lead in the direction that the people of Cross Roads want our Town to move. Our collective desire for open spaces and parks is not new, and we will recommit to parks and recreational areas for now and the future—IF that is the outcome of our citizens' collective vision." she added. "I believe to have all of this today is rare and precious. Being part of Cross Roads really helps me remember I am living the good ole days, today,' concluded White-Stevens.

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**Club Pilates opens** 

"Since opening in June, Cross Roads has been such a welcoming and amazing community with which to grow" says Ashlie Wagganer, coowner and managing partner

of Club Pilates Cross Roads. 'We have so many wonderful members, who have made opening a boutique fitness facility during the pandemic a really great experience," she added. Vicki Knox added, "Club Pilates is a responsibly safe place for members, regardless of age or physical ability, to become stronger, to develop good health habits and to make friends."

Mayor T. Lynn Tompkins, Jr. spoke at the Grand Roads' community.

Opening Ceremony on Friday, March 5th at noon. "It is great to be able to welcome new folks and businesses to our Town. They are the future now."Representatives from the Town Council, Town Hall and MDD were present. "We are passionate about giving back to the community and growing our involvement where beneficial for all; please keep us in mind when the right time arises to continue this growth" said Wagganer.

"It is wonderful to be in Cross Roads and we look forward to continued success and growth in Cross Roads!" she added. Our members are great and well represent the Cross

## Casa Rosa has silent opening

Rosa's Cafe is an upscale, fast-casual restaurant and we now have one in Cross Roads. The signature dishes at Rosa's are the beef and chicken fajitas, marinated and grilled over West Texas mesquite wood.

Other popular menu items include crispy and soft tacos, Mexican dinner plates, sour cream chicken enchiladas, taco salads, burritos, tostadas, tamales and made-from-scratch tortillas and sopapillas. And don't forget that you can order sopapillas with your meal and request to have them "later". It only takes them a minute or two and you will have a fresh, warm dessert!

The complimentary salsa bar includes fresh pico de gallo and salsas of different seasonings to top off any meal with a mouth-watering zest.

Boasting the attributes of most full-service, sit-down Mexican food restaurants, Rosa's Cafe is unique in having an express drive-thru window to best serve those needing to pick up a tasty, authentic meal on-the-go.



# **ATWOODS** coming

"You may know the AT-WOODS Ranch and Home name from your travels, because they have 66 locations in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi and Texas. "However you no longer have to travel far to see the new ATWOODS in Cross Roads," says Sylvia Phillips, CCIM.

"Because the new store can readily be seen on 377, there is lots of excitement and many questions," she noted. "Plans are that the new store will be open and going strong by the Fall hunting season. If you have never been hunting, you will be able to walk into ATWOODS and be fully clothed and totally equipped for your first hunt," said Phillips.

ATWOODS is family-owned and managed and their attention to detail can be seen at every stage of construction as well as in the fully equipped shelves in the stores themselves for ranches, homes and your next hunting trip.

## **Burger King** reigns here

Regardless of how you like south side of 380. The origidining experiences.

your hamburger, you can find it in Cross Roads on the nal Home of the Whopper, they are committed to premium ingredients, signature recipes, and family-friendly

Written and edited by Sharon J. Baca

## **Emergency Numbers**

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# **EDUCATION**

## Academic Decathlon Team Placed Ninth

Amy Ruggini



demic Decathlon team placed sion at the state meet.

and Cayden Stephenson was scholastic science.

**AUBREY ISD, TX**- The 3rd in regional scholastic math Aubrey High School Aca- and regional scholastic science. eight honors,

Frankie Morales received Clement Weaver took 2nd place in regional varninth in the small school divi- home four awards, includ- sity economics, state varsity ing top honors in regional economics, regional varsity Kaegan Reynolds placed scholastic math, state scho- literature, regional varsity 3rd in regional honors math, lastic math and regional science and regional varsity social science.

### 'New Middle School..' continued from front page

Middle School and mentored program started. at-risk students at Calhoun elementary school.

by then-director of com- students to emulate. munications, Sharon Cox,

Middle School. She served her life to building strong on the Newton Rayzor PTA relationships and bring- Milby High School, arrived where her children attended ing people together," said in Denton in 1957 to attend Jamie Wilson, superinten- school at Texas Woman's Upon her retirement in dent of schools. "Her love University studying English, 2002, Mrs. Cheek became for children, especially Spanish and history. She active in a new Denton ISD those who may not have soon met and married Bill mentoring program called had a voice or been under- Cheek and the two raised a Grandparents in Public represented, set a tone and family of Dentonites. Schools (GIPS). Recruited an example we wish for our Cheek Middle School,

Mrs. Cheek played a vital very active in the community FM 1385 between Noles and role in helping to imple- over the years. She began Fishtrap Roads in Prosper ment a program that paired teaching Sunday School at supporting the Braswell grandparent volunteers with Trinity United Presbyte- High attendance zone. It will elementary-aged students at rian church in 1959. It was be the third middle school in Denton ISD schools. The through Mrs. Cheek's asso- the zone. Construction on program exploded and has ciation with the church that the school is set to begin this nearly doubled in grand- she and other women in the spring with an opening date

While teaching in the dis- inception more than twenty ton Christian Interracial Feltrict, Mrs. Cheek volunteered years ago thanks in large lowship, a group of black and as a tutor for special educa- part to the role Mrs. Cheek white women, who sought to tion classes at Strickland played in helping get the ease the integration of black students into Denton public "Pat Cheek dedicated schools during the 1960s.

Mrs. Cheek, a graduate of

serving sixth through eighth Mrs. Cheek has also been grades, will be located off

## C.H. Collins Athletic Complex to Host Denton ISD Class of 2021 **Commencement Ceremonies**

**DENTON ISD, TX**- C.H. Collins Athletic Complex in p.m. on Thursday, May 27 proceedings, though face cov-Denton will serve as the host Guyer High School: 9 a.m. on erings and socially distanced venue for several Denton Friday, May 28 County school district 2020-21 graduations, including all p.m. on Friday, May 28 five Denton ISD high schools. The stadium seating capacity in the participating districts all families and friends. Groups of 12,000 provides county agree C.H. Collins Complex should distance six feet from school districts a venue with offers the closest semblance other groups in the stands and ample space, to meet state to the traditional commence- wear face coverings throughand local social distancing ment ceremonies. requirements during the CO-VID-19 pandemic.

emonies are as follows:

on Wednesday, May 26

Fred Moore High School: lasts a lifetime." 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 27

"Hosting this ceremony Ceremony dates will see students who have not ex- ditional logistical information slight alterations to accom- perienced normal milestone about the ceremony, such as modate all participating events during their final years arrival times and parking, districts, but graduations of high school," said Dr. Ja- through school communicawill be held as close to their mie Wilson, superintendent tion in the coming weeks. originally scheduled dates of schools. "Having our high as feasible. The schedule for school seniors celebrate a tra- Complex will also host Aubrey Denton ISD graduation cer- ditional graduation ceremony ISD and Ponder ISD graduawith their closest family and tion ceremonies. Ryan High School: 7 p.m. friends right in our own back-

This year's ceremony will once details are finalized.

Braswell High School: 7 largely mirror traditional seating remain a require-Denton High School: 7 ment. C.H. Collins Athletic Complex provides an ample School and district leaders amount of space for graduates' out the event.

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