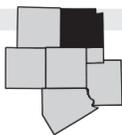


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Collin County



ALLEN

Chamber lunch set for new and prospective members

The Allen Fairview Chamber of Commerce will host Chamber 101, a free orientation lunch for new and prospective members at noon Friday.

The lunch will be at the chamber offices, 210 W. McDermott Drive. Reserve a spot at allenchamber.com.

For more information, call 972-727-5585.

Eden Stiffman

ANNA

Public meeting to discuss State Highway 5 project

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting July 15 to discuss proposed improvements to State Highway 5 from State Highway 121 to County Road 375 in Melissa, Anna and Van Alstyne.

The meeting will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Anna Middle School, 1201 North Powell Parkway.

The proposed project would widen Highway 5 from a two-lane, undivided rural roadway to a four-lane divided urban roadway with a raised central median (with ultimately a six-lane configuration from Highway 121 to FM455 in Anna) for about 9 miles. The proposed roadway would include 12-foot and 5- to 6-foot wide sidewalks in each direction.

Maps of proposed project and design drawings will be available at the meeting.

Wire reports

FRISCO

City taking applications for boards, commissions

Applications are being accepted for open seats on the city's boards and commissions.

The positions are appointed by the City Council after a review of all applicants. Those interested in applying must have lived in Frisco for at least one year and be a registered voter.

The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. July 31. For an application and a list of vacancies, go to tinyurl.com/n7lpgmx.

Valerie Wigglesworth



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Fun for all at Bluegrass on Ballard

Above: Brian Prestemon (right) shakes hands with a friend while his dog Rascal balances on his shoulders at Saturday's Bluegrass on Ballard in Wylie. The annual free musical festival also featured a car show, a chili cook-off and arts and crafts.

Right: Savannah Spahr of Allen giggled after her horse neighed at the festival.



PLANO

Free 'Toy Story' screening set for Tuesday at library

Toy Story (G, 81 mins.) will screen Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. at Haggard Library.

The free movie is part of a weekly Disney and Pixar quote-along series. The library is at 2501 Coit Road. Doors open at 7.

For more information, call 972-769-4250 or go to planolibrary.org.

Dawn M. Burkes

PROSPER

Preston Road to open northbound lanes Tuesday

Preston Road's northbound lanes will be open to traffic at the Frontier Parkway intersection on Tuesday. Until the Celina construction is com-

pleted, only two of four lanes will be open north of Prosper Trail. Meanwhile, southbound lanes will be confined to a single lane until July 14, once striping and directional arrows are completed.

Landscaping of the medians, the final portion of the Preston Road project, will begin early next year.

Sara Cagle

Denton County



FLOWER MOUND

972-219-3401.

Daniel Houston

Kids can build 'worm lab' at library to take home

Local teacher Nancy Ruder will run a program on worms for kids from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Flower Mound Public Library, 3030 Broadmoor Lane.

Kids can make a worm laboratory to take home as part of the program.

The event is aimed at kids 5 and older. Parents should accompany children younger than 10.

To learn more, call the library at 972-874-6167.

Daniel Houston

LEWISVILLE

Mullets adorn Tuesday's 'Sounds' performers

Pop band the Mullet Boyz will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday as part of the Sounds of Lewisville concert series at MCL Grand Theater, 100 N. Charles St.

The free series will run weekly through July 29.

To learn more, visit soundsoflewisville.com or call

THE COLONY

Summer film series features 'The Nut Job'

The Parks and Recreation Department will hold a free showing of *The Nut Job* from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday.

Doors open at noon at The Colony Recreation Center, 5151 N. Colony Blvd. Concessions will be available for purchase.

To learn more, call the department at 972-625-1106.

Daniel Houston

Concert series to feature Jonathan Fox

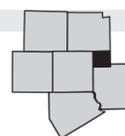
Country/Southern rock artist Jonathan Fox will perform from 8 to 10 p.m. Friday as part of the Sunset Concert Series.

Parking is free starting 30 minutes before the performance at Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road.

To learn more, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.

Daniel Houston

Rockwall County



AREA

Commissioners to discuss agreements with Royse City

County agreements with Royse City for dispatch services and septic system inspections will be discussed when commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Commissioners will also discuss the county's Child Protective Services Board and be updated on the 2014-15 budget process. Dozens of annual maintenance agreements, totaling \$524,000, are also on the agenda.

The meeting will be at the county's Historic Courthouse, 101 E. Rusk St. in Rockwall.

Ray Leszczynski

ROCKWALL

Breakfast Rotary Club to discuss Honor Flight

The Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club will meet at 7 a.m. Tuesday at Rotary Hall, 408 S. Goliad St.

Paul Schwartz will discuss Honor Flight, a nonprofit that provides veterans with transportation to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials built in their honor.

For more information, visit rockwallbreakfastrotary.com.

Liz Farmer

Council to consider land use near airport

Design guidelines and land use for an airport overlay district will be considered at the regular meeting of the Rockwall City Council at 6 p.m. Monday.

An ordinance to prohibit swimming in ponds and lakes at city parks is also on the agenda. An update on playground surfacing will be included in the 4 p.m. work session.

The council will meet at City Hall, 385 S. Goliad St.

Ray Leszczynski

ROCKWALL ISD

District names director of fine arts for 2014-15

District officials recently named Chris Kosterman the district director of fine arts. The former Rockwall High School band director will fill the new position this coming school year.

Kosterman will oversee and help organize fine arts programs, much like the athletic director does for sports.

Liz Farmer

Tarrant County



LAKE WORTH

Drowning victim is Oklahoma City man

The Tarrant County medical examiner has identified the man who drowned Saturday afternoon at Lake Worth as Melchor Martinez, 38, of Oklahoma City. Martinez was with his family when he disappeared in the water, according to the Fort Worth Fire Department.

Crews later found his body about 30 feet offshore, in 6 to 7 feet of water.

His cause of death is pending.

Julie Fancher

Kaufman County



AREA

Commissioners look at vehicle policy

Kaufman County's vehicle policy will be discussed when commissioners meet in special session at 9:30 a.m. Monday.

The county's electricity use will also be discussed. According to records, Kaufman County spent \$429,000 on electricity in 2013, about \$30,000 less than each of the two previous years.

The meeting will be at the Kaufman County Courthouse Annex, 100 N. Washington St. in Kaufman.

Ray Leszczynski