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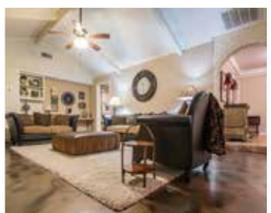
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DCPH team at NACCHO Annual Conference, from left to right: Juan Rodriguez, Chief Epidemiologist and Assistant Director of DCPH; Jennifer Romaszewski, Dental Services Specialist; Dr. Clifford Leffingwell, Dentist; Marla Rhea, Dental Services Specialist.

DENTON COUNTY, TX—Denton County Public Health (DCPH) has received recognition from the National Association of County and City Health Officials' (NACCHO) Model Practice Program as a 2019 National Promising Practice. NACCHO selected DCPH's dental services program as a promising practice and recognized DCPH's dental clinic team at the 2019 NACCHO Annual Conference on July 10th, 2019.

"This recognition of the dental clinic team is the sec-

ond national recognition Denton County Public Health has received in the past month," stated County Judge Andy Eads. "We are appreciative of their commitment to excellence in providing needed services to the public."

Based on County Health Rankings data, Denton County has one dentist to every 1,840 residents, trailing behind the state ratio. The selection of the DCPH dental clinic's integrated care approach as a promising practice demonstrates its exemplary and replicable qualities in response to this local public

health need. NACCHO's Model Practice Program aims to nationally honor and recognize outstanding local public health practices, as well as to promote the sharing of these outstanding practices among local health departments.

"This award demonstrates the dedication towards excellence that our dental clinic team consistently strives for," stated Dr. Matt Richardson, DCPH Director. "It is exciting to know that the model carried out in Denton County can improve the quality of

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Two Aubrey ISD Employees Elevated to New Positions

Amy Ruggini



AUBREY, TX — Brockett principal Kari Abrams and Aubrey Middle School teacher Brett Dobbs will take on new roles at Aubrey ISD, as announced by Aubrey ISD Superintendent Dr. David Belding. Mrs. Abrams will serve as the principal of Jackie Fuller Elementary, and Mr. Dobbs

will assume the assistant principal position at Monaco Elementary.

"It is exciting that our school district is able to attract and promote quality educators in our leadership positions," Dr. Belding said about the new hires.

The Aubrey ISD school board approved the hiring of Mrs. Abrams and Mr. Dobbs at a special board meeting on Tuesday, June 18.

Mrs. Abrams has worked at Brockett for the last four years, first as an assistant principal and then as a principal for the last two years. She will be the

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From the Desk of Hugh Coleman

The new school year begins, Denton NCTC campus opens this fall, regional, county road and bridge updates



New School Year Begins Soon

It is hard to believe students will be back in classes soon. Summer break seemed to slip by in the blink of an eye. However, with a new school year starting, I know many school districts, students and parents are looking forward to an exciting year.

In preparation for the 2019-2020 school year, several districts are planning back-to-school fairs.

In Denton, the Back to School Fair will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Aug. 10 at the Embassy Suites Denton Convention Center, 3100 Town Center Trail just off Interstate 35. The fair offers school supplies & backpacks to those in need as well as health education resources, free vision screenings, hearing exams, haircuts and more. Last year, the fair assisted more than 3,000 students. For more information, visit www.denton-backtoschool.org.

A Back to School Bash from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 10 will be at Frisco High School, 6401 Parkwood Blvd. The annual event includes food, prizes, giveaways and fun activities for all ages. Vendors will provide information on a wide range of programs, services and resources available in the community. Families must pre-register for the event to attend. For more information, visit www.friscoisd.org.

With classes starting soon, be sure to watch for buses and plan for additional traffic throughout the

county. Here is a list of opening dates for area school districts, especially for those commuting to and from work who will see a few changes along their routes beginning in mid-August:

The Denton Independent School District's first day of classes will be on Aug. 14.

Aubrey ISD opens Aug. 14/ Pilot Point ISD – Aug. 19/ Prosper ISD – Aug. 14/Frisco ISD – Aug. 15/Lake Dallas ISD – Aug. 15/Sanger ISD – Aug. 14/Liberty Christian – Aug. 15/ Selwyn School – Aug. 14/North Central Texas College – Aug. 26/Texas Woman's University – Aug. 26/University of North Texas – Aug. 26

Denton NCTC Campus to Open This Fall

A new North Central Texas College campus opens this fall in Denton. The former home of the Denton Record-Chronicle has been remodeled into the First State Bank Exchange at 316 E. Hickory St. in downtown Denton.

The 45,214-square foot center will offer transfer credits and associates degrees including the Associate of Arts, the Associate of Science, the Associate of Arts in Teaching, which will be the main focus of the campus. FSB Exchange has nine classrooms, two large lecture classrooms, a single large lecture hall, a testing center, computer lab, security office and NCTC's new Mane Stop - a one-stop-shop to serve students.

The campus offers extended class hours to accommodate student needs and provides 300

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Texas Sales Tax Holiday is Aug. 9-11

Sunday, Aug. 9-11.

The law exempts sales tax on qualified items – such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks – priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

"As Texas families begin the process of replacing their beach towels with lunch boxes, the sales tax holiday is the perfect opportunity to save some money on supplies families need before the school bell rings," Hegar said. "As a father of three,

I know how these expenses can add up."

Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free are listed on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

Shoppers this year will save an estimated \$102.2 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday.

Texas' sales tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

Repurposed Building is Prosper's First Recreation Space

PROSPER, TX — When looking up the word "repurpose" in the dictionary, one might someday see a photo of the building at 407 E. First Street in Prosper. The one-story building, situated in the shadow of the Town's old water tower, has recently been repurposed as "The 407 Rec Center."

