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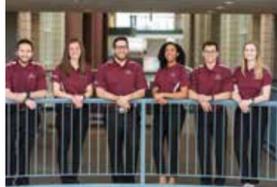
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AUBREY, TX - The Aubrey FFA program held its annual Junior Livestock Show and Sale on Saturday, April 6. Over the last 15 years, the size of the program has quadrupled and the existing agricultural science facility has been stretched to capacity. Prior to the sale on Saturday, the Aubrey ISD school district held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new agricultural science facility. The 2017 bond package includes additions and renovations to the agriculture science facility. The new facility will be built at the existing location off Highway 377. The current

facility will be upgraded and additions of a new arena and pen barn will be made. Command Builders will work in partnership with Eikon and Mart for this project.

"We are very excited about the design of the renovations and new buildings," Aubrey ISD superintendent Dr. David Belding said. "Our goal was to increase capacity for student projects in our agriculture program and provide a state of the art facility to support students in their development in agriculture." *Continued on A4*

Collin County Transit Expands to Prosper

Expanded service now reaches McKinney, Lowry Crossing, Melissa, Princeton, Celina and Prosper

MCKINNEY, TX - Collin County Transit, a partnership between the City of McKinney, the McKinney Urban Transit District (MUTD) and the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA), has expanded its service area to include the Town of Prosper.

Collin County Transit is a debit card-based taxi voucher program that operates Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays from

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Residents can book trips 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Wheelchair accessible vehicles are available upon requests. Irving Holdings, DCTA's contractor, provides the taxis, drivers, and issues the debit cards. Collin County Transit provides efficient transit options for participating MUTD cities including

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Denton Selects Next Economic Development Director



DENTON, TX - City Manager Todd Hileman has announced the appointment of Jessica Rogers to the position of Economic Development Director. Rogers will begin as Economic Development Director effective today.

Jessica has worked for the City of Denton since 2015, most recently

serving as the Deputy Director of Public Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations. In this role, Jessica managed communications for the City, served as the City's Public Information Officer, and handled federal and state government affairs, among many other projects and responsibilities. Prior to this role, Jessica served as the Energy Services Manager in Denton Municipal Electric and the Assistant to the City Manager in the City Manager's Office.

"Jessica has proven to be a successful leader in this organization," said City Manager Todd Hileman. *Continued on A5*

There's a Great Author Waiting to Meet You



will be twice as large, with events for all ages. Young guests can meet Elephant and Piggie. You don't know Elephant and Piggie? That's reason enough to come by! There will be a tween writing workshop for aspiring writers. Adults can check out an authors' panel where they can ask questions they've always wanted to but didn't have an author best friend to ask. The panel will be hosted by folks from Frisco Arts Author's Corner.

"I love that Frisco Arts has the opportunity to be part of this literary arts celebration of books, readers, and writers," says Charlene Lyles, Frisco Arts Ambassador.

This special event gives book lovers a rare chance to meet local authors, hang out with other

bibliophiles, and get their books signed. Aspiring writers can attend the panel to get advice from published authors and learn about writers' clubs that meet at the library. There really is something for everyone.

The day will finish with a sketch-off competition between local artists, and there will be a reception afterwards for the winners of the recent writing and poetry contests to read their work.

So, come to the library and meet your next favorite author! The event is free, and no registration is needed.

Learn more at friscolibrary.com or Book Fest at friscolibrary.com/friscobookfest.

Find out about Frisco Arts at friscoarts.org/.

Grand Opening of the Victorian Piano Festival

Pilot Point, Saturday, May 11th at 7 p.m., eve of Mother's Day

Marie-Pierre Ware



In photo: Francis Vidil playing one of the extraordinary pianos.

PILOT POINT, TX - Saturday, May 11th, eve of Mother's Day, at 7 p.m. will be the start of a classical series of concerts in Pilot Point. Thanks to the initiative of Francis Vidil, internationally renowned pianist and organist, and resident of Pilot Point, Central Christian Church will be the beneficiary

of funds to support the maintenance of the historic building. The idea of a Victorian Piano Festival came to Francis Vidil as he was talking to Jay Melugin, Church member, town historian, and founder of the Pilot Point Songwriters Festival.

Mr. Melugin was telling him how sad he was to see his church

struggling for funds to maintain and restore this historic building. Mr. Vidil had played several times during the Sunday services and grew attached to the church, an architectural exception of the 19th century with a round, amphitheater seating style, allowing visibility to all. Mr. Vidil's intention is to share half of the ticket proceeds with the church in the hope that maintenance payments will be made.

It is with the enthusiasm of the church's owner, other elders and influential sponsors, such as former chairwoman of the Economic Development Corporation in Pilot Point, that

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How to Cope and Live with Alzheimer's Disease

Two New Books Show Those Recently Diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease and Their Caregivers



DENTON, TX - In 2019, millions of people will receive the shattering news of an Alzheimer's disease diagnosis. These new books, from a local elder law attorney, share critical information and guidance for people recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers.

In her two just-released books

You're Not Alone: Living with Alzheimer's Disease and You're Not Alone: Living as an Alzheimer's Caregiver, author and local attorney Leigh Hilton taps into her years of experience of helping people in the North Texas community to share current and must-have information to guide

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Bartel Ready Mix Saves Serve Denton \$36,000 in Concrete



Photo (left to right): Bartel Ready Mix Representative, Bartel Ready Mix Representative, Bartel Ready Mix Co-Owner Steve Bartel, Serve Denton Board Chair Michele Barber.

