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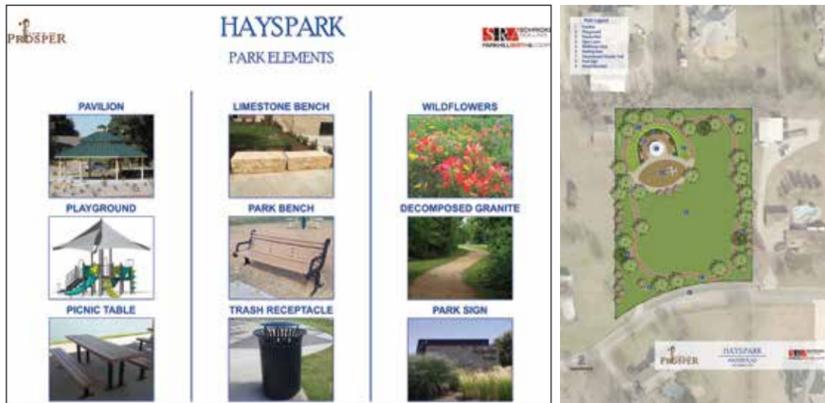
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## Town of Prosper Council Approves Construction of Hays Park



PROSPER, TX- The Prosper parks system will add yet another option for residents to gather as the Town Council has approved the construction contract for Hays Park, nestled in one of Prosper's oldest neighborhoods.

Situated at 9008 Prestonview Street, just east of Preston Road and several blocks south of Prosper Trail, the park is named after Chester G. Hays one of the patriarchs of the Hays family, longtime residents and landowners in Prosper. In fact, the new

park sits some 300 feet east of Hays Road.

The park also honors the late Bill Hays, a descendent of the park's namesake who founded and chaired the Prosper Historical Society and wrote a pair of books providing the definitive history of Prosper. Hays Park was dedicated to the Town in 1981.

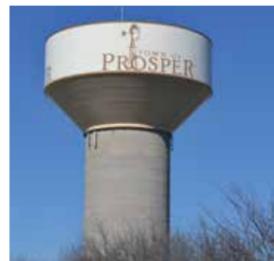
Approved as part of the March 23 Council agenda, the construction contract was awarded to Ratliff Hard- scape, Ltd. in the amount of \$375,000, funded by the park improvement fee fund.

The fund, utilized by most municipalities, is one into which builders and developers contribute as part of their construction and permit fees to the Town.

Called a pocket park because of its proximity to a specific neighborhood and lack of a large parking lot, it is among the parks typically accessed by residences on foot. Significantly, the new park forms part of one of Prosper's founding neighborhoods, established when the Town's residential footprint

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## Prosper Utility Customers Now Able to Manage Their Use



PROSPER, TX- Prosper residents are now able to easily keep track of their monthly water use, monitor how their water is being consumed, compare their use to their neighbors, and learn what they can do to better manage their water utilization.

Utility Billing has rolled out the Adaptive Consumer Engagement

(ACE) portal that provides water customers the ability to set up an online dashboard, providing them with critical consumption information. The dashboard can be configured to send timely email or mobile alerts on a variety of water use matters to customers. Notably, the ACE portal can be accessed through the myProsper app, available at no charge through the Apple Store or Google Play.

The ACE portal, developed by Aclara, provides customers with an array of virtual tools that can help them understand what can be done to save money on their utility bills. Step by step instruc-

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## Matt Preston Named Principal of Shultz Elementary in Cross Oaks



DENTON ISD, TX-- DMatt Preston, principal of Cross Oaks Elementary, has been named the new principal at Nette Shultz Elementary, the school formerly known as Wilson Elementary. He replaces Caleb Leath, who was recently named principal of the new Denton ISD K-8 Virtual Academy opening this fall. Mr. Preston will begin his new role on July 1.

"I am thrilled at the opportunity to come back to a campus where I began my career as an educator. Wilson Elementary has always held a special place in my heart, with its strong traditions and connection to the community," said Mr. Preston. "Over the past seven years, I've been blessed to work in a tremendous community here in Cross Oaks. I am honored to have served at a campus where the students, parents, and staff are like family to me."

