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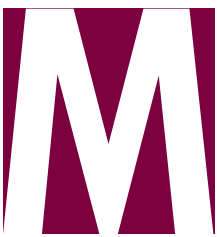
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## State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$3 Billion in January

AUSTIN, TX — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.08 billion in January, 8.9 percent more than in January 2019.

“Growth in state sales tax revenue was led by receipts from the retail trade and information services sectors, while receipts from oil- and gas-mining were down from a year ago,” Hegar said. “January retail trade sector collections were higher than a year ago in part because more Christmas shopping days fell in December. Collections also were slightly boosted by marketplace providers and remote sellers,

who first began collecting Texas sales taxes in October.”

The majority of January sales tax revenue is based on sales made in December and remitted to the agency in January. Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in January 2020 was up 6.6 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections.

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## Premier Lacrosse League to Travel to North Texas for 2020 Season

League to play at the renowned Ford Center at The Star in Frisco, TX this July

LOS ANGELES, CA- PLL announced this morning that the league will play in Frisco, TX for three games during the upcoming 2020 season. The spectacular Ford Center at The Star, a Dallas Cowboys facility, will host the PLL on July 4 and

5. This will be the PLL's first visit to the state of Texas.

“As we expand our team offering and grow into new markets, we're thrilled to announce that we'll be headed to Texas in 2020,” says PLL Co-Founder and CEO Mike Rabil. “Amidst a 10-year growth trajectory of lacrosse participation in Texas, we're eager to host our game weekend at the Dallas Cowboys' state-of-the-art facility in Frisco, welcoming one of the nation's fastest growing fanbases to witnessing the highest caliber of professional lacrosse.”

“We are excited to welcome The Premier Lacrosse League to Ford Center at The Star”, said Dallas Cowboys EVP of Business Operations, Chad Estis. The Star has created opportunities to showcase lacrosse at all levels and we are confident that the event will draw a great turnout for not just lacrosse fans, but all of our passionate sports fans in the North Texas area.”

Ford Center at The Star will be the fifth PLL tour venue slated for the 2020 season. The North Texas stop will follow weekends at Gillette Stadium (Foxborough, MA), Fifth Third Bank Stadium (Atlanta, GA), LaValle Stadium (Stony Brook, NY), and Homewood Field (Baltimore, MD). The 2020 season is scheduled to begin on May 29 and will be distributed via an exclusive media rights deal with NBC Sports. Games will be shown throughout the summer on a combination of NBC, NBCSN and NBC Sports Gold, the network's direct-to-consumer streaming platform.

### 'Vita Sites Open...' continued from front page

Denton County municipalities hosting sites include Aubrey, Corinth, Denton, Lake Dallas, Lewisville, Little Elm, Pilot Point, and Sanger. Sites are open various dates and times through April 15th.

For the latest information on site locations, dates, and times, as well as a checklist of items taxpayers need to bring with them for their tax preparation, go to [www.unitedwaydenton.org/VITA](http://www.unitedwaydenton.org/VITA). Volunteers are still needed. Training is happening now and will be ongoing through tax season. In addition to tax preparers, volunteers are needed to be intake greeters and translators for non-English speakers. For more information and to sign up, go to [www.unitedwaydenton.org/VITA/volunteer](http://www.unitedwaydenton.org/VITA/volunteer).

### 'US 380 Widening...' continued from front page

#### Rector Road bridge construction slated to begin in March

Denton County Commissioners voted unanimously on Jan. 14, 2019, to approve a \$249,244 bid on the Rector Road Bridge Replacement Project to GRod Construction, LLC.

The approval continues the process for the eventual reconstruction of the bridge on West Rector Road that has been closed for five months. Execution of a contract is the next step before final Commissioners Court approval. A preconstruction meeting is then held and work begins on preparing and gathering construction materials.

Construction is slated to be underway in March.

The road, traveled by an estimated 1,000 vehicles daily, was closed on July 31, 2019, due to unrepairable deck failure.

Air Quality Standard Permit request opposed by county

Denton County Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution on Jan. 7, 2019, in opposition of a permit request to authorize a permanent concrete crusher at 5120 E. University Drive.

