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DENTON COUNTY, TX- FM 720 North – The contractor is working on lime subgrade, placing asphalt, tying steel for southbound lanes from Martop to U.S. 380 and barricades. The contractor will continue to place concrete for inlet tops and sidewalks on southbound lanes. The project is on track for March 2020 completion.

U.S. 380 East – (Loop 288 to U.S. 377) The 95% plans were completed and submitted for review on May 20, 2019. (U.S. 377 to county line) Consultant completed work on 95 percent plans and submitted for review on July 26, 2019. Utility coordination meeting was held on Oct. 17, 2019. Meetings are coordinated monthly.

U.S. 377 North – Public meeting will be scheduled to coincide with 60 percent schematic delivery in spring 2020. TNP continues efforts toward the 60% schematic.

U.S. 380 Feasibility Study – Following public meetings in January; a second public

meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 2019.

FM 428 – Project is from east Windsor Drive to West Sherman Drive/proposed outer loop. TxDOT to initiate feasibility study. Anticipate selection of firm by end of 2019.

FM 1385 – Work authorization for schematic and environmental documentation has been executed. Kick-off meeting was held on Oct. 17.

FM 455 – From west of FM 2450 to east of Marion Road; contractor submitted plans to TxDOT for utility relocations on Aug. 20 with a utility meeting held on Oct. 19. The contractor is revising the profile at Sam Bass Road to improve intersection sight distance. The contractor is finalizing the pre-95% plan review that will include a traffic control plan, signals and illumination. The 95% plans are on schedule for submittal in January 2020.

FM 455 at I-35 – Environmental clearance received on Oct. 7. The contractor continues progress toward

pre-95% plan review that will include traffic control plan, signals and illumination. The 95% plans are on track for submittal in January 2020.

I-35 North – Environmental approval was received on Oct. 7 for the estimated \$546.5 million project from U.S. 380 to 0.7 miles north of FM 3002. The project received \$546.5 million in CAT 12 funding. Funding was approved by the Texas Transportation Commission on Aug. 29.

I-35E/Mayhill – This \$55.6 million project to reconstruct the interchange at Mayhill and I-35E is projected to begin in May 2021. The contractor finalized 60 percent design and submitted to TxDOT for review; anticipate receipt of survey on northbound frontage road in November 2019. First utility coordination meeting was held on Oct. 17.

I-35/35E/35W Merge – TxDOT and consultant are working on bridge layouts for approval from both the district and bridge division in Austin prior to 30 percent plans. The project received \$319.3 million in CAT 12 funding, which was approved by the Texas Transportation Commission on Aug. 29.

I-35E/Loop 288/Brinker/Mayhill – Anticipate the opening of the Brinker exchange soon, dependent upon signal installation. Asphalt paving on southbound main lanes, Brinker, Loop 288; concrete flat work; and constructing center median barrier are activities expected in October. Traffic switch occurred on Oct. 16 to move Loop 288 lanes to the outside

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New Frisco Medical Campus Changing the Patient Experience



FRISCO, TEXAS- Two of the most respected names in Texas health care – UT Southwestern and Texas Health Resources – have come together to create a one-of-a-kind medical campus in Frisco.

Built on a foundation of innovative and compassionate care, the joint Frisco Medical Campus will feature a full-service hospital and a four-story specialty care facility, both dedicated to creating a seamless patient experience for the growing populations of Collin and Denton counties.

This is quality medical care, right in your backyard.

The 20-acre campus, opening in December 2019, is located just north of Eldorado Parkway on the Dallas North Tollway. Within the campus, the 325,000-square-foot, 73-bed acute care hospital will offer 24/7 emergency care, surgical ser-

vices, and neonatal care, among many other medical services vital to the community. Texas Health Frisco will also offer extensive diagnostic imaging, eight labor and delivery rooms, and 22 rooms in the labor and delivery unit. The hospital, which is designed to expand to 140 beds as the community continues to grow, complements the footprint of Texas Health Resources, the largest non-profit health care system in North Texas.

