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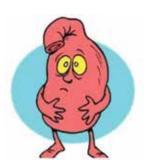
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### Aubrey ISD Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony for AHS Auditorium, Band Hall and Choir Hall Amy Ruggini



AUBREY, TXlarge, yellow construction Aubrey ISD staff and community members gathered in April under a white tent next to Aubrey High School to celebrate the final ground-ISD bond project.

The final project includes the side of campus is now a large construction area.

"We challenged the team at

vehicles in the background, that would fit into the overall to display their art. scope of the campus," Aubrey ISD Superintendent Dr. David 3,000 square feet. The present Belding said. "We wanted to band hall will be renovated into make sure our fine arts program a suite of practice rooms and had everything they need, and dressing rooms for theater and breaking of the 2017 Aubrey we designed it with the addi- prop storage. tional capacity in mind."

additions for an auditorium, 28,000 square feet containing space and will include 2300 band hall and choir hall. The 710 seats. It will include an or- feet of space. Aubrey High former senior parking lot on chestra pit, a prop room, and an School started a choir pro-1,000 square foot black box the- gram this year. atre for smaller performances.

The entrance of the audito-

With Huckabee Architects to design rium will include an art exhibit something that is world class area for the visual arts program

The new band hall will be

The choir hall renovation The new auditorium will be is off the existing cafeteria

> Voters in Aubrey ISD passed Continued on A4

### **Aubrey High School's** Valedictorian and Salutatorian for 2021

Amy Ruggini



the Class of 2021.

of students we have in Aubrey



AUBREY ISD, TX- Aubrey ISD," Aubrey ISD Superinten-High School has named Alicia dent Dr. David Belding said. Brand as valedictorian and "Obviously, both are driven Anahi Garcia as salutatorian for to achieve at the highest levels in their academics. They The valedictorian is the se- also pushed themselves to be nior with the highest cumula- highly involved in many active grade point average. The tivities at Aubrey High School. salutatorian is the senior with They are excellent role models the second-highest cumula- and people that exhibit the characteristics contained in "Alicia and Anahi are excel- the Aubrey ISD Portrait of a lent ambassadors for the type Graduate. We are very proud

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## Texas Comptroller's Office: Certain Loans Forgiven by Federal Government Safety Complex Not Considered Income for Franchise Tax Reports

**AUSTIN, TX** — Texas signed by Gov. Abbott. businesses that had COVID- House Bill (HB) 1195 ap- tax calculation.

related relief loans forgiven plies to franchise tax reports by the federal government do originally due on or after Jan. gress passed a number of not have to report those loan 1, 2021. Forgiven loan pro- COVID-related relief packproceeds as income on their ceeds from certain federal reages, including the CARES 2021 franchise tax reports, lief programs are not included Act, the Paycheck Protection the Texas Comptroller's of- in total revenue. Furthermore, Program and the American fice announced today after a expenses paid using those loan Rescue Plan. The federal bill related to the treatment proceeds may be claimed as a government will forgive loans of those loan dollars was cost of goods sold or as com- granted to businesses inpassed by the Legislature and pensation, if eligible under

current law, in the franchise

In 2020 and 2021, Con-

## **Contract Awarded for** Phase 2 of Prosper's Public

PROSPER, TX- Steadfastly at 801 Safety Way and includes maintaining a solid commit- administrative offices, a comment to the principle of increased public safety, the Prosper Town Council has moved locker rooms, temporary deforward with the initial steps in the completion of Phase 2 of the spaces for department vehicles, Public Safety Complex.

Phase 1, which includes the Police Department Headquarters and Communications Dispatch Center, was completed last year on Town-owned property just west of the downtown area. Dedicated and occupied in October 2020, the existing building sits

mand center, conference rooms, an exercise facility, showers, tention space, ample parking and various utility spaces.

The facility also houses the Communications Center, where dispatchers receive 9-1-1 calls and relay emergency messages to the Police and Fire Departments.