In 2003, Mr. Preston joined the district, serving as a teacher at Wilson Elementary for eight years. He moved into administration in 2011, where he served as assistant principal at Stephens

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## Texas Historical Commission Approves plans for Confederate Monument Relocation; Calls Plans "Model" for State

Dawn Cobb



DENTON, TX - The Texas Historical Commission (THC) executive committee unanimously approved plans to relocate the Confederate monument to the Denton County Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum, calling the plans a "model" for the state on Wednesday.

"Judge, I'd like to thank you for your leadership, not only living up to the agreement but helping us frame the agreement," said THC Chairman John L. Nau, III. "It is a first and, I'm certain, it won't be the last. And you all are the model. This is me



personally. I think, on behalf of the commission, I want to thank you, the Commissioners Court."

The committee also suggested the county invite executive members to the ribbon cutting once the installation is complete.

"We are very fortunate that we have a professional staff that has an eye for the long-term preservation of our artifacts, this and many others," said Denton County Judge Andy Eads. "This is just a great partnership between

the local elected officials, our community advocates, the THC and our staff. We wanted to do the right thing, the right way.

"I do not believe we'd have this artifact today if we did not take the action we did collectively last year," Judge Eads said. "We are in the business of historic preservation. Part of that is preserving our artifacts. And, I think the appropriate and timely actions taken by the THC in conjunction with the Commissioners Court preserved this artifact for future generations. That is what we are all about. I think this new home and new location just still on the Denton County Square but indoors is a great new location."

The installation of the permanent exhibit at the Denton County Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum is anticipated within the next six months.

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## Delay Granted in Prosper for Residential Landscaping Restoration



PROSPER, TX- The lingering effects of the days between Feb. 14 and 21, one of the coldest seven-day periods on record, continue to be evident in residential landscapes throughout Town as many shrubs and some trees did not survive the sustained freeze.

"There were no neighborhoods in Prosper that were spared of the devastation from both the sustained cold temperatures and the extended snow accumulation on plants," says Parks Superintendent Matt Furr. "Every part of Town, to varying degrees, was affected. Not only did some plants die due to the freeze, but many have seen a significant delay in their usual timetable for emerging from winter dormancy."

Recovering from the winter snowstorm and restoring the landscaping to previous health and aesthetic appeal may be problematic for some, causing the Town to ex-

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## McKinney Battalion Chief to Attend TEEEX Fire Service Executive Officer Program

Selection to the program is an honor



McKINNEY, TX – The McKinney Fire Department (MFD) is proud to announce Battalion Chief Tino Paredes was

selected to participate in the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Fire Service Executive Officer Program. This is an elite program designed to provide advanced level professional development to sharpen leadership skills of executives in the fire service.

The weeklong program starts in May and includes training from professors from Texas A&M's Mays Business School. The classes include

topics like creativity and innovation, budgeting, managing change and transition and stress management.

“We are so proud of Battalion Chief Paredes for earning this opportunity and look forward to the skills he will bring back to our fire department,” said McKinney Fire Department Assistant Chief RB Alley.

Safety information can be located at www.mckinney-fire.org or www.nfpa.org.

## Comptroller Glenn Hegar Distributes \$677 Million in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue to Local Governments

AUSTIN, TX – Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems

and special purpose taxing districts \$677.3 million in local sales tax allocations for April, 3.5 percent less than in

April 2020. These allocations are based on sales made in February by businesses that report tax monthly.

For details on April sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, visit the Comptroller's Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports.

LOCAL SALES TAX ALLOCATIONS (April 2021)			
Recipient	April 2021 Allocations	Change from April 2020	Year-to-date Change
Cities	\$436.0M	-2.7%	+11.1%
Transit Systems	\$145.7M	-5.9%	-13.4%
Counties	\$40.0M	-8.2%	-4.5%
Special Purpose Taxing Districts	\$55.5M	+0.1%	-13.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$677.3M</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>	<b>-0.04%</b>

For details on April sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, visit the Comptroller's Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports.

## Summer Camps Provide Physical and Mental Offerings

PROSPER, TX- Prosper's lineup of upcoming summer camps promises to provide so much indoor and outdoor fun, lively mental challenges, entertaining magical intrigue, and all-around enjoyment and delight, that kids will resist missing even one day.