Directly across an open-air courtyard from the hospital, the 120,000-square-foot UT Southwestern Medical Center at Frisco will feature outpatient specialty care for adults and children in more than a dozen areas. Ranging from sports medicine, spine, and general surgery to neurology,

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Denton ISD Wins \$25,000 for Increase in FASFA Participation

DENTON ISD. TX- The National College Access Network announced Denton ISD as a winner, first runner-up, in the 2018-19 FAFSA Completion Challenge last week at the 2019 NCAN National Conference Indianapolis. As the first runner-up, Denton ISD received \$25,000 to continue its FAFSA completion work out of the more than two dozen U.S. cities that participated in the Challenge.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) effectively serves as the gateway to higher education for millions of students each academic year. But the complex and extensive nature of the FAFSA deters some students from applying for the financial aid for which they would otherwise qualify.

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Denton County Property Tax Statements

DENTON COUNTY, TX- The 2019 Tax Year has begun and property tax statements will be mailed in the coming days. The Denton County Tax Office offers numerous options to pay property taxes including:

- e-Check
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- Bill Pay or e-Box through your

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financial Institution

- Mail (U.S. Postmark must be on or before 1/31/2020)
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- ACH or Wire (Contact the tax office for details and instructions)
- In Person

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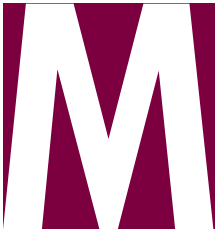
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DENTON, TX — This year over 13,000 campus Recreation and Education (AORE) Campus Challenge participants logged more than 65,000 outdoor activities in the Association of Outdoor

In addition to being named the National Outdoor Champion among Division 1 universities across the nation, TWU was also named Environmental Champion; Health/Wellbeing Champion; Developing Skills/Personal Growth Champion and Southwest Champion for the region.

Barbara McAlister, a first-year graduate student in the dance program at Texas Woman's and graduate assistant in TWU's Health and Wellbeing Initiative, was named the Individual Southwest Champion.

Visit Pilot Point *There's an App for That!*



Pilot Point, TX - Welcome to Pilot Point! If you live here or are just visiting, the app is an interactive tool to assist you in navigating the area. It might surprise you how many area attractions are packed into this picturesque community.

The Visit Pilot Point app gives visitors and locals alike a snapshot about this quaint community. The app provides quick access to local attractions, businesses, recreational activities, and community affairs. It is free, and effortless to download. Just go to your app store, search for Visit Pilot Point, Texas, and it will pop up quickly. Hit get, and it will rapidly download. Now you have all kinds of local information at your fingertips! The great thing about this app is that it is user friendly, provides a map, news and updates. You can upload your favorite images, rate area businesses and attractions, and share the app on your favorite social media outlets.

Pilot Point is an easy drive from anywhere around DFW. They are

listed in D Magazine's best small town day trips because it offers activities for visitors year-round.

Cities several times larger than Pilot Point would have a hard time competing with the variety of local attractions this area has to offer. Besides regular free events for residents and visitors to attend, there is an abundance of things to do. Among them include: Lake Ray Roberts State Park, Texas Tulips, Christie's Golf Ranch, and Western Son Distillery. These are just some examples of the many attractions that make Pilot Point unique and exciting.

Whether you're looking for a place to visit, live or build a business, know that you are welcome in Pilot Point!

Comptroller's Office Announces Updated Web Tool Highlighting Texas' Place in National Economy

AUSTIN, TX - After adjusting for cost of living, Texas has the highest average wages in the United States, according to an updated Comptroller's office tool that lets users see how Texas and its distinct, diverse regions fit into the national picture.

TexIndex updates information from the Comptroller's 50-State Scorecard which debuted in 2015 and was updated in 2017. The inclusion of Texas' regional data in TexIndex allows a more detailed look at the state. Data range from information on the state's under-18 population and professionals with degrees to home values and the state

tax burden.

