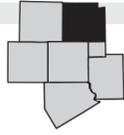


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Collin County



Colt Graham, 2, of Wylie tried out one of the cars after registering. Kids ages 2 to 5 raced on a 500-inch stretch of Ballard Avenue.



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Pedal power in Wylie

The first group of 4- and 5-year-old racers lined up at the start of downtown Wylie's 11th annual 500 Pedal Car Race on Sunday. The event raises funds for Wylie-area Special Olympics programs.

FRISCO ISD

Free series for parents to focus on drug prevention

A free panel discussion called "Drug Prevention: What's Effective and What's Not" will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the district's Administration Building, 5515 Ohio Drive.

The event is part of the district's parenting series.

The discussion will focus on drug trends at the local, state and national levels as well as general information about drug use, abuse and treatment. Panelists will include an agent from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, a Frisco school resource officer and representatives from a drug treatment facility, Serenity High School, and a drug testing company.

Learn more about the event and register at friscoisd.org.

Valerie Wigglesworth

MCKINNEY

Imagine Academy students win national contest

Three students from Imagine International Academy of North Texas have placed in the Imagine Schools National Character Essay Contest.

Sophie Houshmand earned first in grade 5; Aurea Coral earned honorable mention in grade 7; and McKaylee Smith earned second place in the high school category.

Sophie and McKaylee won certificates and books about character and virtue. McKaylee also won a trophy.

For more information on the school, visit imaginenorthtexas.org.

Charles Scudder



For complete community coverage, visit neighborsgo.com and look for it in your Friday edition of *The Dallas Morning News*.

PLANO

Man accused of paying teen boy for sex in park

A Garland man has been indicted on multiple felony charges after Plano police say he paid a teenage boy for sex.

John Charles Morris, 49, faces five counts of sexual assault of a child, four counts of indecency with a child by sexual contact and two counts of compelling prostitution of a child under age 18. He has been held at the Collin County Detention Center since March 4. Bail is set at \$200,000.

According to a probable cause affidavit, a Plano police officer was on patrol on March 4 and stopped at Russell Creek Park, 3500 McDermott Road. He found Morris inside a bathroom stall with a 16-year-old boy having sexual contact, according to the affidavit. Morris initially told the officer he was trying to help a friend who was throwing up.

Morris told police he thought the boy was 18 years old.

During interviews with the teen and Morris, detectives learned that the two had met online. They had met in person for the first time on Feb. 4 and had sex at the same park, the affidavit stated. Morris and the teen both told police that Morris paid the boy \$80 the first time. The boy told police that Morris was

going to give him \$150 to meet three times a week.

Valerie Wigglesworth

Man gets 50 years after impregnating 12-year-old

A Plano man was sentenced Thursday to 50 years in prison without the possibility of parole after being convicted of sexually assaulting a 12-year-old who got pregnant, according to a release by Collin County District Attorney Greg Willis.

Ronal Ordonez-Orosco, 27, was convicted by a jury this week on a charge of continuous sexual abuse of a young child. District Judge James R. Fry assessed the punishment.

Prosecutors say Ordonez-Orosco knew the girl that he raped multiple times starting when she was 11 years old. At age 12, the girl learned she was pregnant. She reported the abuse to a Plano detective and was then taken to the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County for a forensic interview. After the baby was born, DNA testing confirmed the child belonged to Ordonez-Orosco.

Valerie Wigglesworth

MURPHY

Farmers market canceled because of weather

The Collin County Farmers Market has been canceled this week because of the forecast for rain and storms.

The market is normally open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the City Hall Complex, 206 N. Murphy Road.

Learn more at collincountyfarmersmarket.org.

Dawn M. Burkes

Tarrant County



AREA

Postal workers hold annual food drive today

Letter carriers in Tarrant County will pick up bags of nonperishable food donations set beside mail boxes from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday for the National Association of Letter Carriers' annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

The drive helps local hunger-relief charities feed children and their families during the summer.

All donations will benefit the Tarrant Area Food Bank and hunger-relief charities in Arlington, Azle, Bedford, Burleson, Crowley, Euless, Grapevine, Hurst, Keller, Mansfield, North Richland Hills and Southlake.

To learn more about the national

drive, visit nalc.org/community-service/food-drive.

Deborah Fleck

EULESS

Free trees available today for residents

Residents can pick up free Red Oak trees from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

The trees were scheduled to be given to people who attended the annual Arbor Daze festival. The April 25 event was canceled due to rain.

To pick up a tree, visit the Euless Family Life Aquatic Park parking lot at 300 W. Midway Drive.

For additional information, call 817-685-1666.

Julissa Treviño

Denton County



AREA

First female administrative foreman no longer 'interim'

There was a little history made in Denton County's Road and Bridge West department as Robin Davis is the first woman in county history to hold the title of administrative foreman.

Davis was officially minted as administrative foreman during a Commissioners Court meeting Tues-

day following an interim stint in the role after the retirement of Mike Riley. Davis said she already is making changes to foster an educated, efficient and team-oriented department.

Davis noted that Riley had come out of retirement to take on the role when Danny Smith, the previous administrative foreman, died in 2013. Now the department is in the hands of Davis, who has been with the county since 2008.

Davis oversees 42 employees,

including two road foremen — Eric Brumley and Michael Eoff — who were promoted with her.

Bj Lewis,

Denton Record-Chronicle

Church plans Mother's Day chuck wagon breakfast

Ridin' for the Brand Cowboy Church, at 5926 W. FM455 west of Sanger, will host an authentic chuck wagon breakfast Sunday in honor of Mother's Day.

The meal will be served from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and will include scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, skillet fried potatoes, juice and coffee.

Sunday church fellowship begins at 10 a.m. with cinnamon rolls and coffee, and services will be at 10:30 a.m. Each mother will receive a flower and a card.

For more information, visit ridinforthebrand.org.

Les Cockrell,

Denton Record-Chronicle



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High-flying weekend

Daniel Powers performed at a preview for the Supra Boats Pro Wakeboard Tour stop at Lewisville Lake. The event runs through Saturday.



Parker Payne, 15, of Richardson will be competing this weekend in the event at Stewart Creek Park in The Colony.

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