Joining the traditional outdoor sports-related camps will be Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) enrichment programs, and magic camp to provide a full array of engaging, fulfilling programming. Descriptions, dates, times, locations, and rates are available at www.prosperparksandrec.org with camps beginning the week of June 7.

“It's an exciting time at

Parks and Recreation,” said Dudley Raymond, Director of Parks and Recreation. “The increased interest in programs, both inside and outside, tells us it will be a really fun summer for kids in Prosper as recreation returns to family life.”

Financial assistance for Prosper kids to attend camps is available through the Parks and Recreation Scholarship Program. Applications in English and Spanish can be found at www.prosperparksandrec.org or at 409 E. First Street. Scholarships are funded by donations as well as the proceeds from the Kids' Christmas Shoppe, set for another Christmas Festival scheduled

for Saturday, Dec. 4 at Prosper Town Hall.

This year's summer camp lineup includes:

- Bowmen Sports - a group of well-respected coaches who love what they do, offering quality sports programs since 2004. Morning and afternoon camps include beginner golf; baseball; dodgeball; flag football; rookies multi-sport; and speed sports.

- Bricks4Kidz – believing there's a scientist or mathematician in every single student and striving to inspire at every workshop. Full day camps are Super Hero Academy/Sports Fanatic; Cruising the Jungle/Game On; and Animals Through Time/

## McKinney Air Center Earns High Rankings in New Industry Poll

Denise Lessard

McKINNEY, TX–McKinney Air Center, the fixed-based operator (FBO) at McKinney National Airport, was ranked in the top 20 percent of all FBOs in the Americas and is a top-rated FBO in the South Region by Aviation International News (AIN) in the recently released 2021 AIN FBO Survey.

AIN ranks FBOs in five categories: Line Service, Passenger Amenities, Pilot Amenities, Facilities, and Customer Service Representatives. By category, the McKinney Air Center ranked in the Top 10% of FBOs in Line Service.

“It is encouraging to be recognized by AIN as one of the top FBOs in the world in a year when a pandemic ravaged the travel and aviation industry,” said Ken Carley, Director of the McKinney National Airport.

“This represents the men and women who live out our core values of service and excellence, working tirelessly to make McKinney a preferred destination not only in our region but the country as well.”

Additionally, Customer Service Representative Jenna Emerizy earned special recognition on the “Above and Beyond” list for providing exceptional customer support.

The McKinney Air Center is constructing a state-of-the-art FBO terminal at the McKinney National Airport. The new FBO will help the city meet the demands of new businesses pouring into Collin County and the larger Dallas area. It will include build-to-suit office space and covered parking spaces for lease and will open later this year.

For additional information on McKinney National Airport and McKinney Air Center, visit www.flytki.com.

## City of Celina Votes to Hire North Texas Law Enforcement Veteran as New Police Chief

CELINA, TX – The Celina City Council voted unanimously to confirm Deputy Chief John Cullison of the Irving Police Department as the city's next Chief of Police. Incoming Chief Cullison served the City of Irving in numerous law enforcement capacities for a quarter of a century.

“I am confident that Chief Cullison's 25 years of leadership and experi-

ence in Irving positions him to lead our growing department in the coming years, Celina Mayor Sean Terry said. “As our city continues to experience exponential growth, the Celina Police Department is a critical piece to continuing to offer our residents the safety and security we have always known, and Chief Cullison is the perfect leader to navigate through these exciting days.”

Celina City Manager Jason Laumer stated, “John Cullison has set himself apart as a respected leader in the North Texas Law Enforcement community. His passion for policing, coupled with his love for community, made him the perfect fit for the Celina Police Department.”

Chief Cullison has 25 years of experience with the Irving Police Department. During his tenure,

he served in numerous roles, including Deputy Chief, Patrol Division Commander, Technical Services Division Commander, Tactical Team Commander, Criminal Investigations Sergeant, Professional Standards Sergeant, Detective, and patrol officer.

Following the vote to confirm him as the new chief, Cullison said, “I am honored to serve the

residents of Celina and to lead their police department. As the Chief of Police, I will deliver exceptional police services to the city that will make every resident proud. Celina is growing rapidly, but it maintains a unique and contagious culture that I will always work to protect. I deeply appreciate the Celina City Council and their confidence in me; it's time to get to work.”