"The new TexIndex is a more user-friendly tool that allows you to dig into data that not only compare Texas to other states, but also provide key insights across the 12 economic regions of our state," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "This is information that illuminates some of the most important issues facing Texas, highlighting categories in which we lead the way and those in which we still have work to do."

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Sudeep Kumar is VAST's November Guest Artist



DENTON, TX-- Please join The Visual Arts Society of Texas (VAST), for a wonderful presentation by Sudeep Kumar, an award winning artist living in Frisco Texas. Sudeep will present information on sketching, including a sketching demo followed by a hands-on activity.

He will also share information about the Urban Sketchers global community, the Dallas/Fort Worth local chapter and how someone can join these groups.

Art for Sudeep is like a meditation, a silent conversation with self. On one hand, his work is either capturing the energy/mood of a place or event and presenting it to the audience to have them connect to the subject more closely as if it's an integral part of their life. On the other hand, it's a portrait of human emotions underneath our daily struggle for survival or mundane day-to-day activities.

In today's world of technological advancements, he feels

that we as a species are losing touch with our surroundings, our environment, our fellow human beings. The real connection or intimacy is missing. This is what he tries to present to the audience, to have them take a step back from their busy life and explore their surroundings fully.

He uses charcoal, ink pen, and watercolor to create artworks and try to use minimum media/material to keep them simple without impacting the message they convey.

For more than a decade he has been drawing, sketching, painting, teaching, exhibiting, learning and inspiring the community. He is also a Faculty of Art of Living foundation, teaching meditation and breathing technique for overall well-being for all individuals.

To find out more about Sudeep, see: <https://www.art2olo.com/artist/sudeep-kumar-bashyal>

The event is free for VAST members and \$5 for non-members.

What: Sudeep Kumar – VAST's November Guest Artist Presentation

When: November 6th, from 6:45 – 9:00 pm

Where: Patterson-Appleton Arts Center, 400 E Hickory St, Denton, TX.

ophthalmology, gastroenterology, and more, UT Southwestern physicians will bring the latest technology, medical techniques, and research to the Frisco patient population. UT Southwestern will also make Collin County a home to leading-edge clinical trials.

Both facilities will feature a full complement of amenities to make patients and their families feel as comfortable as possible. UT Southwestern Frisco will have a retail pharmacy, lab services, and an imaging center on site, plus a contemporary art collection throughout the building and a walking trail outside. The hospital will offer boot camps and yoga classes, walking trails and natural building materials like wood and limestone, in addition to a full cafeteria, rooftop garden, and indoor and outdoor areas designed for patients and families. A covered parking garage serving both

facilities and valet services will also be available.

The Frisco Medical Campus, which incorporates natural building materials such as wood and limestone and a rainwater irrigation system, will create a welcoming atmosphere for patients and become a beacon of hope and good health for years to come in Collin County.

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About UT Southwestern Medical Center
UT Southwestern, one of the premier academic medical centers in the nation, integrates pioneering biomedical research with exceptional clinical care and education. The institution's faculty has received six Nobel Prizes, and includes 22 members of the National Academy of Sciences, 18 members of the National Academy of Medicine, and 14 Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigators. The faculty of more than 2,700 is responsible for groundbreaking medical advances and is committed to translating science-driven research quickly to new clinical treatments. UT Southwestern physicians provide care in about 80 specialties to more than 100,000 hospitalized patients, 600,000 emergency room cases, and oversee approximately 2.2 million outpatient visits a year.

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about Texas trees and how to plant, water and prune them. Families are welcome to join in to sing songs and listen to stories during Arbor Day Story-Time. And, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., see a live raptor and learn more about these birds.

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Plan ahead for Denton Holiday Lighting Festival on Dec. 6

Be sure to mark your calendar for the 31st annual Denton Holiday Lighting Festival on the downtown Denton Square on Dec. 6.