Serving the recreational needs of Active Adults aged 55 and over, as well as area youth,

the building was recently dedicated to its latest purpose, after having some walls removed, receiving a new coat of paint, new flooring, appliances, and cabinetry. While it's the first fully-dedicated facility for Parks and Recreation programming in Town, it's only the storied building's latest repurposing.

It was originally built to serve as the Town's only fire station, staffed by an all-volunteer fire

department, until the Central Fire Station was completed in 2004. Following the departure of the firefighting equipment, the building was repurposed, serving as office and meeting space for the Town's Development Services department. The relocation of those employees to Town Hall last year virtually emptied the building, making it available for its latest

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United Way of Denton County Loaned Executives Organize "Day of Caring"



United Way Loaned Executives Janelle Bellam of Sally Beauty thrills the children of Denton City County Day School with bubbles while Lisa Kelsey of Ciera Bank plays DJ with music from her phone and Kimberly Jones of First United Bank hands out sidewalk chalk.

United Way Loaned Executives Nicolas Lamb of Glenn Davis Insurance and Austin Anderson of First State Bank work hard to repair a retaining wall at Denton City County Day School kids watch from the playground swings.



United Way Loaned Executives (from left) Dylan Taylor of Safran, Hector Juarez of Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton, Matthew Morgan of American National Bank & Trust, and Jarrett McPike of DATCU Credit Union pause from shoveling the mountain of mulch for a quick photo at Denton City County Day School.

DENTON COUNTY, TX — The United Way of Denton County Loaned Executives invested some sweat equity as they shoveled, hauled, and spread a mountain of mulch on the playground area of Denton City County Day School as part of their "Day of Caring."

While most of the Loaned Executives labored on the playground area to make it safer for the children to play outside, a handful

also worked directly with the children initiating fun activities with pompons, bubbles, beach balls, and sidewalk chalk.

"I cannot express our gratitude enough to United Way and the Loaned Executives," said Kim Vaughn, Executive Director at Denton City County Day School, a United Way of Denton County Partner Agency. "Today is a huge blessing to our kids and our staff."

Loaned Executives are dedicated volunteers from Denton County businesses practicing leadership and relationship management through valuable hands-on experience in the community. The following local corporations, small businesses, and organizations "loaned" their employees to United Way of Denton County for 2019: Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton (2), First State Bank, Sally Beauty (2), City of Lewisville, Safran Electrical & Power (2), First United Bank, Ciera Bank, Glenn Davis Insurance, Peterbilt Motors Company, DATCU (2), American National Bank & Trust, and Applejacks Liquors.

Why Struggle When You Can Have an Octopus in Their Life



Meet Sian King the owner and manager of Pink Octopus Company. Pink Octopus can assist you in destressing, decluttering and freeing up time. "The idea for my company was to be 'that person' you can contact to ask for assistance when you need it. This works for busy families, individuals and small businesses in the local community," says King, "I hope to make a difference in people's lives."

Back in November 2018, King flew from the UK to Texas to start her new life here. Originally from the UK, she moved to Aubrey as a new mother with a long-time passion for starting her own business. "I have over 20 years' experience in business and customer service, working around the world with a variety of people and cultures," says King, "I knew I wanted to be involved in

my new community and I soon recognized there was a need for a flexible and varied assistance service in the area."

Life comes with a variety of needs and sometimes we only have ourselves to rely on. The mission of Pink Octopus is to be that extra pair of hands that maybe missing or assist in your busy schedule and generally make your life more comfortable, easier and stress free.

"I created a concept for the business and gave it the name 'Pink Octopus Company'."

Through social media I got in touch with a group of talented local women in business which lead me to creating and completing my logos and marketing goals," says King. The company was then launched May 4th 2019.

"What I can offer you is 'helping hands in your home and business'. I supply a wide range of services in Aubrey and the surrounding areas," says King. These services consist of running errands, house cleaning, small moves, deliveries, appointment assistance, home and ranch sitting, senior and disability care in and out of the

home, companionship, home and office organizing, party hostess and planning, garage clearance and much more. If you are unsure if Pink Octopus can offer assistance, just ask!

Trust in Pink Octopus to get things done! Pink Octopus will give you peace of mind with background checked personal assistants, all interviewed by Sian King to make sure she can offer you the best customer service combined with great talent. "I searched and found amazing local women who have a passion for care, a variety of skills, qualifications and experience, says King. "Making the right match for my clients and the personal assistants is key to a happy working relationship."

You can get in touch with Pink Octopus and receive a quick and efficient consultation to discuss your lifestyle needs and how they can assist you in destressing your life. They take on odd jobs, one off jobs and regular business. Pink Octopus will create a personal service plan for you or your business and organize your personal assistant with experience to match your special requirements. With caring and cost effective charges, why not give them a try.

The Backyard Disasters That Cause More Than \$118 Million in Damage Each Year

8,900 - The average number of home fires involving grills or BBQs each year, resulting in an average \$118 million in damage. (National Fire Protection Association)



American pit masters and grill experts have seen extreme conditions—and experienced a few disasters of their own. Who better to share their tips for helping you keep your grill in top shape?

John Herrera's life changed in less than two seconds. On February 23, 2014, the Miami lawyer was doing what most homeowners north of the Mason-Dixon only dream of in the middle of winter: lighting his gas grill to cook a few steaks. It was something he'd done hundreds of times before. What Herrera didn't realize was that his wife had attempted to light the grill an hour earlier, and left the valve of the 80-gallon propane tank wide open, with all five grill burners turned on high without actually lighting it. "She closed the lid because she thought it would speed up the process. The wind was blowing, so I couldn't smell the gas," recalls Herrera.