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# HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

## Toss it or Keep it? *Jessica Small*



**DENTON COUNTY, TX**—Many of us love saving money and do our best to stretch our dollars. Typically, the goal is to get as much out of your purchases as possible. However, when it comes to food the old saying “all things must come to an end” holds truth.

It’s a common practice of many to store certain foods in the refrigerator to extend the quality of the foods. However, the question of how long we can keep foods refrigerated is often a mystery. Research shows that the length of time you can store foods in the refrigerator depends on whether or not the food is fresh, un-

aged food, or packaged. It is also important to note whether the package has been opened or whether the food was previously cooked.

Generally speaking, fresh foods, opened foods, and cooked foods should not be kept refrigerated longer than four to seven days. If you want to keep the food longer, it is best to freeze the food and use it later. Doing so will significantly reduce the risk of contracting a food-borne illness. It is also important to keep in mind that even frozen foods do not last forever. A general rule to follow is that fresh meats should be stored frozen for no longer than three to four months. A great way to keep track is to label food items with an expiration date to help identify when it

is time to discard them.

Refrigerating/freezing is a great way to save! Here are a few additional tips: Research indicates that most of the products claiming to extend the life of vegetables, cheeses, and greens in the refrigerator do not actually stop the decay caused by the natural release of gases from the food items. It’s better to store leftovers in the original packaging and tape the bag shut to ensure freshness. The shelving on the door of your refrigerator is the warmest part of the refrigerator. The back of your refrigerator is the coldest part. Store foods in the refrigerator accordingly.

If things get too overwhelming or hard to keep up with your food items just remember, “When in doubt, throw it out”.

## Denton County Public Health Hosts Record-Setting COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

*Jennifer Rainey*

**DENTON COUNTY, TX**—Denton County Public Health (DCPH) provided 14,947 COVID-19 vaccines at Texas Motor Speedway, breaking all previous DCPH vaccination clinic records. This potentially sets a national record for most vaccines given at a single clinic location in one day, as well. DCPH has provided over 313,000 vaccinations in Denton County, with a previous record of 12,927 vaccines given on March 30, 2021.

“Today is a monumental day as we provided the highest number of vaccinations since we began operating our hub at Texas Motor Speedway,” Denton County Judge Andy Eads said. “This new record speaks to our ongoing efforts to efficiently get shots in arms. We have a terrific group of volunteers and staff who have helped in this endeavor and we

are thankful for all they have done and continue to do.”

DCPH continues to vaccinate individuals utilizing the DCPH Vaccine Interest Portal waitlist in the order of sign up. All DCPH vaccination clinics are appointment only. Weekly vaccine updates are emailed on Fridays to those on the DCPH Vaccine Interest Portal Waitlist.

For local COVID-19 vaccine information or to join DCPH’s Vaccine Interest Portal Waitlist, visit [dentoncounty.gov/COVID19vaccine](http://dentoncounty.gov/COVID19vaccine). For additional COVID-19 data including active case information by municipality, hospital capacity, and ventilator utilization, visit [dentoncounty.gov/COVIDstats](http://dentoncounty.gov/COVIDstats). For questions or concerns, DCPH’s COVID-19 call center can be reached in English and Spanish at 940-349-2585 Monday – Friday 8 AM – 5 PM.

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Funeral Assistance

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. We are dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus.

**FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.**



### Which expenses will qualify for reimbursement?

Examples of eligible expenses for funeral services and interment or cremation may include, but not limited to:

- Transportation for up to two people to identify the deceased individual
- The transfer of remains, a casket or urn
- A burial plot or cremation niche
- A marker or headstone
- Clergy or officiant services
- The arrangement of a funeral ceremony
- The use of funeral home equipment or staff
- Cremation or interment costs
- Costs associated with producing multiple death certificates

### What information do I need to provide to FEMA?

Please have the following information before contacting FEMA to apply:

- Your name, social security number, date of birth, mailing address and contact phone numbers.
- The name, social security number and date of birth for each deceased individual.
- The location or address where the deceased individual passed away.
- Documentation and receipts for any assistance already received from other sources, including burial or funeral insurance, donations, voluntary agencies, other government programs or non-profit organizations.
- If you and another person both incurred funeral expenses for the same deceased individual(s), you can also provide that person as a co-applicant – include their name, social security number and date of birth on the application.