The event features music, food, vendors, holiday performances, Santa's workshop, horse drawn wagons, photos with Santa and much more. The Wasisail Weekend begins 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and continues Saturday, Dec. 7, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Downtown merchants provide free tastings both days. Stay tuned for new events

planned this year by visiting www.dentonholidaylighting.com.

Denton County Precinct One Commissioner Hugh Coleman can be reached at (940) 349-2810. The main office is located at 1175 Union Hill Road in Sanger. He is also available by appointment only at the Steven E. Copeland Government Center at 1400 FM 424, Suite 139 in Cross Roads or the Denton County Courthouse-on-the-Square at 110 W. Hickory St., Suite 323 in Denton.

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Besides wonderful and organic food, Singleton Farms offers fun for the whole family! Farm and garden tours, plus educational interactions are available. A favorite for many is feeding and petting the large and small animals. Construction is underway on their 22,000 gallon rainwater collection system. Singleton Farms will be the third location in the great state of Texas to harvest and sell filtered rainwater, and the very first in Texas to sell rainwater ice! Swing by and let Andy talk you through the process and tell you why rainwater is so important to Singleton Farm's market, kitchen and farm as they continue sustainable agriculture practices. Drop in and check out one of Pilot Point's cool destinations. Lisa and Andy are looking forward to meeting you!

McKinney Library Holds Multilingual Storytime Sessions for Children

The library has expanded its Spanish story time to include languages such as Arabic and Farsi



MCKINNEY, TX – The City of McKinney Public Libraries System has expanded its popular children's bilingual story time to a multilingual story time. Children will celebrate other cultures, enhance literacy skills, and work together on a take-home craft at 11:15 a.m. Wednesdays at the Roy and Helen Hall Memorial Library, 101 E. Hunt St.

Children do not need to speak the featured language of the week to enjoy the activities. Below is a schedule of featured languages at upcoming story time sessions this year:

Nov. 6: Spanish
Nov. 13: Malay
Nov. 20: Telugu
Dec. 4: Arabic
Dec. 11: Farsi

"The library is a place to learn and discover, and what better way for children to learn about the world than opening them up to new cultures

and languages?" said Libraries Director Spencer Smith. "We have so many residents moving to McKinney from around the world, we want to be inclusive for all to enjoy our programs and to offer an opportunity for our children to learn a little more about their neighbors and their cultures."

The multilingual story times will be held monthly at the Hall Library through December. Future dates can be found on the city's website at www.mckinneytexas.org.

Vietnam War-Era Memorial Committee Release

FORT WORTH, TX – Students across the area are being challenged to help design a Tarrant County Vietnam war-era memorial, according to project planners led by Jim Hodgson, executive director of the Fort Worth Aviation Museum. "At least 211 county residents died as a result of the conflict," Hodgson points out. "Currently, there's no local monument to honor those killed in Southeast Asia, but that may soon be changing. "We're proposing a permanent display in Fort Worth's Veterans Memorial Park on Camp Bowie Blvd. designed by local students to honor American service members for their sacrifices, as well as commemorate the loss to the families and loved ones."

The proposed monumental effort is backed by a coalition of Tarrant County officials, the Fort Worth Parks Dept., national and local veterans service organizations, as well as patriotic groups and individuals across North Texas. Representatives of these groups are now meeting to

discuss the logistics of the project. "The memorial is to be designed, built and installed by mid-September 2020," Hodgson explains. The dedication ceremony would coincide with National Medal of Honor Society's annual conference to be held in Fort Worth that month. Hodgson has assembled a team of volunteers to take on a myriad of challenges related to the memorial project. Over the next several months, those efforts will include:

- Engaging schools and students in the memorial's design
- Verifying the names of those to be included on the monument
- Spreading the word and raising funds to support the effort
- Dedication ceremony in Veterans Memorial Park

A Facebook page dedicated to the project has been launched at <https://www.facebook.com/TCVWM/>. An interactive website is being developed where online donations can be made. "We eventually hope to link the entire virtual community supporting this campaign," Hodgson concludes.