The permit, submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), also requests a screener, two diesel engines and stockpiling areas at the location.

Old shingles and tires were previously dumped at the location, which is in close proximity to a major public drinking water source. The county has received ongoing complaints about illegal dumping on the site, including in March 2019 when state inspectors found approximately 36,500 cubic yards of asphalt shingles on the property.

The resolution will be filed with TCEQ to show the county's opposition to and request for denial of the air quality standard permit request.

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# HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

## Estate Planning Steps for Families *Zach Davis*



**Denton, TX** – Estate planning is a difficult process for families. There are a multitude of factors for families to consider. Many times this process can be overwhelming. Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, agricultural law specialist in Amarillo, recently provided some clarity to program attendees at the South-west Beef Symposium.

Step One: Create a Flight Plan for documents

Lashmet advised participants to have one location where all documents are gathered. This folder could include: estate planning documents, IRA/401K, retire-

ment plans, insurance policies (life and health), bank account numbers, safety deposit box information, birth certificates and marriage licenses, personal property and assets, among other things.

“Put this somewhere safe and tell someone about it,” she said. “Don’t lock it away and where nobody knows where it is or how to access it.”

Step 2: Communicate with Interested Persons

“It only leads to extra problems if you don’t communicate with your family and potential heirs to determine what their interest in the agricultural operation may be,” Lashmet said. “I recommend you have a sit-down discussion. This allows you to gauge their interest and determine who wants what, what level of involvement they might be interested in, and what their goals and values are.”

Include other stakeholders also, including family members or other

business sponsors, and identify the goals everyone has. “Perhaps the goal is to keep the ranch in the family, or perhaps the goal is to maximize capital gains taxes when land will be sold or to ensure qualification for Medicaid,” Lashmet said. “Understanding the goal is key because that will instruct the best plan for the individual.”

Naturally, Everyone’s goals are going to be different.

Step 3: Develop a Business Succession Plan

“We talk a lot about who will own the land, but rarely do we talk about who will be making the management decisions and who is taking over operations,” Lashmet said. “Determine what training or experience they might need and make a plan for it. Make sure that someday when it is their job, they are not starting from scratch.”

What new roles will have to be created or changed? It can be hard

for a working family member to run a total operation that someone else ran in the past and maintain their current employment.

Step 4: Develop an Estate Plan

An estate plan should include a will and power of attorney. “I don’t advise you go buy a fill-in-the-blank will,” Lashmet said. “It is the best to work with an attorney licensed in your jurisdiction to draft a will.”

“In Texas, it must be handwritten or typed with two witnesses. And don’t forget to revise your will and your beneficiaries when you have life changes.”

One example given of this is outlined where a man took out a life insurance policy and designated his girlfriend as the beneficiary. He later married someone else and upon his death the wife went to cash in the policy, but found out he never updated the beneficiary. His ex-girlfriend collect the money even though it wasn’t intended.

Step 5: Draft and Implement the Plan

“This is where I really do recommend you consult with an attorney to help analyze the best approach and draft documents,” Lashmet said. “This is important enough that it is worth the expense. It may also be prudent to include your ac-

countant or other tax professionals in this process.”

An estate plan and a flight plan of documents can make the transition process much easier and less expensive for family left behind.

For more information, Lashmet offers several extended episodes of her Ag Law in the Field podcast, which cover a variety of topics.

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Andrew J. Passons, Partner, Sarah A. Darnell, Partner, Jennifer R. Else, Associate

## Walden and Burgess Call for E&C Hearing on CMS Proposal to Modernize Medicaid

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Energy and Commerce Committee Republican Leader Greg Walden (R-OR) and Health Subcommittee Republican Leader Michael C. Burgess, M.D. (R-TX) sent a letter to Energy and Commerce Chairman Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) calling for a hearing on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) new proposal to modernize Medicaid, the Healthy Adult Opportunity, before having the House vote on a rushed resolution of disapproval.