"I can't tell you how many times I've lived through the accident," he says. When he hit the ignition switch to light the grill, the accumulated gas exploded in a ball of fire. Herrera suffered second- and third-degree burns over 20 percent of his body.

Chef McNiel Magdaong, resident grill master at the Kaanapali Alii resort on Maui, has seen his share of grilling disasters and what can cause them. Vegetables soaked in oily marinades. Bacon-wrapped foods parked on a grate over a high, direct flame. "Seasoned" grates encrusted with the grease and debris of barbecues past.

He oversees eight propane grills on a beachfront patio where guests are given free rein to cook. Watching amateurs and self-proclaimed backyard grill masters cook over an open flame has given him a keen sense of how grill infernos can get started by one, simple ingredient: fat.

It's the most delicious and can be one of the most destructive ingredients because a grease fire can be harder to kill than a regular fire, he says. Plain water and certain types of fire extinguishers will not extinguish a grease fire (and dousing it with water can also spread the fire). It's important to take precautions to not only prevent a grease fire, but to know how to fight it properly to help reduce the risk of damage or injury.

Magdaong's tips for you to consider to help avoid flare-ups:

- Sugar starts to burn at around 350° and, yes, it can catch on fire. Apply sweet sauces one to two minutes before removing food from the grill to avoid burning.
- Use direct heat (food placed directly over flame) to sear, quick-roast or crisp/brown food. Use indirect heat (no flames directly under food) to finish cooking. To create indirect heat (also called a "two-zone" fire) in a gas grill, turn off one gas burner. On a charcoal grill, bank the charcoal pile against one side of the grate before lighting. When food is seared or browned, move it to the "indirect" side of the grate.
- If you do have a grease flare up, here is what Magdaong recommends to fight it:

1. Never use water. Grease fires must be "smothered" by depriving them of oxygen. A blast of water can also spread ashes and embers, creating a bigger fire.

2. Turn off main heat source (gas) or return the lid to a charcoal grill and close the top.

3. If the flames do not die out, douse the fire with a fire extinguisher designed to fight Class B (flammable gas or oil) or Class K (grease) fires.

Mike Peters, a grand champion pit master and past president of the Kansas City BBQ Society, often sees backyard cooks make the mistake of thinking a bigger, hotter fire gets food to the table faster. High temperatures and smoldering-hot charcoal inside a closed grill are the perfect environment for a backdraft—a type of flare-up that happens when air is blasted into an

oxygen-deprived environment. Ceramic cookers can be particularly susceptible to these flare-ups because the heavy lids can create a tight seal and restrict the amount of air flowing into the grill (i.e. create an oxygen-deprived, smoldering fire).

To reduce the risk of a backdraft, pit masters like Peters recommend "burping" the cooker when grilling at temperatures higher than 300°F to help prevent or minimize the risk of flare-ups and backdrafts, which are more likely to happen at higher temps.

1. Gently lift the lid of the grill an inch or two.

2. Pause for a count of three to let a small amount of air into the cooker.

3. Open the lid completely. One single factor causes more than 1,500 home fires every year.

Approximately 17 percent of the estimated 8,900 fires caused by grills every year happen because the cooker is too close to something flammable, according to the NFPA. Things like deck rails, patio furniture or those fun citronella tiki torches can catch fire if not kept at a safe distance from the grill. Peters recalls a neighbor who had to replace the siding on his house (and buy a new grill) because of a greasy burger flare-up on a grill set too close to the home. "If I had a small deck and a gas grill, I'd purchase a 4' x 8' cement backing board to put against the wall closest to the grill."

The NFPA and the International Code Council (ICC), organizations responsible for developing building codes and standards for fire safety, recommend a distance of at least 10 feet between a grill and any combustible material. Gas and charcoal grills are strictly prohibited on balconies and decks, unless they are connected to a one- or two-family home.

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North TX Overdose Awareness Day Event

Time to Remember. Time to Act.

DENTON COUNTY, TX - The North TX Overdose Awareness Day event will be held on Saturday, Aug. 31, from 6:30-8:30, on the lawn of the Denton Courthouse on the Square. Sharon Roland, and her family hold this event in memory of her youngest son, Randy, who died of an overdose in 2016. They also provide Narcan to the DISD middle and high schools, the Denton Probation offices, as well as their local church and individuals throughout the community.

Last year they had an estimated attendance of 250-300 people, and they hope to have a large crowd again this year. International Overdose Awareness Day, is celebrated all over the world on Aug. 31; last year there were over 700 events in 32 countries as tracked by the Pennington Institute out of Melbourne, Australia at overdoseday.com

They will again have speakers, this year including the Mayor who will read a proclamation that Aug. 31 is North TX Overdose Awareness Day, Denton Chief of Police

Dixon, 442nd District Judge Tiffany Haertling who administers the Denton Family Drug Court, ER Dr. Danielle Hansen, as well as others with personal stories and important information to share.

There will be a demonstration of Narcan and they will be giving out free Narcan. In addition, they will have over 30 resource tables. Battalion Chief Lahart, of the Denton Fire Dept. reported there were 223 overdose calls in 2018 and 105 calls as of

mid-July this year.