Safety Way, a two-lane Continued on A5

## Safe Outdoor Dogs Bill Passes Out of Texas House and Senate

SB 474 clarifies existing law and establishes basic standards of shelter and care for dogs restrained outdoors

AUSTIN, TX - The Texas Legislature has passed SB 474 by Chair Nicole Collier (D-Dallas) and Senator Eddie Lucio Jr. (D-Brownsville) out of both chambers. A top legislative priority for the Texas Humane Legislation Network (THLN), the Safe Outdoor Dogs bill will establish basic standards of shelter and care for dogs left outdoors,

and provide much-needed

clarification to existing law to promote the safety of animals and the people

around them. "Our Texas legislators are taking a critical step toward protecting outdoor dogs and improving public safety, while still respecting the freedoms of Texas dog owners," said Stacy Sutton Kerby, Director of Government Relations for THLN. "We are thrilled and so thankauthors and co-authors."

The legislation also tragedy strikes. ensures dogs have access hour waiting period in air truck bed. the current statute. This

ful for both the authors will allow law enforcement and the over 90 joint- to address critical situations immediately, before

The bill also includes to drinkable water and key exemptions for dogs can move around without restrained in public places being trapped in standing like parks and campgrounds, water or any other dan- those used for farming, field gerous substance. Along trials, and hunting tasks, with preventing exposure dogs restrained on a trolley to extreme weather, the system, and those temporarlegislation strikes the 24- ily unattended in an open-

"We are so thankful to

Chair Collier and Senator Lucio for their tireless leadership on the Safe Outdoor Dogs bill and for all the Texans who reached out to their legislators urging them to protect Texas dogs and the people around them," finished Kerby.

To learn more or to schedule an interview about the Safe Outdoor Dogs bill, contact Cara Gustafson at 561-797-8267 or cara@ publicblueprint.com.





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## Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar Revises Revenue Estimate, Projects a Fiscal 2021 Ending Balance of \$1.67 Billion More than January Estimate

Comptroller Glenn Hegar general-purpose spending in today revised the Biennial 2022-23, an increase of \$3.12 Revenue Estimate (BRE) and billion from the January BRE. now projects 2020-21 revenue available for general-purpose leadership, Hegar said the revispending to be \$113.88 bil- sions are based on changes in lion and the ending balance in estimated revenue collections General Revenue-Related (GR- and updated Legislative Budget R) funds to be \$725 million, an Board estimates of the state obincrease of \$1.67 billion from ligation for Foundation School the negative balance projected Program (FSP) funding. in the January 2021 BRE.

ance, combined with upwardly made by the 87th Legislature, revised projections of revenue and the projected ending balcollections for the 2022-23 bi- ance does not account for any

In a May 3 letter to state

This estimate does not ac-The increased ending bal- count for any appropriations ennium, results in an estimate savings from state agency budget

eligible GR-R appropriations the country — has accelerated." the 2022-23 biennium. with federal relief funds or

been lifted and economic ac-said he now expects its balance Comptroller's website.

Some of the increased revenear-term economic outlook. 2023. Not counting any ap- haven't already." Since then, case counts and propriations made from the

AUSTIN, TX — Texas of \$115.65 billion available for reductions, replacement of tivity in the state — and across to be \$12.12 billion at the end of

"Our revised revenue forecast reductions in non-FSP appro- nue projected is attributable to assumes continued economic priations made in House Bill 2. upwardly revised estimates of growth through the next bien-"When we finalized our oil and natural gas production nium, but uncertainty remains economic forecast for the tax collections. Consequently, about the ultimate course of the January BRE, COVID case the Comptroller's office is ex- economy and thus state revenue," counts and hospitalizations pected to transfer \$1.26 billion Hegar said. "Texas remains wellwere on the rise, and the rollout each to the State Highway and positioned to recover from the of vaccines had just begun," Economic Stabilization funds COVID outbreak and return to Hegar said. "Those conditions in fiscal 2022 and another its norm of economic growth in warranted caution about the \$1.67 billion each in fiscal excess of the national rate — if we

The revised Biennial Revenue hospitalizations have plum- Economic Stabilization Fund Estimate and visuals from today's meted, many restrictions have by the 87th Legislature, Hegar press conference are available on the

### Too Close to Call

Janet Laminack, County Extension Agent-Horticulture



#### DENTON COUNTY, TX-

how our landscapes fared after winter storm Uri. For the most part, I have been pleasantly surprised! It seems like many of

Some plants are not as happy. Crape myrtles and some live oaks have been slow to leaf out. Indian hawthorns look mostly dead, but are showing some regrowth from the root.