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DENTON, TX - Serve Denton honored Bartel Ready Mix at its board meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2019, as its Business Partner of the Month for April. Since partnering with Serve Denton in 2015, Bartel Ready Mix has saved Serve Denton \$36,000 in concrete through



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Texas Center for the Book Celebrated Children and Diversity in Literature

In April, Texans celebrated 23 years of Children's Day, Book Day (Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros): a celebration of children, culture and literature. The Texas Center for the Book coined the term Lone Star Día for Texas and encouraged statewide participation. Nationally, libraries, schools, churches and organizations are encouraged to discover "bookjoy" year-round and most events occurred around the official national celebration, April 30th.

Pat Mora, a native Texan, founded Children's Day, Book Day in 1996 which is celebrated nationally as Día—Diversity in Action—which seeks to link all children to books, languages, and cultures, and to make reading an integral part of children's lives. Mora chose the

Mexican observance of Día de los Niños (Children's Day), was held on April 30, since promoting literacy went hand in hand with supporting the well-being of children.

A national registry displaying state events is available at dia.ala.org, and Texans can find events near them such as story times, family celebrations and cultural meals. This site includes a Free Program Downloads section to access booklists, event posters and sample activities. All libraries, schools and organizations are invited to participate. The website aims to provide easy-to-use materials to make events manageable. Each year all are encouraged to register their event to the National Día Program Registry to attract more participants!

Class 1/1X ISO Rating Becomes Official in Prosper

PROSPER, TX— Official word from the state Fire Marshal's Office has arrived at the office of Fire Chief Stuart Blasingame, ranking Prosper as one of less than 70 of the state's more than 3,000 communities with fire departments to attain a Class 1/1X ISO rating.

The new rating will take effect on Aug. 1 of this year, with officials from the state's Fire Marshal delivering the official document to the Town Council this summer. The rating means that most homes and businesses will likely benefit from a preferred rate on homeowner insurance rates.

There are differences in how insurance companies approach the ISO classification, though. Some insurance companies offer immediate rebates once the change in classification is made official, whereas others will wait to adjust premiums at the next renewal period.

Under the ISO (Insurance Services Office) program, called the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule, communities can score between 1 and 10, with Class 1 being the most exemplary and Class 10 being the least. To come up with the new rating, the ISO evaluated the Town in three areas:

Fifty percent of the score took into account Prosper's Fire Department, including staffing, training, geographic distribution of firehouses and adequacy of the fire equipment; Forty percent of the score looked at the community's water

supply, including the placement and condition of fire hydrants and the amount of water that's available to put out fires; and Ten percent of the score measured the efficiency of emergency communications, such as the 911 system and the number of emergency dispatchers.

A split of Class 1/1X means that those properties located within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant or water supply suction point and within five miles of a fire station will be designated as Class 1; while properties located farther than 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant or water supply suction point and within five miles of a fire station will be designated as Class 1X. A slight difference in rates exists between the affected properties in the split.

Officially, the classification is conferred to fire departments. In the state of Texas, only 67 departments out of more than 3,000 and only about 300 in the nation out of 400,000 departments have been conferred the Class 1/1X rating.

"The department is very proud of this accomplishment," said Blasingame. "We are, of course, elated that homeowners and businesses will benefit from this. At the same time, we are very gratified that our hard work has resulted in this honor. It's a testament to our entire community, our leadership on Council, our staff working together, and the ultimate support of our residents."

The Heroes Foundation presents the star-studded, fun-for-the-family Dirk Nowitzki's 2019 Heroes Celebrity Baseball Game

Presented by Baylor Scott and White Sports Performance Center at the Star, Benefiting the children's charities of The Dirk Nowitzki Foundation and Heroes Foundation. Photos by Brandon Colston Photography



Friday, June 7, 2019, at 7 p.m.

Dr Pepper Ballpark
7300 RoughRiders Trail,
Frisco, TX 75034

5:15 p.m. – The Heroes Special Olympics All-Star Softball Game

7 p.m. – DIRK NOWITZKI'S 2019 HEROES CELEBRITY BASEBALL GAME and FIREWORKS FINALE presented by Baylor Scott & White Sports Performance Center at the Star 41.21.1. He's an NBA Champ, MVP and the longest-running NBA player to spend his entire

21-season career with one team. Known as Swish 41, he's the sixth all-time NBA scorer and North Texas' most treasured hometown hero. What's not to love about Dirk Nowitzki?

Toast the beloved basketball legend at Dirk Nowitzki's 2019 Heroes Celebrity Baseball Game presented by Baylor Scott & White Sports Performance Center at the Star on Friday, June 7, at 7 p.m. at the Dr Pepper Ballpark in Frisco (7300 RoughRiders Trail). Pre-game begins at 7 p.m. with the first pitch thrown at 7:30 p.m.

For the 18th year (and marking Dirk's eighth year), two baseball teams – each made up of celebrity and amateur players – will slug it out for seven innings of hilarious (and often mediocre) baseball! Game goes are encouraged

to come out early for family-fun festivities and a Heroes Special Olympics All-Star Softball Game. A 10-minute post-game fireworks finale will round out the evening.

Tickets are on sale for \$11, \$20, \$25 and \$41 (Lazy River) at TicketReturn (866-698-4253 or ticketreturn.com) or at the Dr Pepper Ballpark Box Office during office hours. If the game does not sell out, tickets will be available at the door. Will call will open at 10 a.m. on game day.

