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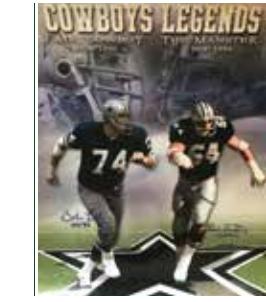
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Aubrey ISD Holds 22nd Annual New Teacher Academy Amy Ruggini



Aubrey ISD held its 22nd annual new teacher academy over four days at the end of July. Twenty-one teachers and administrators attended the workshop at Aubrey Middle School.

The new teacher academy is not just for teachers who are new to the profession. It is for all teachers, staff and administrators who are new to Aubrey ISD. Of the 21

teachers and administrators at this year's academy, seven have over 10 years' experience and three have over 15 years of teaching or working experience in a school district.

Jude Stanley, who has 24 years of experience, is the new assistant principal at Aubrey Middle School and is a new teacher academy participant. Aubrey High School has two new technology teachers, and

they both have over 15 years of teaching experience. J.J. Ayers has been teaching for 20 years, while Cindy Ballew has 17 years to her credit.

"It was one of the best weeks that I have ever spent at any teacher training," Ballew said. "I liked how they modeled structures so we would know and see how we could apply them to our classrooms. I loved that we practiced with teachers from the school that we would be working at, and I got a lot of ideas from them."

In addition to classroom management and instruction, Aubrey ISD deputy superintendent Terrie McNabb and teacher facilitator Joanie Rouk instill the culture and expectations of Aubrey ISD to the new teachers. Whether the new

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The 9th Annual Bonnie and Clyde Days to be Held October 13, 2018 in Pilot Point, Texas

Family-Friendly FREE Festival to Feature Bank Robbery Reenactments, Soap Box Challenge, Live Entertainment, Exhibits, Crafts, Food and Evening Concert with Jack Ingram



Pilot Point, Texas – Pilot Point's Main Street Program today announced that its 9th

Annual Bonnie and Clyde Days festival will be held Saturday, October 13, 2018 on the historic town square. The

background starts at 10:00 a.m. and runs through 5:00 p.m.

memorize and reenact the 1967

Country music recording filming of the "bank robbery

artist Jack Ingram headlines scene" in the Warner Bro-

the 6:00 p.m. concert, helders movie "Bonnie and Clyde"

at the nearby Western Sons (starring Faye Dunaway and

Distillery. Ingram, named Warren Beatty) at the historic

"Best New Male Vocalist

bank building on the town

of the Year" in 2008 by the square. In addition to the

Academy of Country Music, movie filming, Pilot Point was

has had a stellar career with a known hangout of the REAL

his smash country hit "Wher-

ever You Are" (number one on

the Billboard Country chart)

that a family member lived in

and multiple follow-up hits,

the area and offered the gang a

including "Love You", "This Is

safe haven.

BANK ROBBERY RE-ENACTMENT: The featured event – the annual

"Bank Robbery Scene Re-enactment" – complete with gangsters and police squad cars – occurs at high noon and again at 3:00 p.m.

ANNUAL CABINET MAKERS' SOAP BOX CHALLENGE: The popular

Annual Soap Box Challenge

takes place at 1:00 p.m. on

the town square. Qualifying

rounds are from 10:00 a.m. to

12:30 p.m. Challenge drivers

must be between the ages of

6-12. Trophies are awarded

for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place

winners. The event is open to

all businesses, clubs, families,

and individuals. FREE soap

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Annual September 11 Ceremony Moves to New Town Hall

Patriotic event remembers lives lost, national unity



PROSPER, TX- Most everyone who is asked can readily remember and recite exactly where they were on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001 when four aircraft were hijacked and purposely crashed, two into the World Trade Center Towers in New York City.

"It was a terrifyingly scary day, and the many days after were filled with dread and uncertainty," says Fire Chief Stuart Blasingame. "As we get older, though, and a younger generation

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Beware of Roofing Fraud: Unsuspecting Property Owners at Risk Across Texas

"Safe Roofs Over Texas" initiative set to battle scammers statewide



were agreed upon, or simply disappear after securing a large down payment.

"Fraudulent roofers often look like the real thing and the lack of licensing requirements make it more difficult for residents to verify a roofer's credibility or track them down and hold them accountable after a potential failure to deliver agreed-upon services," said Sarah Burns, Executive Director of RCAT.

Until serious action is taken by the state to protect consumers, RCAT encourages property owners to be as informed as possible and follow these steps when hiring a contractor.

"Enough is enough. For too long, storm-chasing fraudsters have victimized Texans and our state government has failed to act," continued Burns. "Our industry is asking for reform to protect our customers and their property. With yet another storm season upon us without these reforms, the only defense the consumer has is knowledge and our Safe Roofs Over Texas initiative is designed to provide exactly that."