Other plants, like rosemary random spots. They are too soil conditions is stressful. wonky to be aesthetically pleasing for most of our landscapes. that we haven't even hit sum- online plant selectors that can And the pine trees continue to mer yet. Who knows what fun help like this one: https:// look worrisome.

off on trimming and pruning, trees, shrubs and all plants as aware that this selector assigns do so. Pruning or trimming stress-free as possible. While a numerical value to the plants won't make something come fertilizing and watering seem and you want plants that are an back to life. Most horticulturists like kindness, these activities 8 or higher). More informaare holding off until at least July can cause more stress. before announcing time of death on many of our trees.



subject to talk about rain in and nurseries losing plants. We know a little more now on Texas, but recent rain at my Couple that with the building house has been a bit too much. boom we are experiencing. Ev-My clay soil was waterlogged. ery new roof you see typically Water replaces air in the soil and equals at least one tree and a plants can drown. My yard was handful of shrubs. our shrubs and trees are doing beginning to stink like sewer, which is a sign of being anaero- going to cause you more grief bic (lacking sufficient oxygen). and expense down the road. Plants in saturated soils often Non-woody perennials and anwilt, thus appearing thirsty. A nual flowers are a great choice well-intentioned human might to fill in landscapes while we give the plant more water and wait for the green industry make the condition worse. Even to catch up with demand. if a plant doesn't drown, going Besides, fall is a better time and cenizo have lost limbs in through a period of anaerobic for planting shrubs and trees.

the weather has in store for aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/ Once again, if you can hold us! It's important to keep your earthkind/plant-selector/. (Be

and rip out your landscape com) or Facebook page. As As I mentioned in a previous is that we are experiencing a always, you can give us a call article, we won't really know shortage of well-adapted plants. (940-349-2892) or send us the damage done to trees for a Much of the south experienced an email at master.gardener@ few years. It's always a touchy Uri, with many plant suppliers dentoncounty.gov.



The wrong tree or shrub is If you need help picking out I don't need to remind you appropriate plants, there are tion is available on the Master The last reason not to hurry Gardener website (dcmga.

## The Texas Talking Book Program Celebrates Its Recording Studio Volunteers Susan Floyd

teers who have been resilient and me through it." dedicated, continuing to provide

volunteers work together, under with visual, physical or reading disabilities statewide.

gain valuable experience that is or tbp.services@tsl.texas.gov.

AUSTIN, TX-April 18, 2021, not only interesting and rewarding marked the start of National Vol- but appreciated by patrons. Carl unteer Week in the United States. Johnson, TBP patron for 17 years The Texas State Library and Ar-said, "During the pandemic, I have chives Commission recognized its been unable to leave my house, if it Talking Book Program (TBP) and were not for talking books, I would the TBP Recording Studio volunhave lost my mind. They have helped

Recording studio volunteer teams thousands of Texans with reading are comprised of a reviewer, monitor, materials in digital audio format. and narrator. The reviewer's job is to Stephen Lewis, manager for the ensure a quality recording by scour-TBP Recording Studio said, "Our ing the audio for errors in narration, volunteers are the best! Without unwanted noises from the recording them our patrons, whether state- booth, as well as general misreprewide or nationally, would have sentation of the author's intent. The significantly less material to read." monitor assures that the narrator's Throughout a year of unprec-reading is accurate and that the digiedented challenges, the studio tal equipment is recording properly. and its volunteers have seized new Orientation and training are proopportunities, developing new vided by Recording Studio staff. A ways to narrate, monitor and re-volunteer who has worked with the view books by developing remote studio for a minimum of six months recording team processes. All can audition to become a narrator.

The Talking Book Program is a the guidance of studio staff, to free library service for Texans of any produce digital audio books and age who have a visual, physical or magazines for qualifying patrons reading disability. The free program offers alternative formats in braille large print and digital audio. For Studio volunteers produce more information about the promore than 60 books and maga- gram visit www.texastalkingbooks. zines of regional interest each year, org. For more information about including some in Spanish, and volunteering contact 512-475-4605

## Comptroller Glenn Hegar Distributes Nearly \$1.1 Billion in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue to Local Governments

transit systems and special purpose 21.9 percent more than in May 2019. February and March by quarterly filers.