“We request that the Committee on Energy and Commerce hold a hearing to

examine the Healthy Adult Opportunity (HAO) demonstration initiative proposed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services last week,” Walden and Burgess wrote in the letter. “We are concerned that the committee with jurisdiction over the Medicaid program has not examined this proposal, even though the full House will vote on a statement of disapproval tomorrow.”

The Healthy Adult Opportunity was released by CMS on January 30th. Instead of going through the committee process and regular order, House Democrats have rushed forward a vote

on House Resolution 826 to condemn the new proposal.

“The HAO demonstration is a serious, thoughtful proposal that needs to be more extensively discussed,” Walden and Burgess continued. “Yet, the House is expected to vote on this demonstration only a week after it was released. We fear that this is just another case of partisan politics overtaking serious debate.”

Background:

- The Healthy Adult Opportunity (HAO) is a 1115 Waiver. Right now there are 40 states voluntarily using 1115 Medicaid demonstrations. For example,

Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is a 1115 Medicaid demonstration

- This would only apply to able-bodied adults - not people with disabilities, seniors or children
- Flexibilities states could use are pre-packaged and many states already use some of these flexibilities
- States would have to at least provide coverage spelled out in the Affordable Care Act’s Essential Health Benefits
- States with savings from using HAO will be able to send savings to their Medicaid program and the federal government

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# HOME & GARDEN

## Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center Events

Patricia Crain



**SHERMAN, TX-** Please join Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center for the upcoming events. All events are sponsored by the Friends of Hagerman and occur at the Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center: 6465 Refuge Road, Sherman, TX 75092 unless stated otherwise.

The Refuge Rocks Children's Program: Backyard Birds

One group: Ages 5-10, Saturday, February 15th, 10:00-11:30am

If it weren't for birds, how many of us would take notice of the natural world? Birds are all around us. In our back yards or driving across country, most of the animals we see are birds. Many birds entertain us with their cheery songs. Some birds hunt on the wing, and you'll see one if you watch the sky. They sometimes fly in large flocks. Birds are unavoidable. And - imagine a world without the sweet sounds of beautiful songbirds. Come join us on February 15th for a free

class to learn all about our beautiful backyard birds. Sign up (child only) on the Friends of Hagerman Facebook page: go to the Refuge Rocks event and sign up there using Eventbrite.

Calling All Eastern Bluebird Lovers! Nestbox Monitoring Team Kick Off Meeting February 19th at 2:00pm

Would you like to participate in a project whose goal to bolster our area's population of the Eastern Bluebird and educate others about the plight for their survival and other areas of environmental conservation? You may like to join our Nestbox Monitoring Team, where you will be paired with a teammate and, utilizing a refuge vehicle, go into the field checking nestboxes and recording data along one of Hagerman NWR's hiking trails. Email [friendsofhagerman@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhagerman@gmail.com) for more information.

Name That Tram!! Competition.

Thanks to the hard work of all the Friends of Hagerman board members and the kind generosity of many donors, we are on the verge of putting a new tram in service for Refuge tram tours. It is expected that the new tram will

be in service soon and it does not have a name—yet. The old tram was named "Cardinal Express." Would you like to be the one who names the new tram? If so, submit your proposed name to [hsgarcia@me.com](mailto:hsgarcia@me.com) or [mikegrubb58@gmail.com](mailto:mikegrubb58@gmail.com). The final selection will be made by a panel of Friends of Hagerman Board members. Who knows, you may be the one whose proposed name is chosen and emblazoned on the new tram!

**Van Tours**  
Enjoy a 60 – 90 minute tour along Wildlife Drive at the Refuge. Enjoy learning about the history of the displaced town of Hagerman while watching for wildlife. Lots of stops for bird-watching and photography. Free (donations accepted). Guided van tours are offered at 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, weather permitting. Seating is limited: please call (903)786-2826 between 9:00am and 4:00pm, Mon-Sat, for reservations. Standbys are accepted if space permits. Tours are recommended for age six - adult.

For more information about these events, please email: [friendsofhagerman@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhagerman@gmail.com) or call Patricia Crain (940) 391-5135.