For more information on how to protect yourself and fight against the roofing fraud crisis, visit SafeRoofsOverTexas.com.

Denton ISD Posts "B," in State's New A-F Accountability System

DENTON ISD, TX- The exceeded expectations in 25 of Denton Independent School 28 areas, shows our commitment to the academic success of "B" under the new A-F Public

District received the letter grade of every student, every day."

The "B" rating is based on data from students who took the STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) test in 2018 combined with the graduation statistics from the Class of 2017

"While we are not in favor of and is categorized into four the A-F system, we are strongly in domains. Denton ISD earned support of being held accountable a "B" in three of the four domains for student learning," said Dr. mains and scored a "C" in one Jamie Wilson, superintendent. domain (or 79) which is still "And, the strong scores across under review by the district, the sub-pops, students met or

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Rep. Travis Clardy Announces Run for Speaker of the Texas House

Nacogdoches, TX – Today, State Representative Travis Clardy (R – Nacogdoches) announced his intention to run for Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

"It is with the utmost respect for the Texas House of Representatives and its members that I humbly submit my name for consideration as Speaker of the House for the upcoming 86th Regular Session of the Legislature," Rep. Clardy said.

Clardy emphasized his passion to serve and the desire to enable members to develop a strong legislative agenda noting,

"Together, we will keep Texas

moving forward. We are 150 leaders united behind a common bond and set of shared core values, including a commitment to service, the goal of improving the lives of others, and our love of Texas."

"We face critical challenges that will shape and define the future of Texas," Clardy added. "Now is the time for a new vision that requires bold leadership. The best days of our great state are ahead, and I look forward to continuing to build an even better Texas for the next generation."

First elected in 2012 to represent House District 11,

which includes Cherokee, Nacogdoches and Rusk counties, Clardy currently serves as vice chair of the House Committee on Local and Consent Calendars, and a member of the House Higher Education and Energy Resources committees.

Rep. Clardy grew up and attended public school in Lubbock, Texas, and received his undergraduate degree from Abilene Christian University where he met his wife, Judy. He earned a law degree from Pepperdine University School of Law and is a practicing attorney in Nacogdoches. Travis and Judy reared their family in East Texas; they are the proud parents of four sons and have recently welcomed three daughters-in-law and two grandsons into the family.

Over the course of three days of transformative events, attendees will engage deeply with the principles of the Strong Towns approach, a revolutionary method of placemaking that aims to act as the antidote to our current dominant development pattern and policy process, which has made too many of our places financially insolvent. All events will take place in the city of Plano, TX.

The Gathering will begin on Wednesday, October 3rd, with a keynote address from Strong Towns President and Founder

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Charles L. Marohn, which will be free and open to the public.

On Thursday, October 4th, Gathering attendees only will move into a full day of workshops, keynotes, and activities lead by visionaries in community building from across the country and across disciplines as diverse as city planning, engineering, architecture, creative placemaking and more.

On the final day of the Gathering—Friday, October 5th—attendees will participate in an innovative and highly individualized hands-on workshop designed to give them the resources and relationships they need to make the Strong Towns approach real in their unique places and professional fields.

More information and tickets are available at strongtowns.org/texas-gathering. Strong Towns staff and Gathering speakers are available for interview requests.

Celebrate Grandparents Day with Your Student

Denton ISD

DENTON ISD, TX- Though they may not be serving grandma's famous apple pie, Denton ISD's elementary schools are opening up their doors to serve grandparents a special breakfast or lunch in honor of National Grandparents Day. While the day is typically celebrated the Sunday following Labor Day, students across the district will be participating in activities throughout the month of September.

Whether it is through sharing a meal together, reading aloud to their class, participating in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities, or simply just talking about their day at school, grandparents are invited to help

us bridge the generation gap as the students show their appreciation for their grandparents.

In addition, many campuses are also hosting a book fair in the library to help foster the love of reading and help grandparents pass down their knowledge and literacy. From grandparents to surrogate grandparents and members of our grandparents in Public Schools mentoring program, we look forward to celebrating National Grandparents Day with you.

To find out when your grandchild's school is hosting activities, please locate your student's school from the list below:

Tuesday, September 11
Cross Oaks Elementary –
Grandparents are invited to attend the book fair, take photos with their students, and eat at food trucks from 5-7 p.m.

Savannah Elementary –
Grandparents are invited to the Grandparents picnic from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 12
Paloma Creek Elementary –
Grandparents are invited to eat breakfast or lunch with their students and shop with their grandchildren in the Book Fair.

Friday, September 14
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The Pantry is located at: 107 S. Church Street in Prosper, TX.

If you, or anyone you know needs food and hygiene assistance, Bethlehem Place Food Pantry in Prosper is there to give a hand. Please bring identification for each member of your household and proof of address (such as a utility bill).