Some recent events that make the subject of overdose relevant to all:

1. House Bill 2174, Texas opioid prescription legislation signed June 14 by Governor Abbott

2. Recent release of CDC preliminary numbers for overdose deaths in 2018 (slight decrease attributed to fewer prescription overdoses)

3. Moral hazard theory regarding Narcan, 2018 paper by Doleac and Mukherjee recently updated

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North Texas Overdose Awareness Day
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North Texas Fair and Rodeo Announces

No Limits Livestock Show For Special Needs Individuals

DENTON COUNTY, TX- The North Texas Fair and Rodeo (NTFR) is excited to announce a brand new event at this year's fair. The annual fair and rodeo will kick-off Friday, August 16th and go through August 24th. On August 19th at 6:30 p.m. the First State Bank livestock barns will become host to the fair's No Limits Stock Show for adults and youth with Special Needs, sponsored by RDO Equipment, Co.

This event came from a group of Denton County 4-H members who recognized a need for activities catered to youth and adults with disabilities and special needs in the North Texas area. Special needs individuals face many

physical and emotional challenges and this experience will give them the opportunity to do something they may never have had the chance to do otherwise.

With the help of their assigned volunteer(s), participants will be able to show a sheep, goat, pig, dog, rabbit, or mini horse. All of the participants will learn how to groom and care for their animal before the show with the help of their volunteer(s), and then exhibit it in the show ring. Each participant will receive a medal of honor, an event t-shirt, and a picture in front of the champion's backdrop.

Registration is now open for participants and for youth and adult volunteers. Paperwork for all of those positions may be found at ntfair.com under

"Events." Registration paperwork is due by August 15rd to the North Texas Fair Office at 2217 N. Carroll Blvd., Denton, TX 76201 or to Jacee Kiefer at jkiefer@ntfair.com

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Denton County Public Health Receives National Public Health Ready Recognition

DENTON COUNTY, TX - Denton County Public Health (DCPH) has received national recognition from Project Public Health Ready (PPHR) for its ability to plan for, respond to, and recover from public health emergencies. Currently, DCPH is the only local health department in North Texas with PPHR recognition. DCPH is now the eighth department in the state to receive this recognition since the inception of PPHR in 2004.

"Public health preparedness is vital to a community's resiliency," stated Juan Rodriguez, Assistant Director and Chief Epidemiologist at DCPH. "Achieving this recognition highlights the diligent work and dedication of our public health preparedness team."

DCPH demonstrated public health preparedness capabilities by meeting the comprehensive preparedness benchmarks required by

PPHR, a unique partnership between the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). PPHR aims to protect the public's health and strengthen the public health infrastructure by equipping local health departments with sustainable tools to plan, train, and exercise using a continuous quality improvement model.

"From training to recovery, our team has plans in place to ensure Denton County can prepare for, respond to, and recover from public health emergencies," stated Bob Martinez, Public Health Preparedness Coordinator for DCPH. "We will continue our work in striving for public health preparedness for Denton County and encourage our community members to strive for personal preparedness, too. Opportunities to volunteer through our comprehensive preparedness benchmarks required by

in public health preparedness through exercises, training, and mock events."

PPHR recognition confirms DCPH has a thorough and coordinated emergency response plan in place and staff have training to protect the health of their community during an emergency. Local health departments recognized by PPHR undergo a rigorous evaluation by peer review to assess their ability to meet a set of national standards for public health preparedness.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities in public health preparedness with DCPH's Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), visit MRC.DentonCounty.com. For more information about DCPH, please visit DentonCounty.com/Health and follow @WeAreDCPH on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Please visit NACCHO.org/MRC program allow community members to get involved on PPHR and NACCHO.

Meet State Farm's Erin Kate Davis



I had the opportunity to serve our country as a sailor in the US Navy. I was stationed in Illinois, Virginia, and Hawaii. I chose not to re-enlist

while I was in Hawaii but stayed in state, working on a ranch where I got to make people's day by taking them horseback riding or teaching children the joys of being around horses. I moved home three years ago to take care of my family's ranch and am loving every second of collecting fresh eggs, birthing miniature cows, and teaching horse riding lessons. My dogs, Zeus and Jo, are my right hand pups. I love this community

so my goal here at Tim Holland - State Farm is to make sure every person I talk to leaves feeling confident and taken care of.

She and her two younger sisters were raised in Texas by two wonderful parents. Attended Ursuline Academy of Dallas for high school. A Navy Veteran who came home to work and live in the state she loves. Her favorite things include horseback riding, reading, and swimming.

'Repurposed Building...' continued from front page

repurposing. The Town's Parks and Recreation Board seized the opportunity to establish "The 407 Rec Center" at their June meeting.

"We're delighted to begin this new chapter in recreational programming," says Dudley Raymond, Director of Parks and Recreation. "The 407 Rec Center is the first building in town to be used solely for recreational activities. The capability to offer a dedicated space for youth and Active Adults is a culmination of vision and hard work and we look forward to getting started."

To celebrate the opening of the new facility, the public is invited to an open house on Wednesday, Aug. 7, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and staff will be on hand to answer questions.

Two inaugural classes begin in August for Active Adults: Beginner Chair Exercise, and Strength-Core-Balance. Each class focuses on improving strength, balance and conditioning for those age 55 and older. Online registration, along with the monthly calendar of all activities, is available at www.prosperparksandrec.org. Time slots are also slated for cards and games, including Canasta, 42/ Dominoes, and Mahjong. Youth options are coming soon.