Proceeds will benefit The Dirk Nowitzki Foundation and the Heroes Foundation. Baylor Scott & White Sports Performance Center at the Star is the presenting sponsor and sponsor of the fireworks finale.

For the latest updates, follow @HeroesCelebrity on Twitter and Heroes Foundation on Facebook.

The Dangers of Going Bare*



With workers' compensation premiums consuming a rising portion of their income, some businesses are tempted to buy cheaper "alternatives." But there is no realist alternative to workers' compensation. The Texas Workers' Compensation Act limits employer liability only when a business has a workers' compensation policy from a licensed carrier or has been certified to self-insure by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission. There are no exceptions.

A business that drops workers' compensation – sometimes called "going bare" – faces unlimited liability if an injured employee can prove an employer was negligent to any degree. Employers that substitute "alternative" accident and health policies for workers' compensation, purchase workers' compensation from unlicensed companies, or purchase excess employers indemnification insurance have less protection than those that have workers' compensation coverage. Let's look at what could happen to you as an employer that opts out of the workers' compensation system. *Excerpts from the Texas Department of Insurance website and publications.

What GOING BARE cost one business...The owners of a Texas mortuary learned the high cost of operating without workers' compensation insurance – going bare – when a federal bankruptcy judge ordered the immediate sale of their business. The order climaxed a four-year legal battle with a former employee who received an electrical shock from an embalming machine.

Having chosen not to buy workers' compensation insurance, the funeral home owners faced unlimited financial liability. In addition, the employers were barred by law from raising such defenses as the worker's own negligence of fellow employees. Under the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, if an employer's negligence played any role in an accident, the employer bears full legal responsibility.

A state district court ordered the mortuary owners to pay the injured worker \$476,800. Unable to pay, the owners filed for bankruptcy but were ordered to sell their business to pay the judgement.

Workers' Compensation

Subscribers...When an employer is covered by a workers' compensation policy, all financial liability for a job-related injury is transferred to the employer's insurance company. The injured worker is compensated according to the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission's schedule of benefits, based on the type and the severity of the injury.

The insurance carrier pays all reasonably required medical bills related to the injury, even if the need for some kinds of treatment does not surface for several years. Indemnity / disability income payments are calculated at a percentage of the worker's pre-injury salary, up to a limit. All expenses of settling the claim, including legal fees, are the insurance carrier's responsibility. The Texas Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Fund covers all licensed insurance companies should they become insolvent.

Going Bare...Without a workers' compensation policy from a licensed company or a certified self-insurance plan:

- The employer cannot use evidence to show that the employee's own negligence or the negligence of a fellow worker contributed to the accident.
- The employer cannot present evidence that the injured employee knew the risk of injury and voluntarily assumed it.
- The employee may be awarded a monetary judgement of non-economic losses, such as pain and suffering and/or punitive damages.

Defense related legal expenses such as attorney fees are also the employer's responsibility. Alternative Coverage...Some Texas employers have purchased life, accident and health, and disability policies as cheaper alternatives to workers' compensation. Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) rules prohibits insurance companies from representing these coverages as substitutes for workers' compensation. Typically, this kind of policy has a ceiling on medical benefits. Disability payments to replace lost income are based on the employee's salary; the maximum payment period typically is 52 weeks.

Assuming the employer has a \$100k medical benefits cap, a \$40 weekly salary cap and a 52 week payment period, the insurance company's maximum liability would

be \$120,800 for a single accident. This amount would have covered only a small fraction of the \$476,800 judgement against the mortuary owner in the case described above. Not only are benefits capped, but "alternative" policies do not cover judgements for pain and suffering, punitive damages and legal fees.

Unlicensed Companies...The Texas Workers' Compensation Act does not recognize policies issued by unlicensed companies, including those doing business on a surplus lines basis. Like employers who elect to "go bare", those with policies from unlicensed companies forfeit contributory negligence protection and face unlimited liability.

In addition, an employer who deals with an unlicensed company has nowhere to turn but the courts if the company cannot or will not pay a claim filed on behalf of an injured worker. The Texas Property and Casualty Fund does not cover these companies.

Non Covered Employees...Texas employers, except for public entities, can choose whether or not to provide workers' compensation insurance for their employees. Workers' compensation provides covered employees with income and medical benefits if they are injured on the job or have a job related injury or illness. Workers' compensation is regulated by the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation. With few exceptions workers' compensation insurance limits the employer's liability for the work related injury or death sustained by the worker.

If you are a small business owner who is "going bare" or have search out the "alternative" options and would like to discuss how to correct your situation please contact my office to discuss your situation.

We at Jeff Clarke Insurance Agency love meeting new people, so stop by or call our office today to say hi and see if there is anything we can do to help you with your insurance needs! Jeff Clarke Insurance Agency is located at 202 S Coleman St, Suite 200, Prosper, Texas, 75078, 469-525-7407, one block South of the Prosper Post Office on the West side of Coleman Street in the shadow of the new City Hall building.

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United Way of Denton County To Pour \$2.4M Into Denton County Community

Board targets strategic solutions to myriad of interconnected challenges with grants to Partner Agencies and funding to Collective Impact Initiatives; more dollars required to meet region's escalating needs



DENTON, TX - The United Way of Denton County (UWDC) Board of Directors approved the organization's 2019-2020 operating budget at their March meeting with over \$2.4 million allocated to continuing the dual strategy of leading Collective Impact Initiatives and supporting Partner Agencies to serve vulnerable populations in a growing Denton County.