## Denton City Council Approves 500-Foot Reverse Setback from Gas Wells

Ordinance Passed After Reconsideration

**DENTON, TX –** At the Jan. 28 Denton City Council meeting, the City Council approved an ordinance requiring Protected Uses, such as new residences, schools, churches, and parks, to be set back 500 feet from gas well sites. The previous distance requirement, or reverse setback, was 250 feet.

More than 300 people attended the Jan. 28 public hearing for the reconsideration of an ordinance adopted on Nov. 19, 2019. The City Council heard from 44 speakers before voting.

After hearing public feedback and concerns from property and home owners, the Council approved an ordinance that states all existing Protected Uses within the 500-foot reverse setback are conforming with the Denton Development Code. As a conforming structure, in the event of a natural disaster or accident, existing Protected Uses can be rebuilt so long as the use complies with all other zoning requirements. The ordinance will also allow property owners to add on to their structure.

Previously, a gas well reverse setback ordinance was considered on Nov. 19, 2019. A motion was passed to approve increasing reverse setbacks to 500 feet, with the requirement that the Zoning Board of Adjustment approve variances to rebuild a Protected Use if more than 50 percent of a structure is damaged.

On Dec. 2, 2019, the City Council passed a motion to reconsider adoption of the ordinance from Nov. 19, 2019. The ordinance was reevaluated to notify properties within 500 feet of a gas well site, engage in further discussion regarding how the ordinance would be applied, and discuss nonconformities created by increasing the reverse gas well setback.

Under the ordinance passed Jan. 28, no new Protected Uses can be built within 500 feet of a gas well site without Zoning Board of Adjustment approval of a variance. In certain circumstances, City staff has the authority to approve the construction of a Protected Use between 375 feet and 500 feet of a gas well site. All new Protected Uses must be no closer than 250 feet from a gas well site.

Videos of the meeting can also be watched at [www.cityofdenton.com/public-meetings](http://www.cityofdenton.com/public-meetings).

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largest aviation employment in the country, said Bill Burton, executive vice president of Hillwood. Fort Worth Alliance Airport is home to 525 companies across 26,000 acres.

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# EDUCATION

## Aubrey Student's Placed Second at Speech and Debate Tournament

Amy Ruggini



**AUBREY ISD, TX-** Aubrey High School students Joseph Wofford and Harmony Moura Burk advanced to two state competitions after their quali-

fying debate performances at two tournaments in a span of four days.

The duo placed second at the Richardson Speech and Debate Tournament, qualifying for the Texas Forensics Association State Meet. They also advanced to the UIL Cross X Debate state meet with a first-place team finish at the UIL District 11-4A Cross X Debate Meet.

## Aubrey ISD Ribbon Cutting

Amy Ruggini



**AUBREY ISD, TX-** Aubrey ISD held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new additions at Aubrey Middle School on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Parents, students and community members gathered in the new gymnasium and watched as board members, administrators and representatives from Huckabee Architects and

Pogue Construction cut the ribbon, signifying the opening of the new additions.

The additions include a new 10,000 square foot gym, a 3,000 square foot weight room, male and female locker rooms and new coaching offices. A new four-lane track and full-sized football practice field is still under construction.

*'Make 380 Safe...' continued from front page*

a signal light at Magnolia and U.S. 380 was reprogrammed to allow a longer period of time for residents to get on to U.S. 380. Massey said TxDOT was reviewing other lights along the corridor to see if timing could improve traffic both on and off the main thoroughfare.

Residents also asked about additional police patrols along U.S. 380. Massey said TxDOT officials have worked with Little Elm police on grants to patrol U.S. 380. Denton County Sheriff's Office and law enforcement from neighboring communities also have patrolled the area for drunk drivers and other offenders.

A pedestrian crossing and pedestrian markers for students

at U.S. 380 and Navo Road are included in the overall expansion of U.S. 380, officials said, adding that most vehicular traffic at that intersection will be on the overhead grade separation.

Officials explained how roads are built or expanded with the county paying part of the cost up front and working on plans to present an "out of the box" project to TxDOT.