A survey is being conducted by the Parks and Recreation Department to gauge the wants, needs and desires of the Prosper Active Adult community. To access the survey online, visit <https://www.prosper.tx.gov/residents/parks-recreation/programs-sports/>. Paper surveys are available at the Parks and Recreation Administration office, 409 E. First Street. The Town is dedicated to building programs and offering activities that enrich daily life in Prosper and the survey results will provide valuable information into the direction of future programming.

A full listing of the year's recreational activities is posted at www.prosperparksandrec.org. The latest parks and recreation news can also be found on Facebook by searching for Prosper Parks and Recreation.

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3) Application of base coat which is usually black.

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Get a Bit of an Education in Integrated Pest Management, or IPM

Janet Laminack



DENTON COUNTY, TX-As a county extension agent, I am tasked with providing research-based education to the citizens of Texas. Sometimes this means that I have an unpopular answer for people. It has been interesting throughout my career to see the shift in public perception and the framing of questions specifically when it comes to pesticide use.

A pesticide is a substance intended to control insects or other pests of cultivated plants (herbicides kill weeds, insecticides kill insects, fungicide kills fungus, etc.). In my earlier days, I would receive phone calls describing an insect attack on a tree with the question being "what do I spray on it?" However, my role is to provide more complete information so that consumers are informed to make a decision that they are comfortable with and that is horticulturally sound. Although the consumer might just want a chemical name of something they could go purchase, typically, they are also going to get a bit of an education in integrated pest management, or IPM.

IPM is an approach to controlling



pests by using many methods with the "last resort" being the use of a substance or chemical. These substances can be synthetic or organic but are all considered pesticides. Organic pesticides tend to be derived from natural sources rather than manmade.

Basically, IPM is best management practices to improve the health of the plants and limit the impact by pests. Here are some specific methods with examples:

- Cultural control is the manipulation of the environment to make it less favorable for pests. Examples are crop rotation or using disease resistant plants.

- Biological control is the suppression of pest damage by purposeful manipulation of beneficial organisms. This can mean buying ladybugs or other predators to release in your garden. But it can include waiting to spray aphids in the spring so that the neighborhood ladybugs have time to find the yummy treat.

- Mechanical control is using physical barriers or methods and works better in smaller gardens.

Examples include using sticky traps for insects or even netting or cloth.

And that leaves us with chemical control, which is becoming less and less popular among consumers. It is a common myth that agriculture causes much of the pesticide pollution in our water and environment. However, when deciding to use a pesticide, agricultural producers consider the economic benefit. How many insects can be tolerated before the crop declines so much that it is worth the cost of a pesticide? Households tend to be less judicious. How many cockroaches can be tolerated? Usually less than one.

Problems occur when households use more pesticides or even products like weed'n'feed than needed on their yards. When we get a big rain, the excess floats away down into our waterways and streams. Another common problem is not correctly identifying the pest and therefore not correctly picking the correct pesticide. For example, Take-all Root Rot is a common disease in turf grass. Using an insecticide is not going to help control this because it is a fungus. Not only are we contributing to pollution and possibly destroying beneficial organisms, we might be wasting a lot of money. Before spraying or hiring someone to spray your house or lawn, identify the problem first. We can all do our part to protect pollinators, our watershed and other natural resources. If you need help figuring out what the problem is, contact us at master.gardener@dentoncounty.com or 940-349-2892.

Tax Tips for Recent Retirees



the most common and the potential tax traps to avoid:

Retirement plan distributions: Pension Plans distribute a set pension payment which are generally fully taxable unless you contributed to the plan. This is true of 401K plans and traditional individual retirement accounts such as IRA's. Distributions from a Roth IRA are tax free after 59 1/2 years of age.

Although pension plans differ in the details, periodic pension payments tend to begin at retirement. These can be deferred by taking a lump sum and rolling it over into an Individual Retirement Plan to be invested and distributed later. A 401K can also be deferred past immediate retirement but not past the age of 70 1/2.

RMDs: The tax law requires everyone to begin distributions of their retirement plans at the age of 70 1/2. This is a required minimum distribution (RMD). The first distribution for the year turning 70 1/2 is due by April 15 of the following year; distributions must be made by December 31st for every year following.

Potential Tax Issue: As tempting as it might be to defer the

first payment to the next tax fiscal year. This will only serve to increase the income tax that will be due for that year. Doubling income taxes along with a potential 50% penalty for not taking an RMD on time is not worth pushing that first payment too far out.

Social Security Income: Prior to retirement, everyone should have a good plan for their social security income strategy. There are many options and benefits for looking at social security as strategic income just as a pension plan or IRA. Determining the best time to take Social Security has a significant effect on future income.

That said, many people feel that since social security "taxes" were taken from paychecks, they have already paid taxes on social security. This is not true. Social Security was taken from our paychecks, matched by our employers and held for our retirement. It was a pre-tax deduction and will be taxed at retirement if the total amount of provisional income* exceeds \$44,000 on a joint return or \$34,000 on a single return. Although only 85% of the social security benefit will be taxed this is a common surprise.

*Provisional Income is the Modified Gross Income plus one-half of the Social Security Benefits. Simple right??

Self-Employment Income: Many retirees are finding ways to work past retirement age and become their own bosses, becoming consultants and entrepreneurs. Like retirement income, self-employment income involves a new set of tax rules you may not be familiar with. Our experience has been that this type of income offers the most surprises.

Only the net income from self-employment is taxable, therefore it is important to know the types of expenses that are deductible and the best way to track those expenses. Self-employment taxes are different from employees; they must cover both the employee and the employer share of Social Security and Medicare taxes hence the confusion and surprise!

Estimated Tax Payments: With retirement income of all kinds may come the advent of estimated tax payments. This is difficult for ordinary business owners and employees let alone a new retiree.