A short application will be taken during your first visit. Bethlehem Place

is open for food and hygiene distribution on Tuesdays from 6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.

The raffle and silent auction winners announced during the banquet. With area support, Bethlehem Place can continue their mission to feed the hungry. The holidays are quickly approaching, so now is a great time to give. It is easy to get involved by sponsoring this event, playing in the tournament, or by contacting Bethlehem Place via email, betsy.bethlehemplace@gmail.com, to learn about other opportunities to help this organization.

All proceeds benefit the Bethlehem Place Food Pantry in Prosper. Register/Pay Online at www.bethlehemplace.org. For registration information: Betsy Winters at betsy.bethlehemplace@gmail.com.

Register now for the Bethlehem Place Charity Golf Tournament featuring Randy White, and Bob Lilly, NFL Hall of Fame legends. The tournament will be held on Monday, October 8, 2018 at Gentle Creek Golf Club in Prosper, TX. Marc Fein from Channel 5 morning news will emcee the event. The tourney check-in starts at 10:30 a.m., the Shotgun Start is at noon, and there will also be a Q&A with

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skill, shops, food and drink at the food court and the full-service restaurant along with adult beverages at the pubs for those 21 and older.

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Screams® Halloween Theme Park beginning September 28th!



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as they provide laughter in their attempts to work it all out.

Performances are September 7, 8 at 7:30 pm and September 9 at 2:00 pm at DCT's Black Box Theatre located at 318 E. Hickory, Denton. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased through The Campus Theatre Box Office Monday through Friday from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. To purchase by phone, please call 940-382-1915. Tickets are also available online at dentoncommunitytheatre.com.

For more information, please call (940) 382-7014 or email thdctteam@campustheatre.com / thdctteam@campustheatre.com

Aubrey High School Student Earns Reserve National Championship

At Arabian Horse Association's 2018 Youth National Arabian and Half-Arabian Championship Horse Show

Amy Ruggini



Aubrey High School championship and several sophomore Katie Steiner top ten awards at the earned a reserve national Arabian Horse Association's

2018 Youth National Arabian and Half-Arabian Championship Horse Show in Oklahoma City, Okla., from July 21-29.

The eight-day show featured over 700 horses and 2,600 exhibitors, trainers, family members and spectators from all over the United States and Canada.

Aubrey High School Teacher Participates in Fundraiser

Amy Ruggini



For the third straight year, AHS science teacher powder-puff football Annelise Harris participated game and fundraiser.

On Saturday, Aug. 11, Harris and her teammates on Team Blonde defeated Team Brunette, 20-14, at the Cotton Bowl.

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Divorce and Taxes



spouse keeps the vacation home worth \$300,000 and a gain of \$150,000 the spouse with the vacation home will owe \$22,500 in taxes when sold. The spouse with the personal home will not owe any taxes on the gain if less than \$250,000, when sold.

Claiming a dependent child or children after a divorce can also have big tax consequences or benefits. The U.S. Tax Code trumps the divorce agreement when it comes to who is able to claim a child as a dependent on the tax return. Regardless of what the divorce agreement says, federal tax law says that the custodial parent always gets the dependency deduction. A local family judge cannot overturn federal tax law.

The custodial parent is the parent with whom the child spent the greatest number of nights during the tax year. The determining factor is where the child "lays her head" each night. It is important that divorced parents keep a detailed "sleep log" for each child in order to substantiate a claim as custodial parent.

The custodial parent can release the right to claim the dependency deduction for one or more child(ren) by providing a signed Form 8332 to the non-custodial parent. The custodial parent can revoke the release for any future years.

The divorce decree should clearly state the requirements and consequences for each parent. Although a custodial parent releases the dependency exemption, the custodial parent is the

only one who can claim the dependent care credit.

If a noncustodial parent claims a child or children on their tax return erroneously, all is not lost. There are ways to petition the IRS to determine who has the right to claim the child and the IRS will award the dependency exemption to that parent regardless of who filed first. It will just delay a refund for up to 16 weeks. The custodial parent has the burden of proving the child lived with them more nights than the other parent. Keep a log!

Retaining dependency also gives the custodial parent the ability to claim all of the education credits for children attending college, regardless of who pays the tuition and fees. This can add up to \$2,500 tax credit for up to years.

A few other items to consider when divorcing: Filing status is determined by marital status on the last day of the year. If you were legally divorced on December 31st, you will file Single or Head of Household for the entire year. Also, after 2018, you will not be able to claim a deduction for alimony paid or need to claim it as taxable income if you receive it. Child support payments are neither deductible nor taxable.

There are certainly more tax consequences of divorce that what we can cover here. As I stated in the first sentence, make sure that your divorce decree is reviewed by your tax professional before it is finalized.