### To be eligible for funeral assistance, you must meet these conditions:

- The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to or caused by COVID-19.
- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.
- There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien.

### HOW DO I APPLY FOR THIS ASSISTANCE?

Call FEMA’s COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Helpline at 1-844-684-6333 (TTY: 800-462-7585) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET, Monday – Friday and begin the application process.

For fastest service following your application, you can begin submitting documentation online through [Disasterassistance.gov](http://Disasterassistance.gov), by fax 855-261-3452.

Documents may also be mailed to: COVID-19 Funeral Assistance P.O. Box 10001 Hyattsville, MD 20782



### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

You can also visit us online at [FEMA.gov/funeral-assistance/faq](http://FEMA.gov/funeral-assistance/faq). Information is provided in several languages both by telephone and the website.

### ‘Prosper Utility Customers...’ continued from front page

tions on setting up the personalized dashboard are available by visiting: <https://www.prospertx.gov/government/departments/utility-billing/ace-portal-2/>.

The portal’s dashboard is designed to customize the platform to each individual household. Customers enter information specific to their home, their appliances, the number of occupants, and other information that can have a significant impact on their water use.

Using data compiled over time, the portal can provide specific advice designed for each particular home that users can implement to conserve water, save money, and lessen the anxiety of unexpected high bills, especially during the summer watering season.

Customers can tailor the program to send them alerts based on preset thresholds of use, thereby allowing them the option of making changes to their monthly us-

age patterns and managing their monthly water costs.

To prepare for the implementation of the ACE portal, the Town has been making investments in upgrading water meters. This year, the final 3,300 of Prosper’s more than 12,000 customers will have their meters replaced with MTUs (meter transmission units) which can be read electronically. The MTUs can transmit water use information hourly, and the information can be analyzed and interpreted instantaneously to provide real-time information to customers.

“Water is a finite resource that we cannot waste,” says Betty Pamplin, Prosper Director of Finance, the department which supervises Utility Billing. “The ACE system puts control of water utilization in the hands of the customer, empowering them to make the appropriate decisions on their water use habits.”

### ‘Town of Prosper...’ continued from front page

was much smaller than it is today. The homes in the park’s immediate vicinity, for example, reflect the former practice of building homes on large lots on land owned by generations of the same families.

Hays Park is slated to include irrigated open space areas, decomposed granite walkways, a pavilion, picnic tables, benches, a playground area, and wildflower area. The

project will begin construction shortly and is expected to be completed by the end of summer. A distinctive monument sign with the park’s name will be erected to conform to similar signs at other Town parks.

The list of the park’s amenities was finalized during several public meetings hosted by the Parks and Recreation Board last year. The park’s cost includes all of the improvements, as well as the structures and other enhancements.

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# EDUCATION

## Texas State School of Character for 2021

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**DENTON COUNTY, TX** - Youth from around the state recently competed in a livestock judging contest hosted by one of our Denton County 4-H clubs. The Ag Leadership Club hosted the North Texas Stockmen's 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest event which featured 4-H and FFA elements for youth. This practice contest will help teams prepare for district contests in their respective districts or areas. Over 100 youth registered for the event and were on site this past weekend.

The officials for the contest were provided by the Blinn livestock judging team. Freshman members of the team spent Friday night using animals for a workout and then volunteered on Saturday to help facilitate the contest and provide official results to coaches and teams.

Coaches for the Ag leadership livestock judging team are Daryl Real and Lindsay Utter. They along with many other of the clubs members and volunteers organized the event as a fundraiser and an opportunity for youth.

"This was the best contest we've been to all year," said one of the coaches. Prizes for top placing teams included livestock canes, team banners, and other prizes. Sponsors for the contest included Purina Animal Nutrition, Judge to Win, Lone Star Ag Credit, and Purple Circle Magazine. In-kind donations were also received from North Texas Fair and Rodeo where the contest was held and Denton County Youth Fair for use of pens and animals.

Teams traveled from as far as Gonzales County. The Top Senior Team was Sterling County 4-H on the 4-H division and Bells FFA was the top team on the FFA portion. In the junior age division Valley FFA was the winning FFA team and Wichita County was the winning 4-H team.