"Our advance work on infrastructure projects and providing partial funding is how we work with TxDOT to get our projects to the front of the line," Commissioner Coleman said. "We work for years before you see construction crews on site. It takes a lot of planning and coordination to make sure your traffic needs are met well into the future."

## Mustang and Burro Days at Denton County Youth Fair

Zach Davis



**DENTON, TX –** Adopting a wild horse or burro just got a lot easier for Denton County residents. Mustang and Burro Days at the Denton County Youth Fair is a collaborative effort from the Denton County Equine Committee and Denton County 4-H and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). 4-H member Alix Worley is organizing the event to promote horsemanship and training of Wild Burros and Mustangs from the BLM.



The activities will begin Friday night, March 20 with a Kick-off event "Meet the Mustangs" and move into Saturday, March 21 with an obstacle clinic and challenges. It is open to people of all ages and any type of horse. The clinic will take place Saturday from 8:30-12:30 am and the challenges will start at 1:30 pm. Classes for the challenges will be western trail, ranch trail and challenge trail. 3 divisions will include in-hand, walk trot, and

walk-trot-lope. The registration for the clinic is \$45 and the registration for the challenges are \$10 per class.

The clinic will be led by Virginia and Jennifer Deden. First touch demonstrations will be presented by Camille McCutcheon, showing the trainability of the wild horse. McCutcheon is a twenty year-old mustang trainer based in College Station, Texas where she attends Texas A&M University. She has been training mustangs

and competing in Extreme Mustang Makeovers for the past three years. She specializes in gentling and starting mustangs under saddle as well as trick and liberty training. Camille enjoys the intelligence and trainability that the American Mustang offers.

Separate from the clinic and challenges, Denton County equine enthusiasts can bring home their own mustang or burro. Adoptions start at \$25. You can earn up to \$1,000 for caring for your mustang. Bureau of Land Management staff will be on hand to facilitate your adoption.

Registration for the event will be available via jot form, visit the Facebook page "Mustang and Burro Days at Denton County Youth Fair" for more information.



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## Dancers and Awardees Shine at Eighth Annual UNITED Tribute



Captions: (from left) UWDC Board Chair Brandon McCleskey (left) accepts check from Peterbilt GM Jason Skoog (photo credit: Chill Photography); Two Humanitarians: Ellen M. Painter (left) poses with last year's honoree Bobbie Mitchell on the Blue Carpet (photo credit: Chill Photography); Paul Voorheis and Sue Bowman celebrate their Mirror Ball win (credit: Illustrative Depictions Photography).

DENTON, TX – A record 1,100 guests filled the grand ballroom at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Denton Convention Center on Saturday, January 18 for a sold-out celebration for the Denton County community hosted by United Way of Denton County. In addition to recognizing several organizations and individuals for their dedication to improving and transforming lives in Denton County, United Way of Denton County announced \$2.3 million raised by our community, and two community dancers were crowned Champions of “Dancing with Our Stars.”

Denton County’s largest nonprofit gala combined poignant award designations with energetic dancing by a cast of 26 community volunteer dancers. The highlight of the night brought 25-year United Way of Denton County volunteer Ellen M. Painter to the stage amidst a standing ovation for a touching acceptance of the 2020 Dr. Bettye Myers Humanitarian Award, the first given since the passing of its namesake and Denton County icon.

“Bettye, we all love you and miss you,” said an emotional Painter as she accepted her honor. Other awardees of the night

included: City of Lewisville – Better Tomorrow Award; Morrison Milling – Community Spirit Award, DATCU Credit Union – LIVE UNITED Award; Atmos Energy – Creating Lasting Change Award, City of Denton – Trailblazer Award, Safran Electrical & Power – Advancing the Common Good Award, and finally, Peterbilt - Chairman’s Choice Award, with General Manager Jason Skoog presenting a \$485,955 check.

“This celebration is a fitting end to a great year,” commented UWDC Board Chair Brandon McCleskey. “A year made possible by all of the people in this room and our exceptionally generous community.”