"The investment from individuals and businesses drives the United Way engine creating transformative change in Denton County," stated Lyle Drescher, out-going UWDC Board Chair. "But, the demand for philanthropic giving in this county has never been greater."

The approved budget includes over \$1 million granted to Partner Agencies in donor designations and the proposed allocation from the Community Investment Committee. Each year these trained volunteers evaluate Partner Agency funding relationships to assure a return on investment for UWDC donors in funding critical areas of need in our community as identified by key findings in the most recent Community Needs Assessment. Upholding the highest standards, the review process also evaluates each Partner Agency in the areas of efficiency, strategic goal setting and implementation, fiscal management, fundraising strategy, and board oversight/governance. A screenshot of a cell phone Description automatically generated "This group of volunteers dedicated countless hours to this process," praised Debbie Smatresk, Community Investment Committee Chair. "Their thorough evaluation of each agency challenges these organizations to grow and develop to better serve our community."

Being a UWDC Partner Agency does not only involve

funds. Throughout the year, Partner Agencies actively engage in collaborative initiatives with UWDC. UWDC and its network of nonprofits work together to eliminate duplication, increase efficiencies, and expand capacities.

In addition to Partner Agency grants, the UWDC volunteer governing board designated significant funding to continue the fight against complex socio-economic problems throughout Denton County as identified in the Community Needs Assessment. UWDC continues to serve as the backbone organization spearheading Collective Impact Initiatives to positively impact children and families, Veterans, housing stability/homelessness, and overall health/mental health.

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Despite the generosity of the community, a gap still exists in funding. Available resources for United Way's Partner Agencies fell 40% below the total funds requested to meet the need of the growing region.

UWDC's Needs Assessment speaks to these escalating needs affecting children, families, Veterans, homelessness, and overall mental health in Denton County. The number of students experiencing homelessness increases each year. Economically disadvantaged third graders reading at grade level continues to fall. The Denton County jail remains the single largest in-patient facility for behavioral health services.

"We have some disturbing trends moving in the wrong direction," said Gary Henderson, President and CEO of United Way of Denton County. "To turn this around will take a greater influx of dollars employed into our community."

Funding for UWDC comes from a confluence of corporate gifts and employee giving campaigns, special events, state and federal grants, and individual donations. More information is available at www.unitedway-denton.org/getinvolved.

Governor Abbott Names Chair and Appoints 14 to Texas Health Services Authority Board of Directors

Board to Provide Guidance on THSA's Strategic Efforts to Expand Health Information Exchange as Agency Seeks Funding for Health IT Solution to Disaster Response

AUSTIN, TX - The Texas Health Services Authority (THSA) is pleased to share that Governor Greg Abbott has appointed Paula Anthony-McMann, Ph.D., Victoria Ai Linh Bryant, Pharm.D., Shannon Calhoun, Lourdes Cuellar, Salil Deshpande, M.D., Emily Hartmann, Kenneth James, Jerome Lisk, M.D., Leticia Rodriguez, Jonathan Sandstrom Hill, Siobhan Shahan, and Carlos Vital, M.D. to the Texas Health Services Authority Board of Directors for terms set to expire on June 15, 2019. Additionally, the Governor named Shannon Calhoun chair, and appointed Calvin Green and Jeffrey Hoogheem to serve as ex-officio members for terms set to expire on June 15, 2019.

The Texas Health Services Authority is responsible for coordinating the implementation of health information exchange (HIE) in Texas. As part of this charge, THSA is currently seeking funding to develop and implement the Patient Unified Lookup System for Emergencies (PULSE) in Texas.

George Gooch, CEO of THSA, says, "We are pleased to welcome such an esteemed group to serve on the board of directors. As our governing body, the board will help guide us through a critical juncture in THSA's future, including development and implementation of PULSE, which we believe will provide a tremendous and potentially life-saving service to Texans in times of disasters."

With a simple search on PULSE, authenticated providers can access medications, allergies, diagnoses, and lab results for those displaced outside their typical healthcare environment. PULSE is designed to connect disparate health information from multiple sources in the event of a natural disaster, allowing healthcare professionals to securely query and view patient documents when they need it most.

To bolster the board's efforts in overseeing THSA's HIE projects and programs, the board intends to develop a physician advisory committee with direct access to the THSA board chair, Shannon Calhoun. Not only will this aid in obtaining direct feedback from end users of HIE systems, but it will also ensure broad representation from physicians across the state.

Brief biographies for each of the appointees are below.

Paula Anthony-McMann, Ph.D. of Tyler is the Chief Strategy Officer for UT Health East Texas. She is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. She is also a member of the Healthcare Information Management Systems Society and the Academy of Human Resource Development. She is a member of the Texas Hospital Association Foundation Board of Directors, and previously served on the board of directors for the American Hospital Association - Solutions Division, CASA for Kids of East Texas, Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce, and Tyler Area Economic Development Council. Anthony-McMann received Bachelor of Arts in biology and psychology from Wesleyan University, a Masters of Business Administration from Case Western Reserve University, and a Doctorate of Philosophy in human resource development from The University of Texas at Tyler.