Livestock Judging teaches youth about team work, public speaking, and decision making. Youth judge eight classes of different livestock species and then give reason for their placing of different classes. The contest is scored and graded using a scantron participants fill out during the event. Each class is timed giving contestants twelve minutes per class.

"We want to do that contest again next year, the quality of contest and compliments we received were really good and encouraging" said local coach Daryl Real.

## Aubrey High School Places Third in CX Debate

Amy Ruggini



**AUBREY ISD, TX** - Aubrey High School seniors Lylliam Oquel and Harmony Moura Burk placed third in CX debate at the UIL Class 4A State meet. The duo competed virtually and advanced to state after winning the district competition. Their next competition will be the national qualifier for the NSDA.

through the summer, but in order to get anticipated enrollment for staffing purposes, families are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Please visit [AubreyISD.net](http://AubreyISD.net) to get started.

## Virtual Pre-Registration for Aubrey ISD Prekindergarten and Kindergarten

**AUBREY ISD, TX** - Pre-registration for 2021-22 pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students at Aubrey ISD is open. Due to the pandemic, pre-registration will be done virtually. Registration will be ongoing

through the summer, but in order to get anticipated enrollment for staffing purposes, families are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Please visit [AubreyISD.net](http://AubreyISD.net) to get started.

## Aubrey Student's Artwork Advance to the State Visual Arts Scholastic Event

Amy Ruggini



**AUBREY ISD, TX** - Two Aubrey High School freshmen had their artwork advance to the state Visual Arts Scholastic Event. Freshmen Allison Reed and Maya Morales are moving on to the next level after sub-

mitting their artwork to the art competition for the first time as high school students.

This is the sixth straight year that at least one AHS student has progressed to state VASE with his or her artwork. Thirteen AHS students entered the Region 11N area competition, which was conducted online this year because of the COVID pandemic. Eleven of the 13 students received a Superior Rating (IV) and a regional medal, and Maya and Allison also received area medals for their artwork.

*'Matt Preston Named...' continued from front page*

Elementary for three years. He was named principal at Cross Oaks Elementary in 2014 and has served the same role since.

"Mr. Preston's connection to that campus makes him the ideal leader as it begins a new chapter," said Dr. Jeff Russell, assistant superintendent of academic programs. "His work both academically and with the social-emotional needs of students and staff in the Cross Oaks community has been impeccable and his impact will not be forgotten. No one is more suited to the challenge of opening a new facility and maintaining the rich tradition of Shultz Elementary than Mr. Preston."

Mr. Preston earned his bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas and his master's degree in educational leadership from Texas Woman's University. Mr. Preston and his family currently reside in the heart of Denton.

In December, the Denton ISD Board of School Trustees voted to re-name Wilson Elementary for Nette Shultz, the original donor of the property on which the campus currently resides and is undergoing reconstruction. Mrs. Shultz designated the land to be used for an elementary campus when she donated it to the district in 1956. Shultz's life was dedicated to teaching and the service of others.

*'Delay Granted in...' continued from front page*

tend the deadline for compliance with landscaping code until Nov. 1. Town requirements may differ from individual homeowner association requirements, including grace periods. Residents should check with their HOA or property management company for specifics related to their homes.

The Town's grace period expiring on Nov. 1 extends to commercial establishments as well. Among the factors contributing to the difficulties faced by property owners is the uncertainty of whether or not a plant will revive even with dead leaves. Some plants have responded to the cold by pushing past their usual blossoming.

Many plants and trees that did not survive still remain place, requiring homeowners to remove the branches by cutting and disposing of the dead limbs as well as the trunks and root systems. That is a time-consuming process, and one which may require the services of landscape companies, which are currently overwhelmed.

Topping the replacement problem is the scarcity of plant inventory in the local area as many nurseries are sold out of available greenery. Commercial establishments, many of which replaced their entire landscap-

ing shortly after the winter storm, have placed nurseries and plant suppliers in the unenviable position of being short on stock.

"All of these factors combined could be the start of an equally difficult period once summer begins to approach," said Furr. "Not only is the planting season a relatively small window, but forecasters are predicting an especially harsh summer, perhaps returning to drought conditions."

Residents are being asked to bear these issues in mind when planning on their landscape restoration and are encouraged to begin making plans very soon. One suggestion is to replicate the original landscaping scheme where possible or replace dead shrubs with those included in the Town's landscaping suggestion list.

