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# Collin County



## PLANO City offices, facilities to close today, Saturday

Several city offices and facilities will be closed Friday and Saturday for the Fourth of July holiday.

Friday closures are the Day Labor Center, the Environmental Education Center, the Interurban Railway Museum, the Parks and Recreation offices, libraries and city hall.

Saturday closures are the Plano Animal Shelter, Carpenter Park Recreation Center, the Day Labor Center, the Environmental Education Center, the Household Chemical Reuse Center, the Interurban Railway Museum, the NTMWD transfer station, libraries, the Plano Senior Recreation Center and the Texas Pure Products Regional Composting Site and Custer Road Facility.

Pecan Hollow Golf Course, Rowlinson Natatorium, Plano Aquatic Center, Oak Point Recreation Center, Liberty Recreation Center and Tom Muehlenbeck Recreation Center will be open on Saturday.

For more information, visit [plano.gov](http://plano.gov).

Meredith Shamburger

## WYLIE Woman who fell to death at Royal Gorge identified

CANON CITY, Colo. — Authorities have released the name of a Wylie woman who fell about 400 feet to her



For complete community coverage, visit [neighborsgo.com](http://neighborsgo.com) and look for it in your Friday edition of *The Dallas Morning News*.

death at the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park in southern Colorado.

The Fremont County coroner's office identified the woman Thursday as 45-year-old Denise McLean. Her death has been ruled an accident.

The *Canon City Daily Record* reported that McLean was last seen alive at an observation point on the north side of the Royal Gorge on Monday evening. Her body was recovered from a cliff face below the observation point Tuesday morning.

Coroner Randy Keller said McLean was standing on rocks next to the gorge and either fell or slipped.

*The Associated Press*

## City Hall, library closed today, Saturday for 4th

City Hall and the Smith Public Library will be closed Friday and Saturday because of the Fourth of July.

The Recreation Center and Senior Recreation Center will be open during regular hours Friday and will close Saturday.

For more information, visit [wylie.texas.gov](http://wylie.texas.gov).

Meredith Shamburger



Michael Reaves/Staff Photographer

## There she is, Ultimate PEARL Supreme

Amari Simmons, chosen Ultimate PEARL Supreme, walked the stage after she was crowned at the Miss Inner-Beauty Pageant at the Plano Courtyard Theater in Plano recently. Education and etiquette are stressed.

## HOLIDAY EVENTS

### ALLEN

**Cottonwood Creek's 4th at the Creek:** Bring your family for an evening of tailgating, live music, fishing, water slides and bounce houses. The fireworks show will be put on by McKinney's Red, White, and Boom! 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday at Cottonwood Creek, 1015 Sam Rayburn Tollway. [cottonwoodcreek.org](http://cottonwoodcreek.org).

### FRISCO

**Frisco Freedom Fest:** Enjoy a community stage, children's expo, hometown heroes exhibit, Taste of Frisco and fireworks. Fireworks will be launched from Toyota Stadium after the MLS game between FC Dallas and the New England Revolution, which kicks off at 8 p.m. 4 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday at Frisco Square. [friscofreedomfest.org](http://friscofreedomfest.org).

### MURPHY

**Fourth of July Celebration and Patriotic Pooch Parade:** Grand Marshal Ellie Bear will lead the Patriotic Pooch Parade at 10 a.m. Other events include an old-fashioned ice cream social with ice cream from Henry's Homemade Ice Cream. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Murphy City Hall, 206 N. Murphy Road. [collincountyfarmersmarket.org](http://collincountyfarmersmarket.org)

# Rockwall County



## ROCKWALL

### San Jacinto Music series on tap tonight, Saturday

The San Jacinto Music series runs 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights through September at the pedestrian plaza in the 100 block of San Jacinto Street.

Water Sign will perform Friday and Drink Up! will perform Saturday. Attendees can bring chairs, food and beverages.

For information, visit [rockwall.com/mainstreet/events.asp](http://rockwall.com/mainstreet/events.asp).

Liz Farmer



Mike Stone/Special Contributor

## Feeling free

Ashley Rodriguez, 10, leaped over a rotating arm on one of the attractions at Lakeshore Church's 13th annual Freedom Fest in Rockwall on Sunday. The event included games, music and fireworks.

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fireworks display synchronized to music. Live music kicks off the event with Bad Moon Rising and then Escape. The best areas to view the fireworks are from Harry Myers Park, 815 E.

Washington St.; Dobbs Elementary, 101 S. Clark St.; and Tuttle Athletic Complex, Airport Road at John King Boulevard. Free. 5 p.m. to dusk Saturday at Harry Myers Park, 815 E. Washington St.

## ROCKWALL

**July 4th Fireworks Show & Live Music:** The free event for all ages will feature an old-fashioned Independence Day

# Tarrant County



## ARLINGTON

### Six Flags Over Texas hosting military ceremony

Six Flags Over Texas will honor five U.S. military members and their families at a ceremony Friday night and donate \$5,000 to Operation Homefront.

The ceremony, which includes the swearing-in of 20 Air Force cadets, kicks off a weekend of Independence Day events at the Arlington theme park. Other events include nightly fireworks and laser shows.

Operation Homefront assists military families and has spent about \$175 million on programs since its inception in 2002.

Jeff Mosier

## FORT WORTH

### Friday Night Drags plans fireworks, fast cars

Texas Motor Speedway will celebrate the Fourth of July weekend during the third week of Friday

Night Drags.