Pension payments and IRA distributions are subject to or-

inary income tax withholding unless you determine not to withhold. The previous rule of thumb was to withhold 10%. After this recent tax season, I would highly recommend a 12-15% withholding. You will receive a refund for any overpayment, however, most taxpayers fell short in 2018 with their withholdings, so this is an adjustment to be safe.

Social Security is not subject to withholding taxes unless you chose to have taxes withheld. This is a choice and best determined by your tax professional if you will need to have taxes withheld.

Self-Employment taxes are not withheld from self-employment income. This is the area most people are surprised at owing taxes. This is not a difficult calculation to determine to assist in how much and when you should pay estimated quarterly taxes, however, it can be a surprise in April if not planned for. The IRS also imposes a penalty for not paying estimated taxes during the year.

This may be the most important discussion to have with your tax professional during your early retirement years - estimating your tax liability and making sure you are covered before the end of

the tax year.

To avoid penalties, estimated taxes (plus any withholding from pension, IRAs or social security) must be at least the smaller of 90% of the current year's tax liability or 100% of the prior year's tax liability. Might be easier to have your tax professional estimate for you every year and be sure you cover that amount. You don't want to wait until the last quarter to pay either, the IRS expects ratably quarterly payments, and will penalize heavy end of the year payments as being late.

Tax Planning: If you are subject to RMD requirements, there is a quick fix for this. You can take your RMD at the end of the year and have the withholding amount plus any additional withholding taken from the distribution to cover any estimated tax shortfall. Unlike regular estimated tax payments, amounts withheld for RMD are treated as paid throughout the year.

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EDUCATION

Aubrey High School Beta Club Competed at National Senior Convention



AUBREY, TX- Members of the Aubrey High School Beta Club competed in June

at the National Senior Convention at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Three individuals and one group finished in the top 10. Brody Cross placed second in the 10th grade social studies, Jonathan Householder was fourth

in 9th grade mathematics and Mark Mayes finished in 6th place in Division II woodworking.

The group of Morgan Place, Hannah Travascio, Lauren Strittmatter, Kathi-mae Dow and Mark Mayes placed ninth in the engineering competition.

The Aubrey Education Foundation Awarded 13 Grants



AUBREY, TX- The Aubrey Education Foundation awarded 13 grants, totaling \$25,997, to Aubrey Independent School District teachers at the district end of year luncheon.

The teacher grants are partly funded by endowments from CoServ Charitable Foundation, Boeing, and Aubrey ISD Employee Giving.

AEF was able to award two more grants than last year with an additional \$2,819. The teacher giving campaign had 42% participation this past school year, an increase of 6% from last year.

"It is hard to put into words the gratitude we have for the community along with the school teachers and administrators and what they do for the Education Foundation," AEF Executive Director Rhonda Brawner said. "We continue to witness great support which increases yearly as the need increases as well. We could not do what we do without them

as well as the great group of volunteers." This year's grants include a potter's wheel for high school art students, green screens for elementary students, mobile makerspaces at both elementary schools, chromebook charging station for the MES 3rd grade team, a floral cooler for floral design classes, five sets of dutch ovens for Outdoor Education classes, and a CNC plasma cutting machine for welding classes.

Brockett 1st grade teacher Britni Smith received two grants: one for an outdoor garden and one for robots that are kindergarten and 1st grade friendly. "I am beyond excited to be the recipient of two grants this year given by the Aubrey Education Foundation," Smith said. "I can't wait to use robotics in my first grade classroom to create an engaging learning environment. First graders will be able to see that robot-

ics is something that they can be successful with. There are several robots that will be accessible for use in STEM challenges as well as enhancing daily tasks in the classroom. This kind of learning would not be possible without the generous financial support by our foundation and community. It means so much to me that they have made my idea real and I will be able to put these materials in the hands of my students."

AEF technology and innovative grants are offered for individual classrooms and/or teams at Aubrey ISD. The innovative teaching grant is available to teachers, librarians and others who assist in delivering quality educational programs to students. The technology grant is available to campus principals, technology staff and Aubrey ISD administration for technology that will enhance educational programs for teachers and students.

The number of grants awarded is determined by the AEF each year. Grants are selected by a committee comprised of administrators and AEF's Program Allocations Committee.

'Two Aubrey ISD Employees...' continued from front page

first principal at Fuller Elementary, which will open its doors for the 2020-21 school year. The transitional plan for Mrs. Abrams' move to her new role and the search for a new principal at Brockett is being implemented.

"It is a significant event in the life of our school district to open a new campus," Dr. Belding said. "There is no one better suited than Mrs. Abrams to lead our new school and establish a heritage of excellence for Fuller Elementary. There will be a lot of work for her to complete this year to ensure a successful opening at Fuller in August of 2020. I know the Brockett Elementary family will miss Mrs. Abrams, and we are actively seeking a new leader for BES to continue its legacy of achievement."

Mrs. Abrams earned her bachelor's degree in interdis-

ciplinary studies from Stephen F. Austin, and her master's degree in educational leadership from SFA.

"It is a great honor to serve as the first leader of Jackie Fuller Elementary and to establish the rich traditions of excellence in AISD's newest communities," Mrs. Abrams said. "It is my personal and professional goal, together with the future staff, families, and students of Fuller Elementary to uphold the family values of Aubrey ISD and create a cultural foundation that will inspire and nurture this new community for many years to come."