Anita Jean is an Enrolled Agent, licensed to practice at all levels of the IRS. She owns Financial Fitness in Krugerville and can be reached at 940-365-3115.

Denton County Master Gardener Association Fall Garden Fest

Kathryn Wells

13th from 9:00 am to 3 pm at Denton County Fairgrounds, 2217 N. Carroll Blvd.

Guest speakers include Dr. Dotty Woodson, Water Resources Program Specialist at Texas A&M University and Steven Chamblee, Horticulturist at Chandor Gardens and Contributing Editor/Writer at Neil Sperry's Gardens Magazine.

Featuring unique vendors,

kid-friendly activities, and educational booths, this fun, free event offers something for everyone in the family.

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Aubrey ISD welcomed back its students on Wednesday, Aug. 15, an earlier start date than in past years. There were many smiles seen around the five campuses from teachers and students.

Photos: AMS students on the first day of school

Jostens Inc. Partners with North Central Texas College for \$600,896 Job-Training Grant

Jostens Inc. has partnered with North Central Texas College to provide job training using a \$600,896 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grant will ben-

efit workers in the Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas area.

This grant will be used to provide custom training to 404 new and incumbent workers for industry-related topics with

focused instruction on manufacturing. Trainees will include electricians, financial analyst examiners and industrial engineers. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average hourly wage of \$16.46.

TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez presented a check to representatives from Jostens Inc. and North Central Texas College during an 11 a.m. ceremony to be held at Jostens Inc., 3500 S. I-35 East in Denton.

Make a Difference

Mentor and Volunteer Today at Denton ISD



DENTON ISD, TX- All children have the potential to succeed in life and contribute to society. However, not all children get the support they need to thrive. Mentors and volunteers across Denton ISD provide the additional encouragement and assistance needed to help our students succeed in a positive learning environment.

The Denton ISD mentoring program is for any person who is willing to provide a child with support, friendship and a constructive example through one-on-one meetings each week. No previous teach-

ing experience is necessary to mentor. The most effective mentors are those who are patient, committed, and willing to listen to their mentee. Mentors and mentees meet each week for 30-60 minutes, with an hour being ideal. Students can work with their mentors on academics, focusing on homework or assignments, or reading fluency. In addition, they can also talk about school and life, set goals, or play strategic board and card games.

Our volunteer program is focused on providing volunteers for events, such as Read Across America or Career

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Mentors and volunteers are needed at all 41 of Denton ISD's schools. We will work with you to place you at a location that is convenient for you in terms of geographic location, as well as to find the perfect volunteering event or mentee match based on grade

level and area of need (i.e. reading, academics, social/emotional).

All volunteers and mentors must complete an application and undergo a background and reference check each year.

The 2018-19 application can be found at www.dentonisd.org/volunteer

www.dentonisd.org/mentor

For more information regarding mentoring or volunteering opportunities, please contact Courtney Martin, Community Engagement Specialist, at cmartin@dentonisd.org or 940-369-0146.

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Under this formula, the district posted a 93.7 percent graduation rate which is higher than state formulas in the past have reflected.

"As long as we have one student that has not reached their full potential, we will continue to work until we achieve 100 percent," said Dr. Wilson.

For more information on the process from the Texas Education Agency <https://txschools.org>

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with 10-plus years were able to pick up new pieces of knowledge to help them in. I could add that in. I forgot about that."

"I'm learning how important consistency is in the classroom," Jacob Thompson, a second-year teacher said. Thompson will be teaching 7th grade math at AMS.

"I appreciate the procedures that have been in place for years," Genevieve Buckert, a 13-year veteran of the classroom said.

"They are using what has been successful, and they are refining it to be more successful. It's consistency across years of what has proven to be effective. When

you have been teaching for a long time, you realize, 'I could add that in. I forgot about that."

The new teacher academy is also a way for teachers to meet the staff that they will be working with in the upcoming year. The teachers were seated in groups based on the campus they will be teaching at.

"I'm learning the philosophy of Aubrey and getting to know the staff," Sarah Luquis, a teacher from South Carolina, said. "Not knowing anybody, this is really helpful. I don't feel like the new student on the first day of school."

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degree of iodine deficiency.

The following are excerpts from the National World Health Organization:

- 1) Studies have shown the correlation between the shortage of iodine and cognitive function, particularly in the gestation period in children. In fact, one study from 2009 found that iodine supplementation in mildly-deficient children helped improve their perceptual reasoning

- 2) A study reported in the Canadian Journal of Surgery found that 70% of patients given iodine supplements showed an improvement in their fibrocystic breast disease [13]. This leads to speculation on the correlation between iodine deficiency and breast cancer, although more research is required. It is generally accepted that there is a connection between a lack of iodine in women, and breast pain/tenderness that can accompany the menstrual cycle.

