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Collin County



A very merry day in Wylie

Wylie Arts Festival was held Saturday at the First Baptist Church Events Center and Olde City Park. Right: Lisa Wharton of Hillbilly Kettle Korn served two young customers during the daylong event. Below: Singer Rob Hunter entertained shoppers as Santa and Mrs. Claus waited for children to visit. Attractions included the wares of more than 100 arts and crafts vendors, a petting zoo and pony rides.



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Tarrant County



ARLINGTON

Police seeking tips after 1 teen fatally shot, 1 injured

Police are asking for tips after a drive-by shooting killed one teen and injured another Wednesday night. The shooting happened about 7:15 p.m. when three male teens were sitting in a car that was blocking a lane in the 1000 block of Tabasco Trail. Another car behind the idling car honked and pulled up next to the teens, police spokeswoman Tiana Richard said. She said the occupants of the two cars exchanged words, and someone from the passing car fired shots into the idling car. Two teens were shot, and one died shortly after he was taken to the Medical Center of Arlington. His name was not released. Anyone with information about the incident can call detectives at 817-459-5373, or Crime Stoppers at 817-469-8477. A \$1,000 reward is being offered for information that leads to an arrest.

Naheed Rajwani

City launches website to gather resident feedback

A new website launched this week to provide residents the chance to give city officials feedback. Speak Up Arlington lets residents ask questions and post suggestions. City staff can post responses. "As a city government, not only do we get to see what residents are thinking, but it also gives us a chance to prioritize the feedback," said manager of marketing and communications Jay Warren. To sign up to use the site, go to speakuparlington.com.

Tasha Tsiaperas

FORT WORTH

Council member honored for transportation work

The Texas Department of Transportation on Thursday honored Fort Worth City Council member Jungus Jordan for his work on transportation projects, including the new Chisholm Trail Parkway toll road. TxDOT gave Jordan its "Road Hand" award, presented to people who push for new transportation projects and ways to finance them. Jordan was honored at a Regional Transportation Council meeting in Arlington. Jordan is a member of that board, which sets regional policies and divides up federal and state funds for area projects.

Brandon Formby

Charity race to help feed FWISD students

Texas Motor Speedway will host L.T.'s Game-Changing Run on Friday. LaDainian Tomlinson, a former NFL running back and Texas Christian University alumnus, will lead off the race at 6 p.m. How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG, 2000, 105 minutes) will be screened on the video board about 8:15 after the race. The charity run raises money to provide meals during winter break to Fort Worth ISD students who rely on school meals. Registration is \$25 for the 5K and \$10 for the Reindeer Dash. Entry fee includes a T-shirt and admission to the movie. Admission to the movie only is \$20 per carload. Register at covtownmarathon.org or at the speedway beginning at 6 p.m.

Holly Ann Rusak

FRISCO

Monday is deadline for Chamber awards

The deadline to submit nominations for the Frisco Chamber of Commerce's 31st annual Awards Celebration is Monday. The awards will be presented at the ceremony on Jan. 16 at the Embassy Suites Dallas-Frisco Hotel. Categories include business of the year, entrepreneur of the year, citizen of the year, senior citizen of the year, developer of the year and the Spirit of Frisco award. For a complete list of

categories and information on how to make a nomination, go to friscochamber.com.

Valerie Wigglesworth

MCKINNEY

City's annual parade set for town square Saturday

The 15th annual Christmas Parade of Lights will start at 6:30 p.m. Saturday on the town square. Special guests include grand marshal Burton Gilliam, who starred in *Blazing Saddles* and *Paper Moon*. Santa Claus will also visit during the

parade. Learn more at mckinneyparadeoflights.com.

Dawn M. Burkes

PLANO

Collin Creek Mall to host weekend blood drive

Collin Creek Mall will host a two-day blood drive this weekend. Carter BloodCare will be at the mall in the Sears parking lot from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Donors may walk in, but officials urge people to make an appointment

by calling 817-412-5371. For more information on donor eligibility, visit carterbloodcare.org.

Meredith Shamburger

Library film series to screen 'Home Alone'

The Quote-Along film series continues with a screening of *Home Alone* (1990, PG, 103 minutes) on Monday. The film will be shown at 7 p.m. at Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Road. Admission is free. Find a schedule at plano.library.org.

Dawn M. Burkes

Denton County



DENTON

Over 1,000 to graduate at TWU commencement

More than a thousand Texas Woman's University students will graduate this weekend. About 1,161 students from the Denton and Dallas campuses will graduate in the Kitty Magee Arena in Pioneer Hall in four ceremonies. At 10 a.m. Friday, students from the Department of Family Sciences and College of Arts and Sciences (except those in the general studies program and School of Management) will receive their diplomas. At 2 p.m., students from the School of Management and general studies program will graduate. On Saturday, students from the College of Health Sciences will graduate at 10 a.m. and those in the College of Nursing and College of Professional Education (except the Department of Family Sciences) will walk the stage at 2 p.m. Students and family members must have tickets to attend the ceremonies.

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United Methodist Women set fundraising event

Members of United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church of Denton will hold a fundraiser offering Christmas baked goods and a country store on Saturday. The sale will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Miller Center at the church, 201 S. Locust St.

Shoppers will find cookies, pies, cakes, breads, peanut brittle and other homemade candy. There will also be pecans, jellies, crafts and used Christmas decorations.

All proceeds will support global and local missions including Denton City County Day Nursery, Friends of the Family and Giving Hope Inc.

Les Cockrell, Denton Record-Chronicle

Library to host seminar on business networking

The North Branch Library will host two sessions on Saturday of a free seminar on how to use networking to help a business grow. A life coach and sales trainer will

lead the sessions, which will be offered at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Participants will learn strategies and tools to increase referrals and sales.

Tips on how to walk confidently into networking meetings and social events, how to develop trusting relationships and how to introduce a business by creating comfortable conversation will be offered.

The library is at 3020 N. Locust St.

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LAKE RAY ROBERTS

Park plans trout derby with a holiday theme Saturday

A trout derby with a holiday theme and an introductory bird-watching program are set for Saturday at the Johnson Branch Unit of Ray Roberts Lake State Park. The trout derby will be from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the fishing pond. Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories, and there will be a casting contest. A bird-watching program will cover binoculars, field guides and

offer tips about what to do in the field. It runs 2-3:30 p.m. in pavilion one. A short bird-watching hike will close out the instruction. Participants are invited to bring their binoculars and field guides, although some will be available. Arts and crafts projects with a bird theme will follow the program. Park admission is \$7 for those 13 and older. Staff members recommend that all visitors bring water and sun protection. For more information about Johnson Branch events, call 940-637-2636.

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