Try your skills on the 1/8-mile drag strip for \$20. Gates open and inspection for the race begins at 6 p.m.; the race starts at 9 p.m. A fireworks display will begin around 10:15 p.m. at 3545 Lone Star Circle.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Any active or retired military members or law enforcement officers with a valid ID will receive free grandstand admission for themselves and up to three guests.

For more information, visit [texasmotorspeedway.com](http://texasmotorspeedway.com).

Daniil Eliseev

## GRAPEVINE

### Camp SOAR helps those with disabilities

First Presbyterian Church will host Camp SOAR (Special Opportunities Are Rewarding) for four one-week sessions on Monday, July 13, Aug. 3 and Aug. 10.

The half-day camps are offered from 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. They include outdoor activities, games, crafts and snacks. The July 13 camp is an outing event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The cost is \$350. For more in-

## HOLIDAY EVENTS

### ARLINGTON

**Light up Arlington:** The annual hometown Independence Day celebration includes a Kids Zone with train rides, inflatables, face painting, food trucks; performances on the Boomtown Kids stage; and music on the Levitt Concert Stage and fireworks. The Arlington Police Department Color Guard will present the flag, and Jackie Minton will sing the national anthem. Brad Thompson will perform at 7:30 p.m., followed by Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Bluegrass Band at 8:45 p.m. and fireworks at 9:45 p.m. Admission is free. 6 to 10:30 p.m. Friday at Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts, 100 W. Abram St. [lightuparlington.com](http://lightuparlington.com).

**Fourth of July Parade:** The two-mile parade celebrates its 50th year and features floats, dancers, the Arlington Community Band, cheerleaders and more. It kicks off at Mitchell and Pecan streets. Organizers recommend taking a lightweight folding chair and an umbrella for shade and arriving early to find a spot along the parade route. 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Arlington City Hall, 101 W. Abram St. [arlington4th.org](http://arlington4th.org)

formation, call 817-349-6948 or email [Desiree@noackconsulting.com](mailto:Desiree@noackconsulting.com).

Deborah Fleck

## AREA

### Flooding could spread zebra mussel problems

Experts fear that recent floods and subsequent lake water releases could spread zebra mussels to spots they had not yet reached.

"The zebra mussels are going to thrive and they're going to thrive in places we don't have them," said Denton County Game Warden Stormy McCuiston.

McCuiston said lakes like Ray Roberts and Lewisville that already have zebra mussels are probably releasing the invasive species downstream.

Experts urge boat owners to continue cleaning, draining and drying boats when removing them from a lake to help prevent the spread to other waterways.

Brian Scott, KXAS-TV (NBC5)

## CORINTH

### Camera catches woman making off with package

Police are asking for help identifying a woman caught stealing from a resident's doorstep.

A private surveillance system on a house in the 2300 block of Oak Bluff Drive captured video of a woman stealing a package left for delivery.

The video shows the woman parking a silver Nissan Juke in the home's driveway, getting out with a flier in hand, walking to the door, grabbing the box and driving off.

Residents told police the package contained about \$200 worth of baby clothes.

Surveillance photos are posted on the Police Department's Facebook page at [on.fb.me/IGOKHw6](http://on.fb.me/IGOKHw6). Anyone with information is asked to call the Corinth police at 940-279-1504 or Denton County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-388-8477.

Brian Scott, KXAS-TV (NBC5)

## DENTON

### Exit 79 Band to perform concert at Robson Ranch

Members of the Exit 79 Band have scheduled a concert at 7 p.m. Friday at Robson Ranch to benefit Support Our Troops.

The volunteer organization ships monthly care packages to troops overseas, corresponds with active-duty military personnel, helps other nonprofit organizations and promotes community spirit, according to Jim Lafferty, one of the band's founders.

The concert will feature rock music from the 1960s and '70s, and attendees can purchase T-shirts or other items to benefit Support Our Troops.

Attendees should bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating and may bring a cooler with refreshments. Barbecue and drinks will be available from the Wildhorse Grill stand.

Robson Ranch is at 9501 Ed Robson Blvd. and can be reached by taking Exit 79 off Interstate 35W.

Les Cockrell, Denton Record-Chronicle

## HOLIDAY EVENTS

### CASTLE HILLS

**Castle Hills Fourth of July Freedom Festival:** Features live music from The JR Byrd Band and free family activities such as Euro bungee, water slide, climbing ladder, carnival games, face painting, hat-making and free arts and crafts. Bring blankets and chairs to watch fireworks over Lake Avalon. 5 p.m., with fireworks at about 9:30, Saturday at Castle Hills Village Shops, 2560 King Arthur Blvd. at Lady of the Lake in the Castle Hills. 972-410-6587 or visit [castlehillsvillageshops.com/events](http://castlehillsvillageshops.com/events)

### COPPER CANYON

**Copper Canyon 4th of July Parade:** There will be hot dogs and drinks in front of Town Hall after the parade. Free. 10 a.m. Saturday at Copper Canyon Town Hall, 400 Woodland Drive. 940-241-1455 and [coppercanyon-tx.org](http://coppercanyon-tx.org)

### DOUBLE OAK

**Parade and Picnic:** The event includes food and live music at the John B. Wright Memorial Park after the parade. Free. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Double Oak Town Hall, 320 Waketon Road. [dovfd.org/july\\_4th](http://dovfd.org/july_4th)