- 3) The New England Journal of Medicine reported a correlation between iodine intake and thyroid disease. When the thyroid cannot function properly, it can lead to a whole host of symptoms.[14] These include fatigue, exhaustion, puffy eyes, digestive upset, muscle pain, depression, weight gain, swelling in the body, menstrual upset, fuzzy head, memory impairment, allergic skin reactions, dry skin, brittle nails, sensitivity to cold, hair loss, high cholesterol or general low immunity.

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she decided to continue her education at OSU. In 2018, she earned her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Health Services. Her small animal veterinary interests include small animal internal medicine and endocrinology, dermatology, general wellness and preventative medicine. She also enjoys equine reproduction and internal medicine. Dr. Sarah cannot wait to get to know all of her clients and patients! When she is not working, she enjoys spending time with her fiancé Luke and two dogs Louie, a border collie/heeler mix and Laila, an Australian shepherd. She also enjoys any outside activity, spending time with friends and family and riding horses.

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AUSTIN, TX - Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today's sale of \$7.2 billion in Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRAN) received a net interest rate of 1.84 percent.

"The tremendous demand for these notes is directly related to Texas' conservative cash management and solid fiscal policies, which allowed the state to earn the highest possible short-term ratings ahead of this sale," Hegar said. "With bids totaling

nearly four times the amount offered, it's clear the market is confident that Texas remains a solid investment."

The Comptroller's office received 65 bids worth \$274 billion, 3.8 times the amount offered for sale. Money from the sale of TRAN is used to help fund expenditures such as public-school payments made early in the fiscal year before the arrival of tax revenues later in the year.

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Annual September 11...

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The annual commemoration of Sept. 11 in Prosper will move this year to the north end of the newly-opened Prosper Town Hall, 200 S. Main St. The one-hour ceremony will begin at 7:30 a.m. and include a patriotic remembrance of the many lives lost in the tragedy. In addition, the Fire Department is arranging for traditional music from a bagpiper and bugler to add to the solemnity of the service.

The 9/11 Mobile Memorial, the recovered beam from one of the towers that has been placed on its own trailer and decorated with remembrances, will be on display.

Colors will be presented by the official Prosper Color Guard and several special guests will be in attendance.

The public is invited to be part of the annual event by attending and being in place before the ceremony begins.

Mayor Bill Heidemann and City Manager Bob Hart, Hickory Creek Mayor Lynn Clark and Town Administrator John Smith, and Lake Cities Chamber Executive Director and Corinth Councilwoman Tina Henderson.

Gary Henderson, President & CEO of United Way of Denton County, led the conversation highlighting UWDC's strategic focus areas identified by key findings in the most recent Community Needs Assessment. These areas are complex socioeconomic challenges in Denton County: access to mental health services, housing stability/homelessness, Veterans, and economic/financial stability.

Attending the discussion from Lake Cities were Lake Dallas City Manager John Cabrales, Corinth

Cities communities is no different than for the rest of the county, and that is to improve lives," Henderson explained to the group. "Your needs may look a little different in your communities which just means the solutions may be slightly different."

The public interested in hearing more about the challenges facing Denton County can attend one of two kickoff breakfasts in Denton and Lewisville on September 7th and 14th, respectively. Hosted by UWDC, each event will feature a Community Conversation to discuss the needs of our community and the collaborative work toward solutions. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.unitedwaydenton.org/kickoff.