Victoria Ai Linh Bryant, Pharm.D. of Houston is the founder of Ambassadors Caregivers, LLC. She is a member of the American Pharmacists Association, University of Houston College of Education Dean's Advisory Council, and The Altus Foundation. She also serves as the president for the World Chamber of Commerce of Texas. Bryant received a Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Houston.

Shannon Calhoun of Goliad is Vice President of Network Development at National Rural Accountable Care Consortium. She previously served as Vice President of Business Development of Caravan Health, and as CEO of Southeast Texas Health Systems. She previously volunteered as the logistics officer for the Goliad County Emergency Medications Clinic, and is a past member of the Goliad County Chamber of Commerce Finance

Committee, Goliad Community Network, Goliad Rotary Club, and the Pecan Valley Area Health Education Center Calhoun received a Bachelor of Science in agronomy from Texas A&M.

Lourdes Cuellar of Houston recently retired as the Administrative Director of Pharmacy at TIRR Memorial Hermann. She currently serves as an adjunct professor in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Houston. She is a member and past president of the Texas Society of Health System Pharmacists, Texas Society of Health System Pharmacists Research & Education Foundation, and Gulf Coast Society of Health-System Pharmacists. She is also a member of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists and American Pharmacists Association. Cuellar received a Bachelor of Science in pharmacy and a Master of Science in pharmacy administration from the University of Houston.

Salil Deshpande, M.D. of Houston is the chief medical officer for UnitedHealthcare's Community Plan of Texas. He is a member of the American Medical Association, American College of Physicians, Texas Medical Association, and the Harris County Medical Society, and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine. Deshpande received a Bachelor of Arts in biological sciences from the University of Southern California, Doctor of Medicine from Baylor College of Medicine, and a Masters of Business Administration in finance and health care management from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Emily Hartmann of El Paso is the executive director for Paso del Norte Health Information Exchange. She is a member of the Strategic HIE Collaborative, Health Information Management Systems Society and YMCA of El Paso. Hartmann received a Bachelor of Arts in economics from the University of Chicago and Master of Public Policy from Harvard University.

Kenneth James of Volente is the vice president of operations at Superior HealthPlan. He currently serves on Superior HealthPlan's Performance Improvement Team, Healthcare Effectiveness Data & Information Set, and Clinical and Diabetes Steering Committees. Additionally, he volunteers with the Grandview Hills PTA. He is a former coach for Elgin Little League, and has volunteered with the Cajun Navy. James received a Bachelor of Science in computer information systems from Tarleton State University.

Jerome Lisk, M.D. of Tyler is the director of Movement Disorders at the Neurological Institute at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital. He is also a clinical assistant professor at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler. He is a member of The American Academy of Neurology, The International Parkinson's and Movement Disorder Society, and the Texas Neurological Society. He previously served on the American Heart Association's African American Task Force - Western States Affiliate the Board of Directors, and as expert review panel of the Medical Board of California. Lisk received a Bachelor of Arts in biology from Hampton University and a Doctor of Medicine from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Leticia Rodriguez of Monahans is the CEO for Ward Memo-

rial Hospital. She currently serves as president of the Rotary Club of Monahans and is a member of the Monahans Ambassador's Club. She is a Fellow of the Texas Hospital Association, former president of the Monahans Chamber of Commerce Women's Division and the Texas Association of Healthcare Financial Administration. Rodriguez received a Bachelor of Science in organizational management from Lubbock Christian University.

Jonathan Sandstrom Hill of Lakeway serves as general counsel for Capital Commercial Investments, Inc. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas. He volunteers as a preschool Sunday School teacher and usher at Southwest Family Fellowship, and serves on the board of Recycle NOW. Sandstrom Hill received a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Boston College, where he was a member of the Honors Program, and a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

Siobhan Shahan of Amarillo most recently served as an area supervisor for ResCare, Inc. She is a member of the Junior League of Amarillo and former member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, American Society for Public Administration, and the American Medical Association. Shahan received a Bachelor of Science in human development and family studies and a Master of Public Administration in health care administration from Texas Tech University.

Carlos Vital, M.D. of Friendswood is the president and CEO of Vital Allergy & Asthma Center. He is past president of the Greater Houston Allergy and the Asthma

and Immunology Society, and a member of the Texas Medical Association, Texas Allergy Asthma and Immunology Society, Houston Medical Forum Harris County Medical Society, and the Houston Academy of Medicine. He is also an assistant professor for the Texas A&M College of Medicine. Vital received a Bachelor of Science in biology from Xavier University of Louisiana, Doctor of Medicine from Louisiana State University, and Fellowship in Allergy and Immunology from the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans.

Calvin Green of Elgin is the Deputy Executive Commissioner of Performance for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. Green received a Bachelor of Science in political science and history from Texas A&M University - Commerce and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of North Texas.

Jeffrey Hoogheem of Austin is the Director of Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Section at the Texas Department of State Health Services. He serves as the Incident Commander in the Texas State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) and is responsible for coordinating all Public Health and Medical preparedness and response activities in Texas. He is a retired Blackhawk Helicopter Pilot, who served 21 years in the U.S. Army. Hoogheem received an Associate of Science in professional aeronautics from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and a Bachelor of Science in aeronautics from Liberty University. These appointments are subject to Senate Confirmation.