**AUSTIN, TX** — Texas Comptaxing districts \$1.06 billion in local troller Glenn Hegar announced sales tax allocations for May, 28.4 made in March by businesses that report today he will send cities, counties, percent more than in May 2020 and tax monthly and sales made in January,

LOCAL SALES TAX ALLOCATIONS (May 2021)

Recipient	May 2021 Allocations	Change from May 2020	Year-to-date Change
Cities	\$692.3M	†30.1%	†7.0%
Transit Systems	\$217.9M	124.8%	12.1%
Counties	\$62.2M	†20.6%	↑0.6%
Special Purpose Taxing Districts	\$85.4M	130.1%	18.9%
Total	\$1.06B	128.4%	15.7%

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

### 'Texas Comptroller's Office...' continued from front page

cluded in these laws, without the worst of the pandemic." requiring repayment, if they

meet certain requirements. facing taxes on relief dollars No additional forms are needed. that kept employees on pay-

Hegar also reminds businesses that the due date for 2021 fran-"Under the law prior to the chise tax reports has been autosigning of HB 1195, forgiven matically extended from May 15 loan proceeds generally were to June 15. The extension, origiincluded in an entity's total nally announced in February in revenue," Texas Comptrol- response to the winter storms and ler Glenn Hegar said. "This power outages throughout the inclusion could increase the state, aligns the agency with the amount of franchise tax an Internal Revenue Service, which entity owed. I'm proud my extended the April 15 tax filing agency was able to assist the and payment deadline to June 15 Legislature and Governor for all Texas residents and busi-Abbott in acting swiftly to nesses. The due date extension prevent Texas businesses from applies to all franchise taxpayers.

Franchise taxpayers who rolls and helped prevent fur- need an extension beyond June ther economic damage during 15 may file an extension request.



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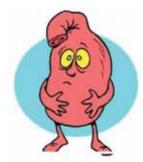


## HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

### Let's go from Sad Gut to Glad Poo!

Digestive Issues in the Older Wiser Person

By Katrina McPherson, B.S., Aging Specialist and Service Coordinator



#### DENTON COUNTY, TX- hospital to get her poo fullness I have worked in long-term rectified. This scenario causes care for almost 25 years now. much pain, strain and anguish I started off with working as and can be quite dangerous in an Assistant at Age 18 with the elderly. I noticed after I had my Nurse Aunt as my boss at children (at an older age) and a Nursing Home. I then went having a C-section with both, on to earn a Bachelor's Degree that my digestive system would in Health Care Administration act up and I would get IBS-type and maintained my credentials symptoms that I never recalled and education as a Licensed having before. I had to give up Nursing Home Administrator most of delicious fried fast food. for almost 20 years. I often noticed that many older persons, order a salad when we would to include my parents starting go out to eat due to his Chron's at age 45, would have digestive Disease. My Dad had to change and gastrointestinal issues to the his eating habits due to getting point that it would significantly affect their quality of life and the family on my Dad's side) enjoyment. As my father aged, and Gout. Aging truly is not he could not travel very far and for the weak. You have to be was quite uncomfortable ex- tough and smart. Knowing ploring as he did when we were that your digestive tract ages, young because he had to use the this can help you make better bathroom often. My Grand- choices and not be afraid to mother would literally become make appointments with your and tell us she was "full of shit" Doctor. This will make your (this is her quote, her words, not life and your gut happier. mine), that she would have to go to the hospital. One of my good resources and guidelines



My grandfather could no longer Type 2 Diabetes (it runs in

I recently came across some current clients reminded me of through a Gastrointestinal Somy late Grandmother as she ciety by the Canadian Society told me the exact same thing as of Intestinal Research. The she is heading out the door on web site is: www.badgut.org. an ambulance stretcher to the There is an excellent article en-