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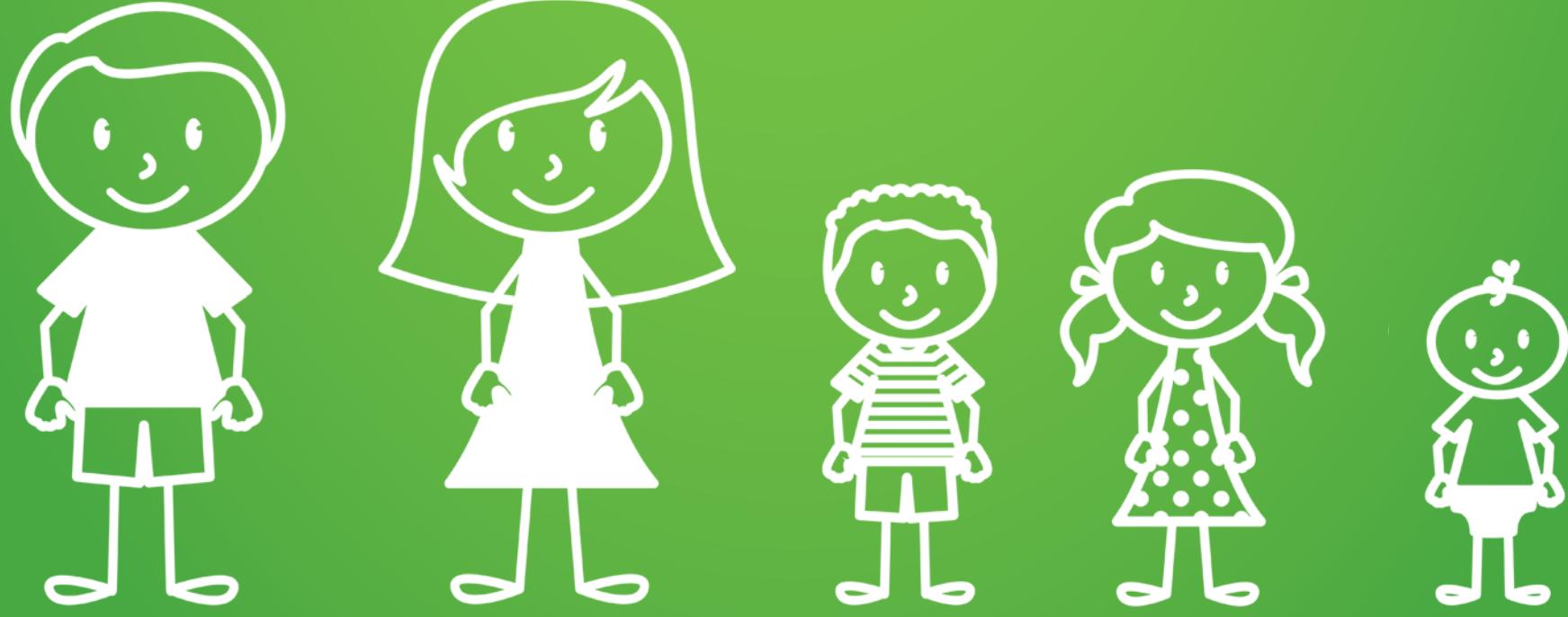
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for business sponsors for this event. Please contact the Little Elm COC for more information on sponsoring, joining or attending. They can be reached at littleelmchamber@hotmail.com or call 972-955-8014.

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A ribbon cutting ceremony for Bracify Orthodontics was held in Little Elm. They are located at 2705 Little Elm Parkway, suite 165. If you have any questions they can be reached at 972-525-5500. Dr. Gupta welcomes all visitors and is now accepting new patients.

Little Elm Chamber Welcomes 3 Flights Up



Establishment's owner Sana talked about her business to the group of attendees. She named her Beer Cafe after similar types of establishments around Bombay. Their menu items are flavored with special sauces and the distinctive beers are plentiful. They are located at 2832 Eldorado Parkway, Suite 212, in the area behind CVS. Their number is 469-734-2682.

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The family friendly event, to be presented rain or shine, will also feature a beer garden featuring a selection of tasty

brews, a tempting assortment of sumptuous, authentic German foods and other cuisine, college-football matchups presented on a massive screen, fun contests, dozens of merchandise vendors, a free Kids' Zone activity area and much more.

General admission tickets are \$5. Children age 12 and under are admitted free, as will anyone who wears a traditional German lederhosen or dirndl

costume to the event. Tickets are available for purchase online at <https://celinaoktoberfest.com/> and will also be sold at the gate on the day of the event (cash only). A limited number of specially priced tickets are available on Groupon at <https://www.groupon.com/deals/celina-oktoberfest>.

Produced by the Greater Celina Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Landmark Bank, the entertainment lineup at Celina Oktoberfest will include a performance by Imperial Brass. The acclaimed DFW-based traveling tuba quartet will interact with audiences on the city's square while playing selections from its expansive repertoire.

Also hailing from North Texas, The Royal Klobasneks

strive to preserve the traditional American polka sound made popular during the 1920s through '40s. Founded in 2010, the group is led by accomplished accordion player and vocalist Matt Tolentino.

Set to take the main stage at Celina Oktoberfest are the Bavarian-style dancers of Texanischer Schuhplattler Verein D'Holzar, a cultural-heritage troupe that is the oldest German dance club in the Dallas area. Meanwhile, yodeling figures prominently into the lively sets of Alps-inspired group Auf Geht's Musik, which has previously toured throughout the U.S. and Europe.

Since forming in 2016, Celina Oktoberfest headliners The Dogensteins have become a fixture at festivals throughout North Texas. The quintet's multi-talented musicians are best known for transforming mainstream-music chart-toppers by the likes of Lynyrd Skynyrd, Cyndi Lauper, Green Day and others into crowd-pleasing polkas, rollicking waltzes and traditional Texas shuffles.

"The entertainment at Celina Oktoberfest will be non-stop from start to finish," said Melissa Cromwell, president of the Greater Celina Chamber of Commerce. "From the main stage to the beer garden and in every corner of the city's square, there will be exciting options for everyone to enjoy."

