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Collin County



FRISCO

Citizens academy, CERT classes offered

Applications are being accepted for the Frisco Fire Department's Citizens Fire Academy and Community Emergency Response Team. Classes for both groups start in March.

The Citizens Fire Academy offers an inside look at the Fire Department, including personnel, gear, and medical and emergency operations. Classes meet Thursday evenings. The Community Emergency Response Team trains people to be better prepared to support first responders in an emergency. Classes are Monday evenings.

Both programs are free. Learn more at friscotexas.gov.

Valerie Wigglesworth

MCKINNEY

Bridal show to feature exhibitors, fashions

More than 40 exhibitors will be part of the McKinney Bridal Show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 16 at the Collin County Courthouse, 111 N. Tennessee St.

LeAnn's Bridal will present fashion shows at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Admission is \$5. To learn more, go to mckinneybridalshow.com or contact the McKinney Performing Arts Center at 972-547-2650.

Tommy Cummings

PLANO

Mavs guard Matthews to sign autographs

Dallas Mavericks guard Wesley Matthews will meet fans at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Academy Sports and Outdoors, 3305 Dallas Parkway.

Autographs are free but limited, so fans are encouraged to be at the store early.

To learn more, visit mavs.com/academy.

Tommy Cummings

WYLIE

'Downton Abbey' inspires program

Learn about the inspiration behind the creation of Cora on *Downton Abbey* on Jan. 14.

Jann Mackey will discuss "To Marry an English Lord," which will focus on American heiresses who inspired the character. Mackey is a graduate of SMU and the University of Texas at Dallas. She received a fellowship to study British country houses in 2006.

The presentation will be at 6:30 p.m. at Smith Public Library, 300 Country Club Road, Building 300.

Admission is free but registration is required; call 972-516-6250, option 3.

Dawn M. Burkes



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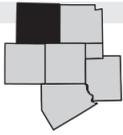
Landry Jones, 9, played limbo on the ice during the New Year's Eve Family Fun Festival at Dr Pepper Arena in Frisco on Thursday.

Shannon Manchesi skated with her 3-year-old daughter, Lilly, during the celebration.



Gliding into the new year

Denton County



DENTON

New Year's Formal scheduled for tonight

Spiderweb Salon's third annual New Year's Formal will be Saturday at Dan's Silverleaf, 103 Industrial St.

Festivities will include art, music, poetry, storytelling and performances and more from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will also be resolution writing and a free zine for attendees.

ees.

Bird Meets Winter and Friday Mean will provide the music. Cover is \$5. Learn more at danssilverleaf.com.

Denton Record-Chronicle

LAKE DALLAS

Mathews drops lawsuit to reclaim council seat

City Council member Julie

Mathews dropped her lawsuit against the city on Dec. 21, nearly six months after she filed it in the 393rd Judicial District Court of Denton County.

It essentially ended her lawsuit to reclaim her council seat.

Now the council's original decision to remove her from the Place 1 seat takes effect, according to C. Jane Thacker, a Denton-based attorney who represented the city, Mayor Mike McCaleb, former

Mayor Tony Marino and council members April Estrada, Steve Forgey Sr. and Andi Nolan.

City Secretary Joni Vaughn said city leaders haven't had a chance to discuss when to hold the special election to fill Mathews' vacant seat.

The city has 120 days to hold the election, according to its charter.

Christian McPhate, Denton Record-Chronicle

Rockwall County



HEATH

City honors its employees of the year

Top employees were recently honored by the city for their service in 2015.

Jeff McKenzie was named Employee of the Year. McKenzie is the city's construction inspector.

Other plaques went to employees of the year for departments: Tara Plexico, administrative services; John Langstaff, public works; and Officer Brandon Seery, public safety.

Dawn M. Burkes

ROCKWALL

Christmas tree drop-off site available for residents

Residents can dispose of live Christmas trees through Jan. 11.

Ornaments, lights and stands must be removed before dropping off the trees at Tuttle Sports Complex, 1550 Airport Road. Commercial operations cannot use the drop-off.

Dawn M. Burkes

Mayor hosts open office hours on Mondays

Mayor Jim Pruitt has open office hours on Mondays from noon to 4 p.m.

Hours will be held at Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad St., a block south of the downtown square.

Contact the mayor at jimpruitt@rockwall.com or at 469-698-8550.

Dawn M. Burkes

ROCKWALL ISD

School board trustees to meet Wednesday

The Board of Trustees will have a work session on Wednesday.

Board members will meet in executive session from 4 to 5:30. The public session will begin at 6 and include training in policy development and the policy manual.

Read the agenda at rockwallisd.com.

Dawn M. Burkes

Tarrant County



AREA

Winter Restaurant Week will run Jan. 11-17

The inaugural Winter Restaurant Week will feature 22 restaurants that will offer three-course *prix fixe* dinners for \$29, \$39 and \$49 per person. Several restaurants will extend the special menus for a week or two.

The event encourages foodies to dine out for a cause: Each participating establishment will donate \$5, \$6 or \$7 per meal to one of three local charities selected by the restaurant. The charities are the Fort Worth Dream Park (dreamparkfw.org), Grace Grapevine (gracegrapevine.org) and the Tarrant Area Food Bank (tafb.org).

The restaurants are in Fort Worth, Grapevine, Colleyville, Southlake, Watauga, Arlington and Roanoke. Learn more at winterfw.com.

Deborah Fleck

ARLINGTON

Benghazi movie to have screening at stadium

Leave it to filmmaker Michael Bay to take full advantage of a humongous screen by hosting the red-carpet world premiere of *13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi* (R) on Jan. 12 at AT&T Stadium.



Photos by Louis DeLuca/Staff Photographer



Fort Worth rings in 2016

Fireworks, as seen from outside Bass Performance Hall in Fort Worth, helped ring in 2016 during the New Year's celebration in Sundance Square.

A large crowd gathered Thursday night at Sundance Square Plaza for the New Year's countdown.

Admission is free, and so is the parking. Doors open at 5:30.

While supplies last, tickets are available at thirteenhours.com.

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This isn't the first movie to be shown at the stadium — the thumbs-up Epix documentary *Forgotten Four: The Integration of Pro Football* screened there.

Bay, the movie's stars and some of

the real-life heroes will walk the red carpet. Patriotic rock band Madison Rising and Chris Cornell will perform.

The movie will screen at 8 p.m. at the stadium, 1 AT&T Way, Arlington.