This article states that "As we going wrong in the digestive ages to upper digestive track system continues to rise, due

to the culmination of years of effects from such things as diet, lifestyle, diseases and medications. In the elderly disease or colorectal cancer, or to person and most important revenue collections to which this established during the pandemic long-standing conditions can is your comfort level. Typi- year's collections are compared continue to support rapid growth

nent of these conditions. enlist the assistance of your and the Three Bears. doctor and/or a nutritionist if individuals:

- Dysphagia
- Functional Dyspepsia

titled "Aging Digestive Tract." Disease (GERD)

- Diarrhea
- Constipation
- Diverticular Disease
- Colorectal Cancer

can arise, such as diverticular its? They can vary from person is due to base effects: year-ago stay-at-home behavioral trends worsen, such as dyspepsia, ir- cally, having a bowl movement were severely suppressed by the in online shopping and elevated ritable bowel syndrome (IBS), (BM) from three times a day pandemic. Nonetheless, this spending for home improvements inflammatory bowel disease to three times a week is con- month's sales tax collections and sporting goods. (Crohn's disease and ulcerative sidered normal, unless you colitis), celiac disease, and have unpleasant symptoms. A GERD." The article further healthy BM will pass smoothly goes into ways to maintain di- and without pain and is not too gestive health as we age along lumpy and hard, too loose and with disorders that commonly runny, too small, too big. You affect older persons. As well should not have to strain, and as the treatment and manage- when you have to go, it should not be urgent or uncomfort-The best advice is to main- able. It should be "just right" tain healthy dietary habits by for you just as in the favorite choosing nutritious foods and childhood story, Goldilocks

If you have concerns with you need to. Make sure you your digestive tract and would get enough fiber, Vitamin D, like more information, visit hydration, Calcium, etc. Try the Canadian website: www. to remain active and add mus- badgut.org and there is a full cle and bone strengthening version of the article "Aging activities such as gardening, Digestive Tract" and more yoga, and/or resistance band on this extremely informative workouts at least twice a week. website. Or most important, Below are some of the most make an appointment with common digestive disorders/ your Doctor and reach out to complications that affect older a supportive family member or friend. You can also email me if you would like to at: katrina@planocommunityhome. · Gastroesophageal Reflux org. You deserve to have en-

and power outage. "Retail sector remittances were up across the board, with lections, visit the Comptroller's clothing stores, online retailers, For an extensive history of tax general merchandisers, sporting policy developments and fees

AUSTIN, TX — Texas Clothing stores were especially Comptroller Glenn Hegar today hard hit by the closure orders early • Non-steroidal anti-inflam- said state sales tax revenue totaled in the pandemic and continued age, the risk of something matory drugs (NSAIDs) dam- \$3.4 billion in April, a record- soft consumer demand as much of high monthly total and 31.4 the workforce worked from home, percent more than in April 2020. but now appear to be rebounding Year-over-year increases for strongly as consumers return to most tax revenues this month stores and those resuming office and in the coming months will work buy clothes again. Despite Last but not least, what is be among the highest in the reopenings and the lifting of all individual, new medical issues considered normal bowel hab- history of the data series. This capacity restrictions in March,

State Sales Tax Revenue

**Totaled \$3.4 Billion** 

were notably strong; compared

is announcing a revised Biennial

a year ago," Hegar said. "Collec-

from restaurants and retailers.

p.m. on Microsoft Teams.

tions were up 19.2 percent.

"Tax receipts from restauto April 2019, sales tax collec- rants were up significantly over the previous year's levels, with The majority of April sales the growth principally attributtax revenue is based on sales able to the restaurants geared made in March and remitted to to takeout and delivery, but the agency in April. Because of some popular dine-in chains changes in estimated revenue col- exhibited a vigorous rebound. lections and updated Legislative Nonetheless, the dine-in seg-Budget Board estimates of the ment continues to languish, state obligation for Foundation with many establishments now School Program funding, Hegar permanently closed."