'Burgess Works to Stop...' continued from front page companies, and the locations of the beneficial owners will help identify trends and patterns could aid the fight to combat money laundering and the financing of human smuggling. We should not be facilitating coyotes and cartels taking advantage of desperate people. Providing this aggregate, anonymized data to Congress will

provide some transparency on the networks behind the illicit financing of human and drug smuggling and other nefarious financial activities. I urge support of this amendment." After Burgess spoke on the floor, the House of Representatives passed the amendment by a vote of 395 to 23.

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AUBREY, TX -There were nine Aubrey Middle School students inducted into the National Junior Honor Society

this fall. This was a special fall induction, and the nine inductees will join the other 15 members to complete the first class of the NJHS. Congratulations to Aiden Gist, Anabell Lewis, Laney Lomas, Isaac Macy, Maria Maldonado, Landon Martino, Carlton McCoy, Maya Morales and Shelby Wright.

Students Selected for Spirit and Pride of Aubrey High School

Amy Ruggini



AUBREY, TX- There were fourteen students selected by the student body to represent the spirit and pride of the Aubrey High School Chaparrals. These 14 students exemplify the character and grit of the student body. The 2019

homecoming court includes scholars, athletes, artists, FFA members and musicians. The AHS homecoming court was recognized at halftime of the football game on Friday, Sept. 27. Brett Pierce was named the cheerleader beau, and Georgia Green was voted the football sweetheart. The 2019 Aubrey High School Homecoming king and queen were Dylan Boatwright and Hannah Travascio.

Denton ISD Received DPSF Grants to Teachers and Staff

DENTON ISD, TX- More than \$130,847 in scholarship and grant money was recently awarded to 195 Denton ISD teachers and staff members by the Denton Public School Foundation in partnership with district, local businesses and community leaders. “It’s exciting to think that the foundation, through the generosity of community members and organizations, are able to provide the extra help to our teachers and staff to enhance the work that is done in the classrooms for our students,” said Jackie Jackson, executive director of the Foundation. Since its inception in 1995, the Foundation has awarded more than \$3 million in grants, scholarships, special projects and programs to teachers and staff, as well as more than \$1 million in student scholarships. The recipients will be honored at a special reception with the Denton ISD Board of Trustees at 4:45 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 22, at the Stephens Central Administration Building located at 1307 N. Locust Street.

Some of the 380 Corridor honorees include:

Braswell High School
Kiba Jacobson – Teacher to Teacher Grant/BHS Zone – \$813.20
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Phylcia Anderson – VLK Grant to Teachers 2014 & 2015 – \$1,000
Michael Burris – DPSF Grant 2019 – \$558
Angelia Ford – DPSF Grant 2019 – \$1,000
Calonnaye Clay-Mims and Anna Siebert – DPSF Grants - \$1,314
Cross Oaks Elementary School
Kimber Lucas & Karmen Martin – Teacher to Teacher Grant /BHS Zone - \$974.85
Chelsey Simmons – Robert Colon McSween Grant to Teachers & DPSF - \$975.19

Harmony Balentine – Ann Windle Pre-K and Denton Public School Administrator’s Assn. Scholarship - \$750
La Grone Advanced Technology Center
Charles Milne – Edwin Owen Fulton Grant to Teachers & DPSF Grant 2019 – \$800
Navo Middle School
Deanna Fields - Teacher to Teacher Grant /BHS Zone & DPSF Grant 2019 - \$275.18
Gwendolyn Hope-Battley - Groundhog Day Gala Grant to Teachers 2014 & 2015 - \$1,000
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Sara Pellegreen – DPSF Grant 2019 -- \$136.97
Stephen Rousseau – DPSF Scholarship - \$800
Heather Briscoe – Ann Windle Pre-K Scholarship - \$1,000
Union Park Elementary School
Sara Cunningham - CoServ Foundation Grant 2019 - \$910.85

For more information on the Denton Public School Foundation or an individual grant or scholarship, please contact Jackie Jackson, executive director of the Foundation, at (940) 369-0064 or by email at jjackson2@dentonisd.org. Information provided by Denton ISD.

