

North Texas

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Pedal power in Wylie



Anja Schlein/Special Contributor

Children lined up at the starting line for one of the many heats during the Wylie 500 Pedal Car Race on May 6. Kids raced 500 inches down Ballard Avenue in heats of six. Proceeds from the event benefited Special Olympics and downtown Wylie beautification.

temporary closures of one lane at a time, but barricades will be removed by the end of each workday. The full completion date is set for May 25.

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Pranay is the reigning National Geographic Bee champion.

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DESOTO
'Sizzling Summer of Soul'
to begin on Saturday

A kickoff to the city's summer cultural events called "Sizzling Summer of Soul" will be from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday at Home 2 Suites by Hilton, 1300 E. Centre Park Blvd. Guests are asked to wear all white attire.

There will be live music, drinks and food. Tickets are \$35 per person. For details, call 972-230-9650 or visit ci.desoto.tx.us.

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FARMERS BRANCH
Firehouse Theatre to present
'Leaders of the Pack'

Firehouse Theatre, 2535 Valley View Lane, will present a special engagement of "Leaders of the Pack" featuring The Lovettes from Friday through Sunday.

The trio will sing pop music from the '40s through the '60s backed by the Lovers, an eight-piece show band.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$29.99. To order, go to thefirehousetheatre.com.

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HIGHLAND VILLAGE
Kids Day America
will be Saturday

Trinity Wellness Center will host a free community event called Kids Day America from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at McAuliffe Elementary School, 2300 Briarhill Blvd.

Sponsors will provide free child ID cards, child safety seat information and guidelines, free spinal screenings and information on disease prevention and health promotion.

Snake Man will also be making an appearance to offer outdoor and reptile education.

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IRVING
John Denver tribute concert
to feature Tom Becker

The Entertainment Series of Irving presents "Back Home Again: A Tribute to John Denver" at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd.

Tom Becker, a former member of the folk group, The New Christy Minstrels, will perform. Tickets are \$25.

To order, call 972-252-2787 or visit irvingartscenter.com.

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KNOX-HENDERSON
Block party to benefit
seniors in need

The Lowest Greenville Collective will present "Lowest G Cools Down the Big D" from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. The annual Belmont Street to Ross Avenue block party raises money for donations of fans, window units and portable air conditioning units to help low-income senior citizens.

Guests are asked to check-in at the table at Blind Butcher, 1919 Greenville Ave., anytime during the day. Wristbands will be given to people who donate a fan, AC unit or \$10 or more. Those who donate can enjoy specials from 24 businesses that are members of the Lowest Greenville Collective.

For more information, visit facebook.com/LowestGreenville.

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NORTH RICHLAND HILLS
Battalion chief retires
after 41 years of service

Battalion Chief Charles Goggans has retired after more than 41 years of service with the Fire Department.

Goggans was a firefighter for more than 45 years. He started in 1973 as a volunteer firefighter in Watauga.

The department hosted a retirement reception for him on Tuesday.

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OLD EAST DALLAS
Dallas CASA to host
information sessions

Dallas CASA, a nonprofit that advocates for abused and neglected children living in foster care, will offer several volunteer information sessions at its offices, 2757 Swiss Ave. The schedules is as follows:

■ Friday and June 1, 15 and 29 from noon to 1 p.m.

■ June 7 and 21 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Sessions are free. To register, call 469-547-9454 or visit dallascasa.org.

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WATAUGA
Spring festival set
for this weekend

Watauga will present its 2018 spring festival from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday at Capp Smith Park, which is in the 5800 block of Hightower Drive.

The festival includes carnival rides, a car show, vendors, food trucks and live entertainment by several groups. An all-day wristband for carnival rides is \$25. Admission and parking for the festival are free. For details, call 817-514-5828 or visit wataugatx.org.

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ADDISON
Foundation to host fundraiser
for brain tumor patients

The Glenn Garcelon Foundation will host a fundraiser to benefit brain tumor patients and their families called Texas Taste of Hope from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday at Venue Forty50, 4050 Belt Line Road.

The event includes wine, cheese and chocolate plus a silent auction and other activities.

For more information and to buy tickets, go to glenngarcelonfoundation.org.

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AREA
Norma's Cafe to celebrate
Armed Forces Day

Norma's Cafe will celebrate Armed Forces Day on Saturday at all locations by offering a free slice of pie to any guest who mentions the promotion or has served in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard. Here are the cafe's locations:

■ Dallas — 1123 W. Davis St. in Oak Cliff, 17721 N. Dallas Parkway, Suite 140, and 9100 N. Central Expressway, Suite 151

■ Frisco — 8300 Gaylord Parkway, Suite 19

■ Plano — 605 W. 15th St.

Find more at normascafe.com.

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ARLINGTON
City kicks off its 2018
concert series tonight

Levitt Pavilion's 2018 Concert Series kicks off with a concert at 8 p.m. Friday. Concert nights will be Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Family Movie Night will be on Thursdays from June 7 through July 12. Most concerts and movie nights are at 8 p.m. Summer concerts and movies after July 3 will begin at 8:30 p.m.