"If nothing else, removing the dead plants and shrubs and leaving the space open for subsequent planting is preferred," added Furr. "With the November grace period, some homeowners may choose to plant in the fall."

The list of tolerant trees, bushes, shrubs, and grasses can be found at <https://www.prospectx.gov/landscaping-in-prospect/>.

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469.708.7654  
www.trilogychurch.org  
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603 Morrison  
Pilot Point, TX 76258  
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**Baha'i Faith in Aubrey**  
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www.bahai.org and www.bahai.us  
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Aubrey, Texas 76227  
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210 E. Main Street  
Pilot Point, Texas 76258  
903-429-3661  
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Corner of 125 N. Jefferson & Walcott St., Pilot Point  
www.calvarypilotpoint.com  
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3000 Rock Hill Rd.  
Aubrey, TX 76227  
972-841-3331  
http://www.cowboychurchofcoopercreek.org/  
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Aubrey, TX 76227  
www.crossfellowship380.com  
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972-292-1953  
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www.firstrockfellowship.org

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www.fbckrugerville.com  
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www.livingwordbaptist.net  
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rtaocsw.org/pages/minisite\_fcgaubrey\_home  
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**First Christian Church**  
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www.fcddenton.org  
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www.betheldenton.com

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www.bmumc.org, 972-292-1465  
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www.crosswayumc.org  
**First United Methodist Church**  
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Pilot Point, TX 76258  
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church.netministries.org/ch30630  
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972-325-8939, www.newleafnow.org  
**Oak Grove United Methodist**  
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(940) 365-3027  
www.oakgroveunitedmethodist.org  
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www.prosperumc.org, 972-347-2372  
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www.northtexascowboy.org  
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Restorationcowboychurch.org  
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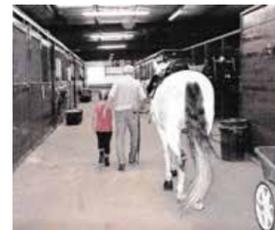
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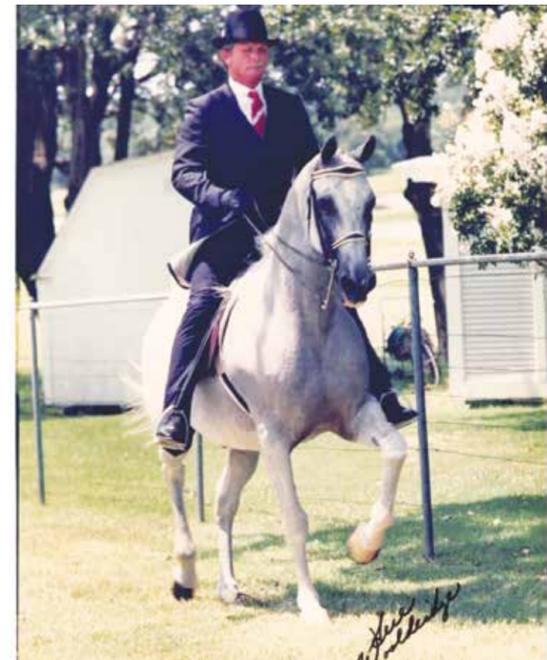


David Rhea was born on July 11, 1946 in Dallas, Texas and went to be with his Lord on April 2, 2021 in Denton, Texas.

Rhea graduated from North Dallas High School in 1964 and shortly after was drafted into the Army. His service began 8/31/1964 thru 8/30/1970. During his time in the military, he served in the Vietnam War and received multiple commendations.

After the military, he spent some time working as a photographer in Houston and shortly after started riding and training horses. He spent 40 plus years working with, competing with and riding Arabian Horses; in later years he dedicated all his time training horses and riders.

Those left to cherish his memory are: 17 nieces and



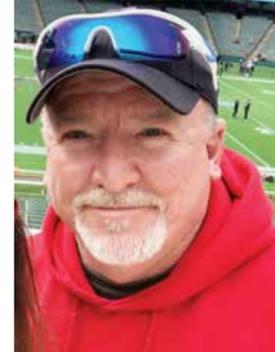
nephews, 18 great-nieces and great-nephews and 15 great-nieces and nephews. David was preceded in death by both parents, Louise and Oval Rhea, his sister Erma Owen and his brothers Robert, CB, James, and Ricky.