The UNITED Tribute pre-show kicked off with “Live from the Blue Carpet” hosted by Zach Glenn and previous Mirror Ball Champion Jordan McDowell. Produced by DentonRadio.com and broadcast on Facebook and in the Embassy Suites ballroom as guests gathered, “Live from the Blue Carpet” gave viewers an inside look at Denton County’s largest nonprofit gala with interviews with awardees, sponsors, dancers, and more. Sprinkled between interviews the audience got a glimpse of the trapeze artistry of Twisted

Bodies of Denton.

The featured entertainment of the evening was the crowd-favorite “Dancing with Our Stars” showcasing thirteen couples from across Denton County who volunteered countless hours since October to learn a group and solo dance under the direction of Gladys Keeton, Professor Emeritus of Dance at Texas Woman’s University. After the audience votes and judges’ technical scores were tabulated, the winners of the coveted Mirror Ball Trophies were Sue Bowman and Paul Voorheis of Sam Pack’s Five Star Ford Lewisville and DATCU Credit Union, respectively.

Dr. Sheri Dragoo who recently accepted a position at Baylor University, was also celebrated as the creator of UNITED Tribute which has seen monumental growth since its inception in 2012. The 8th annual UNITED Tribute generated nearly \$245,000 for United Way of Denton County, a significant 85% increase in gross revenue over last year.

More photos from the event can be viewed and downloaded at <https://www.illustratedepictions.com/unitedway/2020/tribute> and <https://chillphotography2.shootproof.com/gallery/UWDCtribute>

## Now that You Reached The End

Traditional Publishing or Self Publishing? Blaise Ramsay

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Guy Gavriel Kay says: “Writing is never, ever easy...” Authors pour hours into crafting as strong a storyline and deep characters until they finally reach those longed for words: The End. But something many do not understand is that writing is actually the easiest part of the “write to publish” process. What follows can be even more daunting. So, what are the crucial next steps a hope to be published author must take? First and foremost is to make sure their book is the absolute strongest it can be. Let your manuscript rest and then go back to it. Tempting as it is to skip revision and editing, the prospective author must always take the time to tinker with and fine-tune their work. Never scrimp on having a

few new perspectives on your work. When you are sure your work is finished, decide on how you want to be published. With the independent publishing industry on the rise and the selectiveness and waiting times set upon authors by traditional publishers, it is vital the author takes the time to research and decide on which path they want to take to be published. Do they want an agent? Go straight to a publisher? Small press? Independent? Self-publish? If the author chooses to self-publish, remember you are doing everything normally helped or handled by a publisher. You are the marketing department, the sales team, cover artist seeker, book launcher, SEO specialist, and much more. It can be overwhelming and many authors do not

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## University of North Texas and the Dallas Cowboys Launch Innovative Online M.B.A.

Professional degree program offers unparalleled access to business practices of the world’s most valuable sports franchise

DENTON (UNT), TX — The business acumen that turned a \$140 million investment 30 years ago into a \$5.5 billion company today soon will be in a virtual classroom.

The University of North Texas, a Carnegie Tier One research institution, and the Dallas Cowboys, named the most valuable sports franchise in the world by Forbes, have created a Master of Business Administration degree that the two organizations will begin offering in Fall 2020.

The 36-credit-hour professional online M.B.A. in sport entertainment management will offer six specialization courses: sports in the global marketplace, corporate partnerships, analytics, event operations, talent management and consultancy. The specialized offerings will supplement the program’s more traditional classes, such as finance, accounting, marketing and strategic management, giving students the advantage of a traditional M.B.A. combined with best practices from the business operations driving sports’ most valuable franchise.

“We’ve been fortunate to be involved in a number of different businesses, both directly and indirectly involved in the sport entertainment industry. Through key partnerships, such as our relationship with the University of North Texas, we have found ways to grow the reach of the Dallas Cowboys across a variety of these industries,” said Jerry Jones Jr., chief sales & marketing officer of the Dallas Cowboys. “We’re excited to share those learnings and experiences with students partaking in this new online program at UNT.”