For additional information and event updates, visit <https://celinaoktoberfest.com/>. Follow @CelinaOktoberfest on Facebook, and @celina_oktoberfest on Instagram.

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box car rides are available after the awards ceremony for kids ages 6-12. For more information, or to register, visit the festival's website, below.

FESTIVAL HIGH-LIGHTS: During the all-day festival, Pilot Point becomes a piece of living history with 1930's-era family fun! Festivalgoers step back in time with a Model A and Classic Car Show. Bonnie & Clyde Days also offers street and food vendors, live musical entertainment throughout the day, and a FREE Kids Zone featuring children's activities.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES: LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS, FOOD VENDORS, MUSIC, EXHIBITS AND CAR SHOW - all day

FREE KID ZONE: features free family-friendly fun - all day

REENACTMENT: Two bank robbery movie-scene reenactments at 12 noon and again at 3:00 p.m. feature hired gunmen re-enactors, local actors and drama students

CABINET MAKERS' SOAP BOX CHALLENGE: Race begins at 1:00 p.m. Awards presentation is at 3:15 p.m.

EVENING CONCERT AT WESTERN SONS DISTILLERY: Jack Ingram takes the stage at 6:00 p.m. Stage location: 217 W. Division St., walking distance of town square. Tickets are \$15 at www.westernsonsdistillery.com

For more information, sponsorship and vendor opportunities, visit the event website at BonnieAndClydeDays.org.

Thank You Community

Amy Ruggini



retreat on July 30-31. During lunch, staff members visited businesses throughout the area to thank them for their support throughout the year.

Photo: AMS assistant principal Jude Stanley and AHS principal Matt Gore

Aubrey ISD held its District Leadership Team retreat on July 30-31. During lunch, staff members visited businesses throughout the area to thank them for their support throughout the year.

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Sometimes it is hard to turn my horticultural educator brain off as I go about my day. I see mistakes people are making with their landscapes, but thus far, I have resisted knocking on doors. Instead, I decided I would write about some of the common mistakes and provide tidbits that you may not have known about trees.

When planting a tree, smaller is better. Many HOAs require a certain caliper of tree and many dictate what type of tree or how many to put in a landscape. Research shows that small-sized nursery stock trees establish faster than large-sized nursery stock. Smaller trees grow more quickly after planting, while larger trees struggle with transplant shock, require more irrigation and are more susceptible to drought or flooding.

Some trees are understory

and prefer to live in a shaded environment. When planting

a tree, make sure you know if you have a full sun lover or one that likes a little shade.

Trees usually do not need to be staked. Trees should not be staked to make them grow upright; there are two internal processes that cause the upright growth. One is phototropism, a plant's hormonal response to light, which causes stems to grow towards the light. Geotropism is a plant response to gravity. Stems have a negative geotropism meaning they tend to grow away from gravity, while roots have a positive geotropism and grow towards gravity. (This is handy if you are ever planting a bulb and you don't remember which way is up - lay it sideways).

Staking is only to help keep the root ball in the ground in high wind situations. Tree trunks become stronger by being blown around, even though it can sometimes be a little worrisome to watch. If

you do stake a tree, use flexible ties or constraints and remove within six months to a year. If something is cutting into the tree already, remove it immediately. Many small seedling trees come with a little bamboo stick held to the trunk with plastic ties. These should be removed when planting the tree.

What if you still have a leaning tree? If you live in a high wind area, all the trees may have a definite bend from the prevailing wind, or if you have a full sun tree being shaded, you may have it stretching out to find light.

Are mushrooms good or bad? Mushrooms grow on decaying material. It is very common to see mushrooms in mulch piles and they are valuable at helping with decomposition. However, a mushroom on or near a tree could be a sign of trunk or root decay and can turn into a dangerous situation.

A few more things that might surprise you is that tree roots need an exchange of oxygen. Therefore, do not plant trees too deeply, and do not put raised flowerbeds around the base of your tree. Take care when moving the soil around

under a tree; most of a tree's roots are near the surface. Use mulch, but don't let it touch the trunk.

And, what is all the talk about crape murder? This is a description of crape myrtles that have been severely topped (or cut back.) The fact of the matter is that you can cut back

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to, but it is unnecessary. They will bloom again even without a trim. In addition, while this practice doesn't actually