Zach Davis

Opportunity for Youth Provided by 4-H



DENTON COUNTY, TX – 4-Hers have been busy this month competing in State and National contests. One example of this in Denton County is our senior livestock judging team who participated in the Aksarben Livestock Judging Contest in Nebraska on September 28, 2019. This group of four qualified for multiple national contests at the state 4-H contest where they finished third this past June. Team members include Kyle Real, Mason Pape, Annie Braack, and Kayce Lopez. They are

coached by volunteers Daryl Real and Lindsay Utter. Livestock judging has opened opportunities for these members. High school graduates, Annie Braack and Mason Pape, have used their skills gained to further their education at collegiate institutions this fall. Pape is currently a member of the livestock judging team at Blinn College. Real and Lopez are still in high school and will continue to compete this year. Through livestock judging members learn skills such as decision

making through their analysis of each class, public speaking through oral reasoning given to justify their placing, and a strong work ethic through competitive events against other teams and individuals. “It was a good experience for the team to travel to a national contest and go out there and compete. We’re really proud of their accomplishments. It will be great preparation for them when they go to the American Royal in Kansas City, Missouri later in October” said Daryl Real the group’s coach. The team has worked hard to attend these contests, soliciting funds in addition to their contest preparation. They have spoken to multiple community groups and organizations for sponsorship, sold raffle tickets, and participated in other fundraising

activities. The cost for entering, traveling, and competing in these events are approximately \$5000 for the team. Hopefully their success will inspire another group of livestock judges. Denton County has multiple teams, with some competitors being intermediate and junior age level. When they see the success the senior group had hopefully it will encourage them to work hard to reach their goals. *Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provides equal opportunities in its programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating*

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In an effort to boost FAFSA completion rates across the country, NCAN selected 25 U.S. cities to receive a grant of up to \$40,000 each for the 2018-19 FAFSA Completion Challenge. This work was led by a mix of school districts, postsecondary institutions, community-based organizations, and foundations. NCAN challenged each of the grant recipients to increase their FAFSA completion rates by at least five percentage points for the graduating high school class of 2019. In an effort to address equity gaps, this Challenge specifically focused on cities with base-

line FAFSA completion rates below the national average. The project was spearheaded by the Denton ISD Counseling Dept. lead by Amy Lawrence, Director of Counseling Services. The team included Brandy Guilford, Lacey Martin, Kristi Gibson, Andrea Wyatt, Jeanie Bragg, Trevena Willis, Kim Rhodes, Sarah Morales, Nicole Dampman, Amy Williams, Ria Morrison, Beth Hughes, Seth Ross, Heather Lentz, Will Matthews, Christina Baker, Chris Lydia and Jennifer Phillips. *Information provided by Denton ISD*

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Church Celebrates First Anniversary in Pilot Point



PILOT POINT, TX—The Denton First Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrated its first year in Pilot Point. Originally located in Denton, hence the name, the congregation started meeting at its new facility on 11010 Hwy 377 in Pilot Point, Texas, on October 6, 2018.

“Having outgrown our previous place of worship, we tried unsuccessfully for years to find a larger location in Denton, but it never worked out,” Derek Lazarus, Denton First church pastor, shared. “Apparently, the Lord wanted us in Pilot Point as the current facilities work well with our desire to offer services for the community.”

A Bible-based, mission-minded organization, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is

committed to serving others. Denton First church members have already hosted a healthy cooking class along with a community health fair that partnered with Texas Health Resources, Carter Blood Care and other health agencies. In addition to those events, the church partnered with Adventist Community Services to distribute clothing and supplies to families in need.

“We want our community to know we care,” Lazarus said. “But, more importantly, we want them to know Jesus cares and loves them very much.”