Mr. Dobbs is replacing Dusty Wright, who has taken another position at Aubrey ISD. Mr. Dobbs has taught 8th grade English at AMS for the last four years. Prior to Aubrey, he taught for 17 years at two school districts

in Oklahoma.

"We are excited for Mr. Dobbs to take on this new leadership role on Monaco Elementary School," Dr. Belding said. "He has a great deal of experience in elementary and middle school education, and we believe he will serve the students, families and staff very well at MES."

Mr. Dobbs received his bachelor's degree in elementary education and master's degree in school administration both from Southeastern Oklahoma State.

"It is with honor and great enthusiasm that I look forward to serving as the new assistant principal at Monaco Elementary," Mr. Dobbs said. "My goal is to build a positive and nurturing environment for all stakeholders, in order to build on the great success of Monaco Elementary."

Braswell Zone Bash, Back-2-School Extravaganza



DENTON ISD, TX- Braswell Zone Bash is a back to school celebration where kids get to have a blast at a huge celebration before they go back to their school schedules. The PTA's of the surrounding schools in the 380 corridor get together to plan this event full of entertainment, games,

refreshments, and local vendors. While attendees have a fun night, the evening ends up being a good cause as all proceeds go right back to the local Braswell Zone PTA's.

Date/Time: August 9, 2019 6:00P.M.-8:30P.M.

Where: Braswell High School Cost: Wristbands and Tickets sold for games and inflatables, vendors and food trucks have separate cost.

Braswell Zone Bash is in its 11th year and continues to grow in attendance and fun for the 380 community. All proceeds from the evening go directly to the eastern Denton ISD Braswell Zone PTA's

– Braswell High School, Navo and Rodriguez Middle School, and Bell, Cross Oaks, Providence, Paloma Creek, Savannah Elementary and the new Union Park Elementary Schools – to help them with their general activity funds and support their schools.

Braswell Zone Bash Fun for kids while the proceeds go back to the kids. To learn more visit <https://www.braswellzonebash.com/>. For more information on the Braswell Zone Bash, Back-2-School Extravaganza, please contact the district communications office at (940) 369-0050.

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COMMUNITY

United Way of Denton County Hosts Sold Out Golf Tournament

Denton County's longest running charity golf event tees up for 29th year led by local dealerships.



DENTON COUNTY, TX – Golfers were eager to hit the golf course on Monday for the anticipated 29th Annual People Helping People Golf Tournament after a week-long rain delay. Denton County's longest-running charity golf event reach new heights raising \$62,377 to support United Way of Denton County (UWDC) and their mission to improve and trans-

form lives in Denton County. The event's original date had to be postponed due to unfavorable playing conditions. The wait proved to be worth it as golfers crowded the Denton Country Club ready to enjoy Monday's perfect eighty-degree weather to golf united. "We're seeing people out here golfing for a great cause and helping us improve and

transform lives across Denton County," said United Way of Denton County President & CEO Gary Henderson. "We just want to say thank you to our sponsors, our golfers, and our volunteers who helped make today possible. Golfers received their choice of complimentary hats or visors and enjoyed lunch sponsored by First United Bank. With golf

clubs in hand, teams took off on golf carts and quickly filled DCC's 18-hole golf field. Golfers were able to participate in on-course contests like firing a tee shot from an Air Cannon courtesy of Cima Solutions Group, competing at the betting hole, the Groggy Dog Speed Hole, and the Longest Drive courtesy of PointBank. Participants closed the day with Metzlers BBQ at the 19th Hole Celebration where tour-

namment and contest winners were announced. The first-place winners were the First United Bank team of Jay Ross, John Rollins, Brock McKnight, and Nathan Tune (pictured). The Merki & Associates team (Michael Foster, Matt Wood, Chris Perry, and Matt Koos) scored the second-tier winner spot and the team from Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County (Kristen Howell, James Beers,

Latoya Lowery, and Bennett Ratliff) nabbed third tier winners. Started in 1991, the People Helping People Golf Tournament has had continual support from area dealerships like James Wood and Bill Utter Ford along with many surrounding businesses. The tournament is one of only two outside events held at the exclusive, members-only Denton Country Club in Argyle, Texas.

'From the Desk...' continued from front page

parking spaces in a new parking garage as well as easy access to the DCTA train station and commuter buses.

Regional Road and Bridge Updates

FM 720 North - The contractor continues to place reinforced concrete pipe on southbound lanes and place concrete paving on northbound lanes out to U.S. 380 with roadway excavation and barricades. On southbound lanes, lime and asphalt application are the main activities with drainage the focus on southbound lanes. No traffic changes are expected. The project is on track for March 2020 completion.

U.S. 380 East - (Loop 288 to U.S. 377) The 95% plans will be provided along with the -050 CSJ submittal at the end of July/first of August 2019. (U.S. 377 to county line) The consultant continues to work on the 95 percent plans. Estimated timeline for submittal is end of July/first of August 2019.

U.S. 377 North - TNP submitted 30% schematic to TxDOT for review on June 28, 2019.

U.S. 380 Feasibility Study - Following public meetings in January, a second public meeting is tentatively scheduled for September.

FM 1385 - Work authorization for schematic and environmental documentation is in process. Anticipate execution of work authorization before end of July 2019.

FM 2931 - Work authorization for schematic and environmental documentation has been executed. Pending survey and SUE files, expected October and November respectively.

FM 455 - From west of FM 2450 to east of Marion Road, TxDOT indicated that the 30% submittal was 60% level. The contractor is addressing 30% (60% level) comments received

from TxDOT and continues to work on plans for commencement of utility relocation coordination.