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Journey Medical Training Center is owned and oper-

ated by Deadra Thomas, MHA, BSN, RN, 2017 recipient of the DFW Great 100 Nurses and 2013 finalist in D Magazine's Excellence in Nursing Award. A Navy Nurse Corps veteran, Thomas brings 30 years of nursing management, leadership, and education to her students. She resides in Prosper, TX with her husband, John Thomas.

'How to Cope and Live...' continued from front page



•Answers to the most common questions regarding Alzheimer's disease

"It pains me to see people in my community hit with the life-shattering news of an Alzheimer's disease diagnosis, who don't know what to do next. Nobody is prepared for this type of news. Helping, and guiding people is what I do each and every day," says Leigh Hilton. "There is a lot of confusing information out there and I wanted to author simple and easy-to-read guides that offers critical 'next step' information, which is why I wrote these books."

Leigh Hilton has helped over 6,000 families protect the assets that they leave to loved ones from divorce, creditors, lawsuits and predators. She has also helped over 350 implement the plans that she has prepared after the death of a loved one and helped over 1,200 families

implement the plans prepared by other attorneys. She is the author of the book *Who Gets Your Stuff When You Die* and a frequent speaker. She has given over 400 speeches to various organizations and groups.

You're Not Alone: Living with Alzheimer's Disease and the companion book, *You're Not Alone: Living as an Alzheimer's Caregiver* are available in exchange for a donation of at least \$15.00 to the Alzheimer's Association. Call (940)387-8800, email Team@leighilton.net, check us out on our website www.denton-estateplanninglawyer.com or visit either her Denton, Aubrey or Bartonville locations.

Join Leigh for the official book release and breakfast on May 23rd, 2019 starting at 10 AM at the Denton Convention Center. Call the office at 940-387-8800 or email Team@leighilton.net to reserve a seat.

'Bartel Ready Mixes...' continued from front page

donations and discounts during Serve Denton's renovation and expansion.

In 2015, when Serve Denton was opening up The Wheeler House, Bartel Ready Mix donated all of the concrete needed for a new parking lot. This donation totaled \$21,000 worth of concrete for The Wheeler House, a transitional housing facility for moms and their kids managed by Giving Hope, Inc. The Wheeler House now also houses an emergency shelter for moms and their kids managed by Grace Like Rain. The two organizations work together to help moms in a housing crisis get back on their feet.

In 2019, Bartel Ready Mix gave Serve Denton a significant discount on concrete to help with the expansion of the Serve Denton Center. Bartel Ready Mix provided a discount totaling \$15,000 for the new foundation of the Serve Denton Center expansion, which includes space for Health Services of North Texas, Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County,

and Denton Community Food Center. Together, Bartel Ready Mix has donated \$36,000 worth of concrete to Serve Denton over the past few years.

Frank Bartel, owner of Bartel Ready Mix, believes Serve Denton is worth the investment. Because of Bartel Ready Mix's generous investment, Serve Denton has been able to move forward with construction. Serve Denton is seeking to raise \$3.3 million of its total \$8.7 million project through its capital campaign. The remaining \$5.4 million will be funded through grants, capital investments from partner nonprofits and New Markets Tax Credits. Once all four phases of the Serve Denton Center are complete, 16,414 individuals are projected to be served by Serve Denton's partnering nonprofits in the first year of operations. By colocating, this will enable partnering nonprofits to collectively save \$453,314 every year once the Serve Denton Center is at full capacity, helping impact more people.

'Aubrey ISD holds...' continued from front page

agriculture science. This facility improvement and expansion accomplishes those goals. The Aubrey ISD Agriculture Program is highly successful in helping students learn important leadership skills, and our agriculture teachers work tirelessly to help students achieve great things. The new facilities and renovation to the present facility will help our students continue to experience success."

The existing arena will be fully enclosed and will be used for extra training space and overflow during shows. The 14 existing pens will be maintained, restrooms and offices will be upgraded and enhanced ventilation will be installed. The new 3,600 square foot arena will include room for bleachers and overhead doors for connectivity to the other building.

"We are excited to have this," AHS agriculture science teacher and FFA sponsor Tracy Yarbrough said. "We have grown this big and now we have a facility to grow with us."

There will also be a new 5,900 square foot animal pen building that will include 48 new pens with water supply at each one and six wash bays. On the exterior of the facility, cattle pens will be added along with an improved access road and outdoor fenced space for increased safety.

Dr. Belding, school board members, Mr. Yarbrough, AHS agriculture science teacher Jennifer Gilbreath, AMS agriculture science teacher Laura Moss, FFA student officers, and representatives from Command Builders and Eikon all turned over the first shovel of soil. Voters in Aubrey ISD passed a \$51 million bond package in November 2017. The construction projects to be addressed with bond package are the construction of the new Jackie Fuller Elementary School, additions and renovations to Brockett Elementary, Monaco Elementary and Aubrey Middle School, additions and renovations to the agriculture science facility, and a new band hall and auditorium at Aubrey High School.

those recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's and their caregivers to cope, prepare and protect themselves. These short books are designed to be easy and quick to read and offers practical advice on exactly what one needs to do.

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EDUCATION

TWU Returns to NASA Design Challenge

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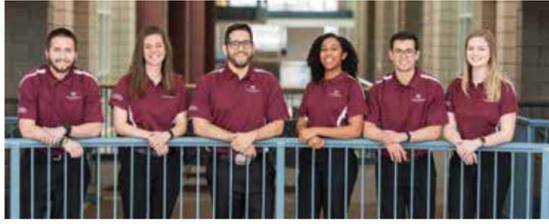


Photo: Texas Woman's University seniors Jason Hogle, Suzanna Buckingham, Randy Manning, Talia Peña, Joshua Elorreaga and Meagan Gardner head to Houston next week to compete in the NASA Texas Space Grant Consortium Design Challenge Showcase.