The family would like to recognize the many kind words

and wonderful stories of how our Uncle positively impacted those he trained and worked with over the years.

The family would be pleased if you could join them at 3:00pm on May 1st for a Memorial at: Ernesto's Fine Mexican Food located at 10279 FM 455 E #100 in Pilot Point, TX 76258.

## In Memory of Bruce James Walker



Bruce James Walker, 53 went home to the Lord on Thursday, April 1st, 2021.

Bruce was born November 14th, 1967 in Mineral Wells, Texas. Bruce is survived by his wife Shelley Walker, daughters Desiree, Haley, Amaya and son Jason, father Frank, his brother Robert, and friend to countless others.

Bruce was a selfless man who had a gentle heart and kind soul who would do anything

for anyone. Bruce enjoyed dirt racing, NASCAR, hunting, all sports, smoking BBQ, as well as anything outdoors.

Bruce is preceded in death by his mother, Linda. Bruce will be deeply missed and forever celebrated.

His "Celebration of Life" will be held at 6pm on Saturday, May 8th, 2021 at the Woodlands Park 5200 Hwy 377 S, Krugerville, TX 76227

## The Church Has Left the Building!



Way to shine Gracepoint Nazarene Church! A big thank you to the 50 plus volunteers of all ages came together on two weekends to beautify the City of Pilot Point. This is an annual event at Gracepoint. This year they completed seven projects. The volunteers painted city water hydrants, built fences, packed care kits, cleaned the elementary school playground, power washed the playground equipment, painted tables and picked up trash around the city. They also mowed and weeded yards, which they do regularly throughout the year for residents in need. The volunteers also had food teams and prayer teams to nourish the volunteers spiritually and physically. The City of Pilot Point gave them a shout out too, "Thank you to members of Grace Point Nazarene Church for repainting many of our fire hydrants this past weekend, they look like new!" To get involved with a church on the move visit Gracepointnaz.net.

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"Although the Confederate Statue relocation and contextual additions have taken time, it's been well worth it," said John Baines, member of the Denton County Courthouse-on-the-Square Art Committee. "The committee has worked together to come up with what we think is the best thing for Denton County and the memorial.

"We submitted a proposal to the state of Texas on the relocation and contextual additions and we were pleasantly surprised at the state's acceptance,

appreciation and the glowing words regarding our submission," Mr. Baines said. "This is a testament to the county leadership and the committee they selected. I'm glad to be a part of the Denton community and work on projects such as this."

The Denton County Commissioners Court approved a resolution on June 9, 2020, to execute a State Antiquities Code Permit Application to remove and relocate the Confederate Monument from its current location for the purpose of interpretation. On

June 17, 2020, the Texas Historical Commission, Denton County agreed to resubmit the permit application to address Texas Historical Commission members' specifications regarding reinstallation of the monument. A new application was submitted to the THC on June 18, 2020.

The THC specifications included:

1. Working with the executive committee on the location of the reinstalled memorial
2. Description of the history of slavery in America and its

causal impact on the Civil War

3. Description of the African American experience as that experience related to the legacy of the Civil War at the time of the memorial's initial construction in 1918.

4. Asking the county to consent to the continuing jurisdiction of the THC for the administration of the permit.

On June 25, 2020, Denton County retained the services of a professional fine arts moving company to remove and relocate the monument. It has remained in climate-controlled

storage owned by the county since then.

The monument, in its entirety, measures 18 feet, 54 inches in height. The ceiling height for the Courthouse-on-the-Square is 12 feet, 8 inches. As a result, a permanent exhibit inside the Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum will feature the statue of the soldier and two engraved tablets from the original monument.

The exhibit will be surrounded on three sides by a 3-D version of the Confederate monument where it was once

located on the Courthouse-on-the-Square lawn. In addition, a narrative will explain the history of the monument as well as the history of slavery statewide and locally. A kiosk at the exhibit will also feature videos including narrators from the committee on everything from the removal of the monument to the history of slavery in America to the African American experience during the Jim Crow era to the history of the United Daughters of The Confederacy and Confederate monuments.

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