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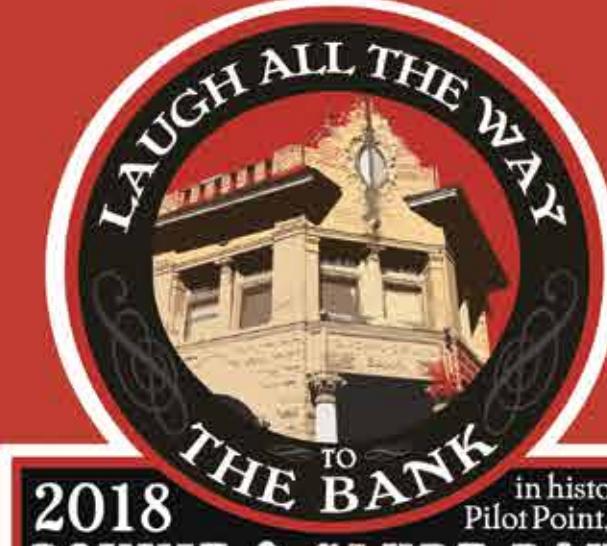
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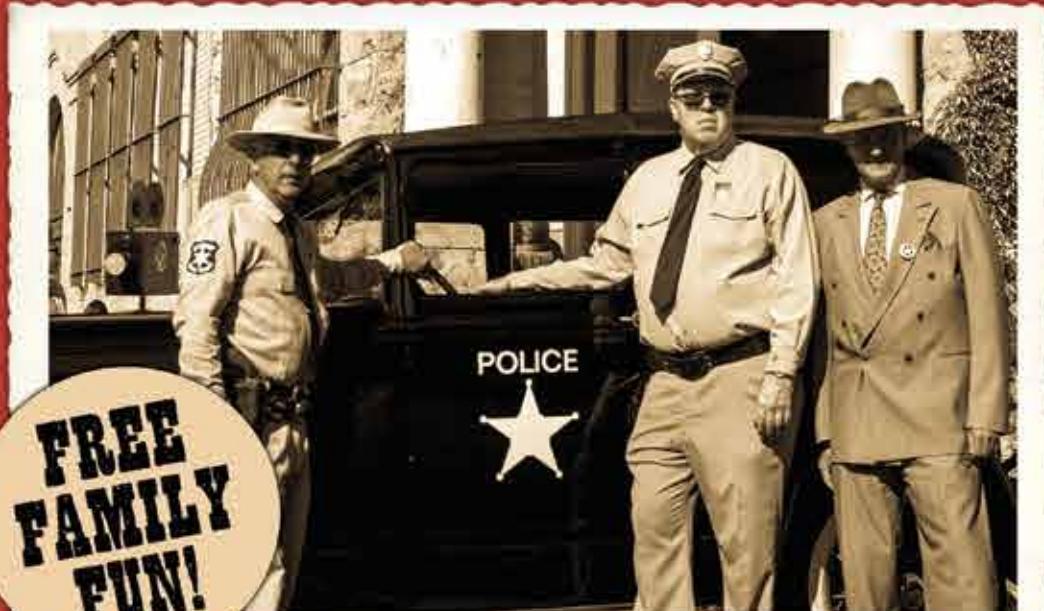


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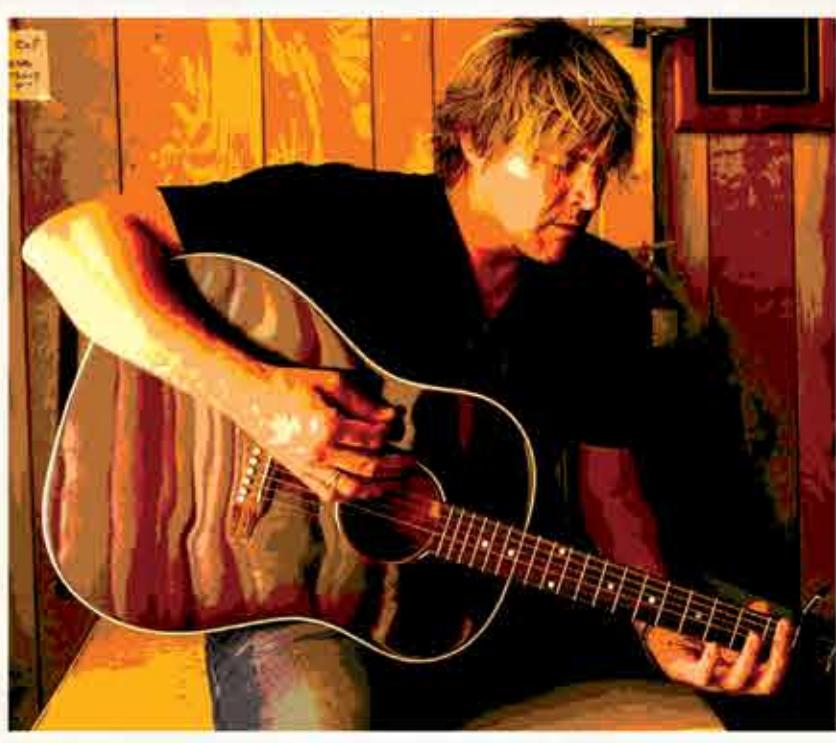
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