DENTON, TX - Texas Woman's University's Acolytes of Apollo wowed everyone last November when they won top honors at the Texas Space Grant Consortium Design Challenge Showcase, competing against engineering and technology teams from universities across the state. Another TWU Acolytes team hopes to do the same next week when they show an improvement to the design developed last year.

TWU's project focuses on the human element of space travel—specifically, reducing lower back pain experienced by astronauts in microgravity. The Acolytes developed a garment that can be worn daily and incorporates electrical muscular stimulation (EMS) aimed at certain muscles in the back.

"This semester, we are ex-

panding the electrode coverage of the EMS device to provide even more muscle stimulation in an effort to mitigate the pain," said team leader and kinesiology senior Meagan Gardner of Keller. "We also are transitioning to a Bluetooth-enabled EMS system to eliminate the wires in the garment, and are making the shirt out of antimicrobial fabric to improve long-term wearability."

TWU Health Promotion and Kinesiology Associate Professor Rhett Rigby, Ph.D., recruited this semester's team last October, allowing the new team to observe the work of the fall team and get ideas for improvements. In addition to Gardner, the spring Acolytes of Apollo team includes Kinesiology seniors Joshua Elorreaga of Fort Worth, Talia Peña of

Grand Prairie, Jason Hogle of Coppell, Suzanna Buckingham of Keller, and Randy Manning of Carrollton.

"The spring team is implementing phase two of the project, which is standard in the Design Challenge," Rigby said. "Usually, phase two focuses on developing and testing a prototype. But, our fall team designed and developed the first shirt in record time. After talking with our mentors at NASA, we realized we could make several improvements that would make the garment even more usable for long-distance space travel."

The Acolytes show off their project at the Design Challenge Showcase, sponsored by NASA. They will compete against 13 other university teams in categories such as best poster, best presentation, best model and best team overall.

Collaboration is key. Understanding that undergraduate students may not have all the answers to their research questions, the Space Grant Consortium encourages Design Challenge teams to network and consult with experts. This collaboration is a key factor evaluated during the Design

Challenge, and the Acolytes of Apollo have worked with people both at TWU and in the community on their project.

TWU Fashion and Textiles Professor Sheri Dragoo, Ph.D., is helping the team with constructing the garment, which is made of microbial fabric with silver ion thread, recommended by Assistant Professor Amy Jo Hammett of TWU's biology department. TWU graphic design student Skyler Brasuell digitized the team patch, as she did for the fall team. The Center for Student Research provided a computer with 3D modeling software last year, which is being used again this semester.

Outside TWU, REACT: Neuro-Rehab in Addison helped the team find clients to test the garment, and PlayMakar, a Southlake-based manufacturer of athletic training and recovery devices, provided the wireless EMS unit being incorporated into the device.

"We are very fortunate to have the support of several companies and the TWU community at large," said team member Randy Manning. "Being able to mention that TWU won the competition last year definitely helped, and we hope to be able to repeat their success."

Aubrey ISD Holds Walking Challenge for Staff

Amy Ruggini



The Aubrey community may have seen Aubrey ISD teachers and staff walking around the neighborhood more frequently over the last two months.

More than 70 teachers, administrators and staff members participated in the Aubrey ISD Spring Walking Challenge, sponsored by the Aubrey ISD School Health Advisory Council. The 17 teams recorded 6,432,925 steps or 3,045 miles

over a six-week period.

The district's technology department (Giga Hurts), came in first with a total of 787,953 steps or 372 miles. The Movin' and A Groovin' team, made up of staff members at the Administration Building came in second with 659,643 steps, and the School of Walk, comprised of AMS teachers, came in third with 558,932 steps. SHAC co-chair Michelle Kampschroeder and AISD nurse Rebecca Chism presented the top three teams with gift certificates for supplies for their department or classroom.

Aubrey High School UIL Academic Teams Place Third at District Meet

Amy Ruggini

Eleven students advanced to regional meet at Texas A&M Commerce



The Aubrey High School UIL academics team placed third at the district meet on Saturday, March 30 at Celina High School.

Eleven students advanced to the regional meet with their individual and or team performances. Competitors qualified by placing in the top three as individuals or as the No.1 team. Numerous Chaps will compete at regionals in multiple competitions.

Hannah Johnson advanced to the regional qualifier with a third place in headline writing, while Amia Carr advanced with a third place in feature writing. Jacan Farmer placed first in mathematics

and second in number sense, qualifying in both.

The literary criticism team, made up of Harmony Moura Burk, Katherine Crowe, Lauren Knapp and Rachael Housewright placed first and will compete at regionals. Harmony will also compete in ready writing, current events, while Katherine will participate in current events, copy editing and ready writing. Rachael also advanced with a third-place in social studies.

Lylliam Oquel qualified for regionals with a third-place performance in Lincoln-Douglas debate and will also compete in number sense.

Joseph Wofford, Ryan Clark and Kirsten Rollwage advanced through a wild card format. Joseph will compete in current events, while Ryan and Kirsten will participate in number sense.