The Denton First church offers services every Saturday, which they consider the Sabbath following the words in Exodus 20:8-11. A small group Bible study begins at 10:00 am

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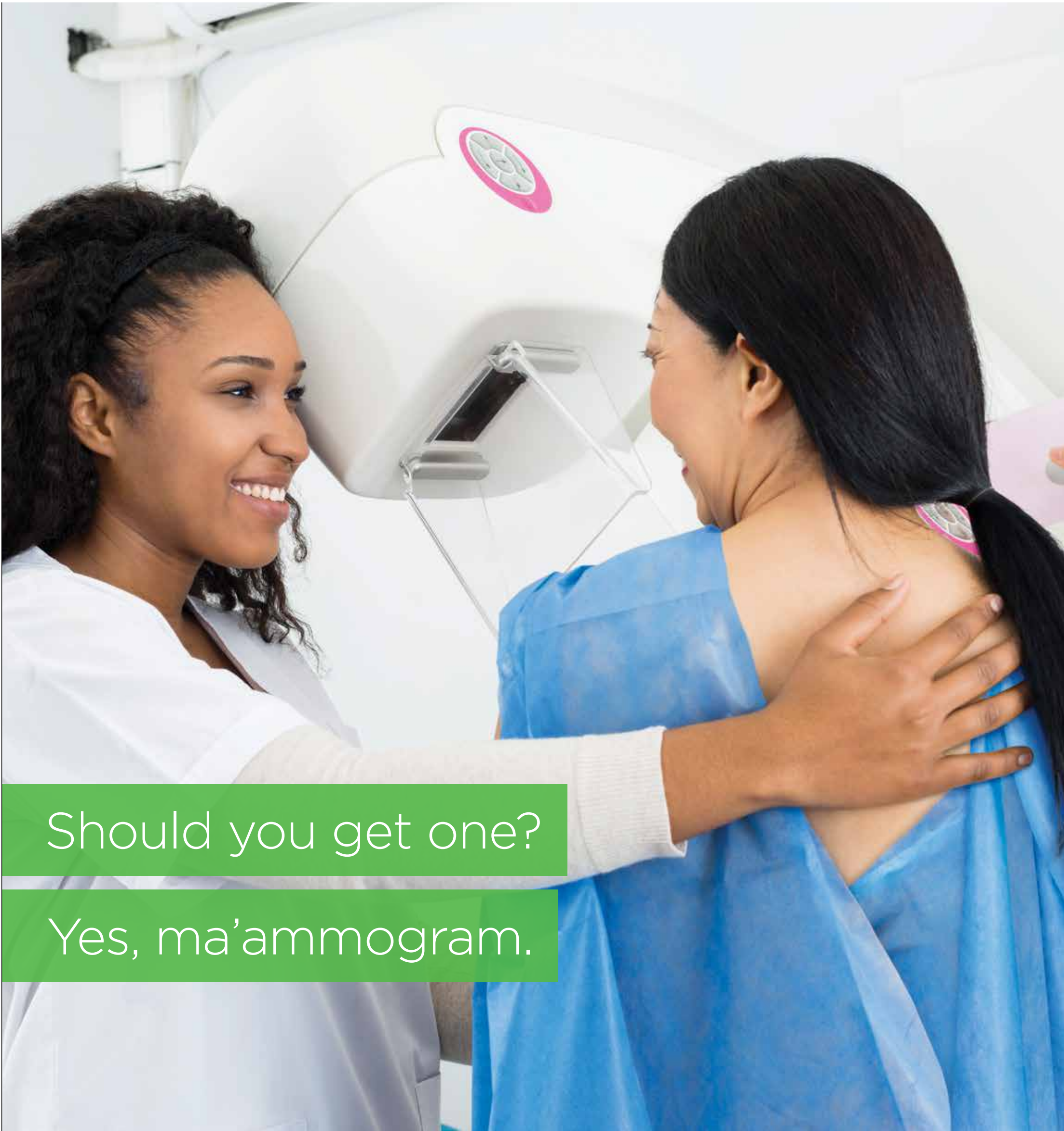
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