The online degree will feature invaluable insight from and access to industry experts, including an opportunity to participate in three on-site bootcamps at The Star in Frisco, Dallas Cowboys’ World Corporate Headquarters and Training Facil-

ity. The UNT sport entertainment management programs are housed across the street from The Star and within a five-mile radius of Major League Soccer’s FC Dallas, NBA G League’s Texas Legends, National Hockey League’s Dallas Stars headquarters, and Texas League’s Frisco Roughriders, as well as the soon-to-be PGA of America headquarters, which will include a golf resort with two championship courses.

While the university already offers an M.B.A. Sport, Entertainment and Event Management program, as well as a B.B.A. Sport Management Track in Business Integrated Studies at its Frisco location, this online program is built specifically for professionals looking to take their next step and move up the ladder in their respective industries. The program’s architects also hope to help former and retiring professional athletes’ transition to a new career or help coaches transition from the sidelines to the front office.

“The Dallas Cowboys are standing at the top of the sports business world,” said Bob Heere, UNT director of sports management. “It’s one thing for business students, especially those interested in sports and entertainment, to have access to a professional team, but our students are learning best practices from the individuals responsible for moving the needle forward in the Cowboys organization. There’s a reason they are the most valuable franchise in the world. Their people are driving brand growth year over year, and now they will be helping teach our students how to do the same.”

The relationship between UNT and the Dallas Cowboys runs deeper than advertising and neighborly interactions borne from proximity. At least 10 full-time staff within the organization are UNT alumni. Cowboys’ staff also work alongside UNT faculty for special class projects, serve

as guest speakers and are adjunct faculty at the university. In the last three years, more than 20 UNT students have been interns with the organization in a wide range of areas, including marketing, corporate partnerships, football operations, Dallas Cowboys Merchandising, Legends Hospitality and Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders. Professionals with three years’ work experience as industry executives, coaches and former athletes can enter the program without taking the GMAT. The ideal candidates are looking to grow their business acumen beyond just the sports industry, expanding also to the ancillary businesses that revolve around it. Graduates will leave with an M.B.A. degree that also provides best practices in the sports industry landscape that continues to grow and transcend over time.

“UNT’s G. Brint Ryan College of Business has a track record of providing high-quality, high-impact degree programs that work for students,” said Business Dean Marilyn Wiley. “Creating this online program capitalizes on the university’s 25-year history in the online space as well as the expertise of the Dallas Cowboys and our faculty. It is a fitting next step for a college dedicated to helping its graduates reach their goals.”

The program begins in August 2020, and the deadline to apply for admission is June 30, 2020. Potential students can learn more about the professional online M.B.A. in sport entertainment management by contacting Julie Jernigan at [Julie.Jernigan@unt.edu](mailto:Julie.Jernigan@unt.edu) or Lauren Burnaugh at [Lauren.Burnaugh@unt.edu](mailto:Lauren.Burnaugh@unt.edu). Candidates interested in seeking admission to the program can review the application checklist and continue the application process at [bit.ly/HowToApplyUNT MBA](http://bit.ly/HowToApplyUNT MBA).

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#### Antioch Baptist Church

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Aubrey, Texas 76227

#### Bethel Baptist Church

210 E. Main Street  
Pilot Point, Texas 76258  
903-429-3661

#### Calvary Baptist Church

Corner of 125 N. Jefferson & Walcott St., Pilot Point  
www.calvarypilotpoint.com

#### Cowboy Church of Cooper Creek

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Aubrey, TX 76227  
972-841-3331

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Aubrey, TX 76227

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www.crossridgeonline.org  
972-292-1953

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www.firstrockfellowship.org

### First Baptist of Krugerville

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www.fbckrugerville.com

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www.livingwordbaptist.net

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www.midwaychurch.org

### Mustang Baptist Church

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www.newhopeaubrey.com

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www.saintmartindp.org

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www.stthomaspilotpoint.org

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www.stsophiaukrainian.cc

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www.fcddenton.org

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www.graceprosper.org

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www.stpaulsprosper.org

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#### Aubrey First United Methodist

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#### Bethel Methodist Church of Denton County

3126 FM 2931, Aubrey Texas  
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www.betheldenton.com

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4725 FM 720 W.  
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www.oakgroveunitedmethodist.org

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aubreyfaithassembly.weebly.com

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Frs.GatewayPeople.com  
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We saw His promise fulfilled through the Resurrection. On the third day Jesus arose from the dead and walked among us again for another forty days. Jesus was delivering on His promise, and continues to deliver on that promise today. Victory over death, through faith.