Aubrey High School Academic Decathlon Team Placed Fifth at the State Competition

Amy Ruggini



AUBREY, TX - The Aubrey High School academic decathlon team placed fifth at the state competition on Saturday, March 8.

Individual winners included

Gabe McDaniel (third Place honors interview), Hassan El-Fil (third place scholastic interview), Jacan Farmer (third place honors math, first place honors economics), Rachael Housewright (second place scholastic math) and Parker Brogdon (third place varsity economics).

Parker and Rachael placed seventh overall in their respective divisions, just two spots out of scholarship awards.

Six Aubrey High School Seniors Received Blue Ribbon Club Scholarships

Amy Ruggini



AUBREY, TX - Six Aubrey High School seniors received Blue Ribbon Club scholarships at the Denton County Youth Fair dinner on Monday, March 25.

FFA members Charlie Newman, Karlee Collins and Brenden Hough received scholarships as

well as FCCLA members Laura Kate Holliger, Taylor Freeman and Mallory Boyer.

The Denton County Livestock Association and the Blue Ribbon Club award numerous scholarships each year to graduating senior participants of the Youth Fair and Rodeo. Several of the scholarships are donated by individuals and families, as well as those funded by the Denton County Livestock Association and Blue Ribbon Club through their fund-raising projects. Some are given in honor of Denton County individuals who have been active in the agricultural activities in years past.

Aubrey Middle School Band Earns Honors

Amy Ruggini



AUBREY, TX - The AMS Symphonic Band and AMS Concert Band both earned the highest honors at UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest on Wednesday, April 3 and Thursday, April 4. Both bands earned First Division ratings on prepared stage music as well as First Division ratings in sight-reading.

Earlier this spring, both the AHS Symphonic Band and AHS Concert Band also earned sweepstakes.

"Spring 2017 was the first time in Aubrey ISD history that all four bands earned sweepstakes, making Spring 2019 another big win for AISD bands," AMS assistant band director Greg Moose said.

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For more information please visit their website www.kiddieacademy.com/academies/union-park/. You can also contact Kiddie Academy at 972.521.8100 to schedule a visit. Kiddie Academy is located at 4387 Union Park Blvd in Aubrey, Texas.

'Denton Selects...' continued from front page

"Her experience, excellent communication skills, and the ability to quickly form effective relationships make her well prepared to continue to move economic development forward."

Jessica has Bachelor of Arts in history from Texas A&M University and a Master of Public Affairs from Indiana University's O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Prior to Denton, Jessica served as the Administrative Services Manager with the City of Dickinson, Texas, where she oversaw the City's budget and financial operations, and as a Management Assistant. Jessica has also worked as a Project Assistant with the Bloomington Economic Development Corporation in Bloomington, Indiana.

The position of Economic Development Director was previously held by the late Caroline Booth. Her positive attitude, desire to be of service to others, and dedication to the Denton community will always be remembered and she is greatly missed.



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If You Aren't Protesting, You Are Paying Too Much



Each year, the county sends out new tax bills for the coming year. One of the biggest expense for homeowners is property taxes. With fewer than 20 percent of property owners appealing their assessment, there's a good chance you're paying more than your fair share. Here's how to fight—and reduce—your property tax bill.

1. Look for mistakes on your house description.

Check the County's website to ensure your home's square footage, number of bedrooms

and bathrooms, and lot size are reflected accurately in their assessment of your property.

2. Gather your comps. Find out what similar residences in your neighborhood are worth. Check online or contact a real estate agent to see what local homes sold for.

3. Highlight your home's flaws.

Provide pictures and repairs estimates of your home's major structural issues. Negative influences surrounding your property, such as a busy street or nearby

sewer plant, are also evidence to support a lower assessment.

4. Meet with the County. Your appraisal notice will include the date by which a protest must be filed. Appeal in person or online by the deadline. (Special Note*: Your reduction must be below your homestead cap in order to save on taxes.)

5. Get professional help.

Don't have time to do all this homework? Consider hiring a property tax expert. Most work on a contingency

basis, in which you pay a portion of tax savings if the protest succeeded.

Taxpayers are routinely overcharged, with the expectation they will appeal, though few know they can. It's best to file a protest every year to see if you are overpaying. Whether you decide to do it yourself or use a tax consultant, everyone has the right to appeal their tax bill, and should. The opportunity of saving hundreds or thousands of dollars is usually worth the few hours.



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www.betheldenton.com

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www.bummc.org, 972-292-1465

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www.crosswayumc.org

First United Methodist Church
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church.netministries.org/ch30630

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www.newleafnow.org

Oak Grove United Methodist
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www.oakgroveunitedmethodist.org

Prosper United Methodist Church
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www.prosperumc.org
972-347-2372

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Worship at Navo Middle School
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City of Transformation Church
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www.cityoftransformation.org

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www.covenantcrossroads.org

Covenant Word Ministries Church
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Faith Assembly Church
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aubreyfaithassembly.weebly.com

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Lighthouse Christian Fellowship
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Prosper, TX 75078
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www.lighthousecnx.com

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www.newleafnow.org
972-325-8939

North Texas Trinity Cowboy Church
9901 FM 2164
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www.northtexascowboy.org

The Summit Church
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940-453-4152

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www.relatechurch.com

Restoration Cowboy Church
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Aubrey, Texas 76227
Restorationcowboychurch.org
940-343-5377

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Sanger, Texas 76266
www.ridinforthbrand.org
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Unity Spiritual Center of Denton
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