The pavilion is at 100 W. Abram St. Learn more at levittpavilionarlington.org.

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CARROLLTON
Old Denton Road project's
Phase II finishes early

Phase II of the Old Denton Road reconstruction, which began in April 2017, will finish almost two months ahead of schedule. Motorists started using all six lanes Wednesday evening.

Phase II was originally expected to take 15 months and ended up taking just over 13. Tiseo Paving Co. performed the work.

Some minor work will still require

PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFS

ADDISON
Pedestrian walking on tollway
dies after truck hits him

A pedestrian was fatally struck late Wednesday on the Dallas North Tollway in Addison.

The victim, who was not identified, was hit while walking in the left lane of the tollway near Trinity Mills Road about 10:30 p.m.

A northbound truck struck the person, according to a Department of Public Safety spokesman. The driver of the truck stopped to wait for first responders.

Lloyd Brumfield

DESOTO
Police: Security camera shows
man stealing guns from home

A man was caught on security camera stealing firearms from a home in DeSoto, police said.

Officers responded to the burglary around 1 p.m. Thursday in the 500 block of Teresa Court in DeSoto and secured the residence, police said.

Security camera footage showed a black male wearing a black Adidas jacket with three stripes down the sleeves. He wore black pants and pink or red Nike shoes, police said.

The footage showed the man taking a rifle or shotgun from the home, along with a pistol. Anyone with information about the crime is asked to contact the DeSoto Police Criminal Investigation Division at 469-658-3050.

Dana Branham

SOUTHEAST OAK CLIFF
Man, woman wounded in
shooting at nightclub

A man and woman were wounded in a shooting at a private nightclub in southeast Oak Cliff early Thursday.

The victims were shot during a fight about 12:30 a.m. outside the Kliff Klub in the 5200 block of Singing Hills Drive, police said.

They were taken to area hospitals with injuries that were not life-threatening. Neither victim was identified.

One of them is a security guard at the club, KXAS-TV (NBC5) reported.

The shooter fled and remains at large, police said. No description was available.

Lloyd Brumfield

MELISSA
Woman finds sticks of
dynamite in backyard shed

A Collin County woman discovered four sticks of dynamite in her backyard shed on Thursday.

The McKinney Fire Department confirmed that the items, found in the 100 block of Covey Lane in Melissa, were explosives around 12:15 p.m.

The Collin County Sheriff's office was called in and requested additional assistance from the Plano Bomb Squad.

Residents of five nearby houses

were evacuated while explosives were detonated. Newt Spurgin, who lives across the street, said he was simply asked to stay indoors.

The bomb squad detonated the dynamite in an empty field behind the cul-de-sac. No injuries were reported.

Dynamite becomes less stable with time, said Nick Bristow of the Collin County Sheriff's Department, and the rising heat of summer can bring additional danger.

The woman who found the explosives did not know where they came from, an official with the city of McKinney said.

Sara Coello

FORT WORTH
Gas leak leads to
neighborhood evacuation

A gas leak led to evacuations in a north Fort Worth neighborhood Thursday evening.

The Fort Worth Fire Department responded to the leak in the 5100 block of Los Padres Court just after 5 p.m. Residents on Los Padres Court, Catlow Court, San Isabel Court and Los Padres Trail from Basswood Boulevard to Arcadia Trail were asked to leave their homes and move north, where they would receive further information.

About two hours later, fire officials said the leak had been resolved and that residents could safely return home.

Tom Steele

DALLAS ANIMAL SERVICES

Employee accused of throwing kitten, resulting in euthanasia

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A Dallas Animal Services officer was arrested Wednesday after he allegedly threw a kitten violently to the floor.

Eric Pogue faces a third-degree felony charge of cruelty to a non-livestock animal. He posted \$15,000 bond Thursday. His appointed attorney did not respond to a request for comment.

A city statement said Pogue threw the kitten April 25 during the intake process because the 4-week-old kitten bit him.

The statement says the "kitten suffered severe trauma during the incident and was nonresponsive as a result."

Despite efforts by DAS staff to revive the kitten, it remained unresponsive and had to be euthanized.

"We won't stand for this," DAS director Ed Jamison said Thursday morning. "It's not what Dallas Animal Services stands for, and we won't accept any behavior of being cruel to an animal."

Dallas Animal Services told police and SPCA of Texas investigators about the incident. The SPCA's investigators are handling the case.

Assistant City Manager Jon Fortune notified City Council members of the arrest late Wednesday in an email. He said Pogue, who began working for the city in December 1990, is on administrative leave.

In 2013, *The Dallas Morning News* reported that Pogue hopped in a rental kayak and rescued a puppy from White Rock Lake.

"She was very frightened, and I tried to calm her down because she was snipping at me," Pogue said then. "Once I showed her love, she calmed down. We got to the shore, I made sure she didn't have any injuries, and I talked to her, made her feel real good, and she shook off and was ready to go."

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