FM 455 at I-35 - Work toward the 60 percent plans adequate for commencement of utility relocation coordination. Environmental clearance is projected for October 2019.

I-35 North - Environmental approval is anticipated in October 2019 for the estimated \$757.7 million project from U.S. 380 to .7 miles north of FM 3002.

I-35/35E/35W Merge - Survey on the \$242 million project is on schedule for late August 2019. I-35E/Loop 288/Brinker/Mayhill - Retaining wall, entrance ramp on northbound main lanes an asphalt paving of southbound main lanes are expected this month.

Union Hill/ FM 455/ FM 2164 Realignment Project - This project has been completed.

County Road and Bridge Updates

Arvin Hill Road Project U.S. 377 to Red Mesa - Bid awarded December 18, 2018. Utility relocation estimated to be completed June 2019.

U.S. 377/Stewart/Arvin Hill Intersection Improvements - TxDOT is reviewing 60 percent plans for the intersection improvements. The county is revisiting signalization with TxDOT. TxDOT has approved an access permit for the realignment of Arvin Hill. Utility relocations are underway.

Sam Bass Road Project - FM 455 North of Nance Road - Bid documents are being created. Utility relocation coordination ongoing.

Pecan Valley Road Culvert Replacement - Design plans at 95%. **Hackberry Creek Park Road Project** - Preliminary design plans have been submitted to County. **Lois Road West Culvert**

Replacement - Survey and Engineering study ongoing.

Mayhill Road - From north of Quail Creek Road to U.S. 380, phase 2 construction is underway. North of McKinney Street: Relocation of water and sewer lines, installing drainage pipe, construction of box culverts, drill shafts for Cooper Creek bridge and earthwork. Moving traffic onto new pavement at U.S. 380/Cooper Creek. South of McKinney Street: Excavation, constructing inlets, box culvert, relocating water lines and installing fire hydrants.

Dallas North Tollway, Extension 4B - Engineers are working on 95 percent plans. Anticipate submittal of plans in August 2019. Construction is expected to begin in first quarter 2020 and be finished by first quarter 2022.

Lake Sharon Extension - Contractor continues to finish remaining utility work. The culvert crossing is complete. All major storm drain boxes have been laid. Contractor is in negotiations with other sub-contractors to perform some or all of the remaining work on the project.

Shady Shores Road - TxDOT is working to draft funding agreement. County has drafted ICA agreements with Lake Dallas and Shady Shores to fund engineering. Agreements have been transmitted to city and town for council consideration. Lake Dallas has executed ICA; agreement to be placed on commissioners court agenda for consideration.

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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Frisco, Texas
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www.aubreyfumc.com

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409-543-8444
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www.bmunmc.org, 972-292-1465

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3121 FM 2931
church.netministries.org/ch30630

New Leaf Church at Children's Lighthouse
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www.newleafnow.org

Oak Grove United Methodist
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www.covenantcrossroads.org

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Faith Assembly Church
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Frisco, 75034
Frs.GatewayPeople.com
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gracevillagechurch.org

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

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The Summit Church
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Relate Church
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Cross Roads, Tx. 76227
www.relatechurch.com

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Aubrey, Texas 76227
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940-343-5377

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www.ridinforthibrand.org
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www.savannahlifechurch.com

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6071 New Hope Road
Krugerville, TX 76227
214-453-0218
www.unitydenton.com

Tabernacle Church
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Prosper Texas 75087
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Denton, TX 76201

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Seventh-day Adventist
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Fiscal Notes: Motor Fuels Taxes in a Changing Texas Transportation Scene



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AUSTIN, TX - In the June/July edition of Fiscal Notes, released today, the Comptroller's office examines the state of transportation funding in Texas and some methods other states are using and considering to raise revenue for surface transportation. Miles driven in Texas have increased significantly over the past decade, and the stress on the state's roads has never been greater.

"Our aging infrastruc-

ture needs more maintenance and new expansion if we're going to maintain the robust growth of this state," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "The state needs to stay informed about how the tax system is used across the country to help pay for roads and road maintenance, because in Texas a failing road and highway system is not acceptable."

This issue also takes a look at equity crowdfunding, in which companies seeking capital can sell small equity stakes for equally small contributions, without many of the requirements involved in traditional accredited investing in stocks and

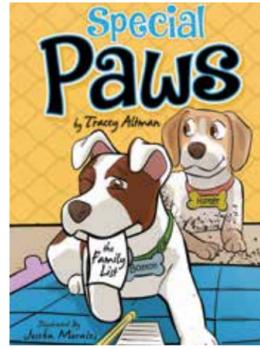
bonds. Thirty-three other states allow this form of crowdfunding; since Texas adopted it in 2014, the state's businesses have raised about \$2.5 million in this way.

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SPECIAL PAWS: The Family List

Tracey Kusinitz Altman



When I turned 50, my son wanted a dog. I had never had a dog in childhood or adulthood. So, a good friend came over and helped Zachary and I write a list of what we wanted in a dog. She told us about shelters and we had to go. We took that list to a shelter and found Boston. We fell in love instantly. A year after that, we found Harper at a dog park. She was with her foster family. One thing led to another, and she

joined our family. #puppylove My heart has been changed forever (and dog people know what I mean). Understanding the shelter system and fostering put me on a passion path to support them. First, I gave money, then I attended events and in the beginning of 2019, I started volunteering at the SPCA in McKinney, Texas. It is a miracle I haven't taken home 20 dogs yet! #thoseeyes #ears #wigglesbutts

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life for individuals who live, work, and play here – but also that this model can be adopted to improve lives across the nation."

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