Oak Grove United Methodist Church has a full schedule of services leading up to and celebrating Easter, and you are invited to attend any of the services listed below. The Oak Grove United Methodist Church is located at 4725 FM 720, Aubrey, just ¼ mile south of 380.

Lent Bible Study and Prayer - Noon each Monday in March

Palm Sunday Worship - April 5, 10 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt after Worship

Holy Thursday Worship - April 9, 6 p.m. – Holy Open Communion will be served

Good Friday Worship - April 10, 6 p.m.

Easter Sunday - Outdoor Sunrise Service - April 12, 7 a.m. (weather permitting) bring your camp chairs.

Easter Sunday - Resurrection Celebration Service - April 12, 10 a.m.

## Medication Therapy Management Event at Oak Grove UMC



AUBREY, TX - The folks at Oak Grove United Methodist Church are attentive to their community's physical health as well as their spiritual health. Do you understand the medications you take? Are you following your doctor's directions? Would you like to discuss your meds with a professional?

The Oak Grove United Methodist Church will host a one-time event, sponsored by

Physicians Surgical Network Affiliates (PSNA), at which nurses and pharmacists will be available to discuss your medications with you one-on-one. The PSNA folks won't be prepared to do any on site testing but, if you bring all of your current prescription meds with you, they will be able to answer your questions about your meds.

You're invited, so mark the date on your calendar. Sunday, March 22, 2020. The event will begin at noon at Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 4725 FM 720 in Aubrey. (Just ¼ mile south of 380.) Refreshments will be provided.

As a reminder, the weekly worship service will occur the same day at 10:00 a.m. You're invited to that, too.

## Aubrey's Christopher Mills Original Song *Heaven* Released

AUBREY, TX- Heaven was Semi-finalist for Dallas Songwriter's Association 2019 Songwriter Award. It is the first single by Christopher Mills since 2017's cover of How Much It Hurts.

Christopher Mills was also recently featured in Voyage Dallas Magazine. You can listen to his songs, 2015 EP Entitled "Bare Bones" Available on iTunes, Spotify, Amazon and Google and 2017 Single "How Much It Hurts" also available on iTunes, Amazon and Google.

Christopher Mills is a singer and songwriter based in Aubrey, TX who has been described as an expressive vocalist with a natural sound. The "Bare Bones" EP has received Critical acclaim from Reverbnation.com as,

"Brilliant Guitar Music, suitable for all kinds of audiences". The single "How Much It Hurts" prompted ReverbNation to add Christopher Mills to their playlists for "Chart Topping Artists from Dallas" and "Best New Singer/Songwriter Music".

The release of new music has already attracted the attention of local artists such as Jared Reddick of Bowling for Soup as well as local promoter and owner of Lava Cantina, Ian Vaughn. Christopher has already been on stage at Lava Cantina, opening up for such acts as Luke Pell (The Bachelor), Petty Theft, Infinite Journey, Grace Tyler, Stoney Larue and he is quickly becoming a popular opening act for larger feature artists.



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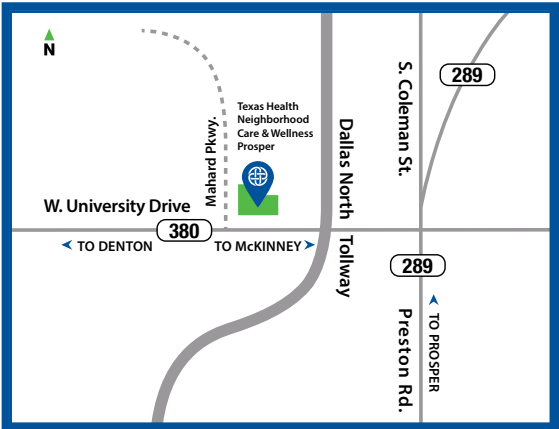




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