Total sales tax revenue for the Revenue Estimate during a virthree months ending in April 2021 tual press conference today at 2 was up 4.5 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is 'Spurred by a number of the largest source of state funding factors, April state sales tax colfor the state budget, accounting for lections increased sharply from 59 percent of all tax collections. Texas collected the following

tions from all major sectors other revenue from other major taxes, all than mining and construction of which were up sharply from a rose significantly, led by receipts year ago due to base effects: motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — "Part of the growth over \$378 million, up 130 percent from last year is from depressed col- April 2020 and up 27 percent lections that began last April, from April 2019; motor fuel taxes especially from retail trade, — \$325 million, up 15 percent restaurants, entertainment and from April 2020 and up 1 percent other hospitality businesses most from April 2019; oil production immediately impacted by the tax — \$334 million, up 75 percent COVID-19 pandemic. Spend- from April 2020 and down 3 pering this March affecting April cent from April 2019; natural gas tax collections was supported production tax — \$232 million, by widespread business reopen- up 247 percent from April 2020 on average, homes sold for ings and the lifting of capacity and up 81 percent from April restrictions, greater consumer 2019; hotel occupancy tax — \$51 confidence in going out as the million, up 116 percent from April vaccine rollout progressed, fed- 2020 and down 20 percent from eral stimulus checks and spend- April 2019; and alcoholic beverage ing delayed from February into taxes — \$119 million, up 110 per-March due to the winter storm cent from April 2020 and down 7

> For details on all monthly colespecially notable increases from Monthly State Revenue Watch. goods stores and building materi-since 1972, visit our updated als and home furnishings stores. Sources of Revenue publication.

percent from April 2019.

### Increased Home Inventory Fails to Satiate Buyer Demand in Collin County



PLANO, TX— The Collin County Association of Realtors (CCAR) reports that despite increased new listings, demand continued to drive prices higher in April as homes sold faster and for more money than months prior.

listings to consider in April homes for sale. compared to the year prior (1,983 vs. 1,581), demand contion of the population was, tinued to outpace inventory as understandably, reluctant to 62.6% more homes went un- let anyone inside their home. der contract last month than This April we have our footin April 2020. April's high de- ing back and as a result saw a mand resulted in 65.5% fewer large increase in new listings, homes for sale than the year however, not nearly enough prior, despite increased new to satiate the demand," said listings. The month's supply of CCAR President Ron Leach. since April 2020. The progress homes remained relatively flat at 0.9 months, up from 0.7 the homes to remain on the real estate transactions to plow two months prior—a market market for an average of 18 full steam ahead, no matter

While buyers had more new there is a 6-month supply of the year prior. In addition,

Unsatiated buyers caused is considered balanced when days—66% less time than how wild of a ride it is.

"Last April a large por- 104.7% of their original list price and the area saw a median sales price of \$414,900. The hottest price point last month continued to be homes priced \$300,000-\$399,000—accounting for 28.5% of homes sold.

> We have come a long way over the past year has allowed





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# EDUCATION

### Savannah Elementary Recognized as Successful Model for Texas Schools



**DENTON ISD, TX-** Savannah Elementary School was recognition with us." recently identified as a Profes-The campus is one of only 26 this distinction.

chael McWilliams, principal. taking place on your campus. "It has been a challenging year parents to students, staff, and learners which is a testament confront essential challenges.



district officials shares this to the great team of educators

Schools that achieve Model sional Learning Community PLC status must show three onstrate work in collaborative Model School by Solution Tree. years of significant student imteams, monitor student learnprovement data based on coling on a timely basis, create elementary schools in the state laboration efforts. Examples systems of intervention and of Texas and 182 elementary of improvement can be shown extension to provide students schools nationwide to receive through state assessment data, with additional time and learngraduation and/or promotion ing support and build teacher "The application process is rates, universal screener scores, capacity to work collaboratively rigorous and requires signifi- and other measures that build with a focus on improved learncant improvement in student a case that more students are ing for all students. achievement data," said Mi- learning based on the practices

"Savannah for all of us, but we appreciate staff started on this journey ing educators to raise student the collaboration within our six years ago," said Dr. Jeff achievement. With more than building and district. Our Russell, area superintendent. 48,962 educators attending curriculum department and "Even with all the challenges professional learning events and other district-level person- faced throughout this unusual more than 5,500 professional nel have worked with us and school year, they've been able development days in schools supported our efforts in a va- to stay focused on meeting each year, Solution Tree helps riety of ways. Everyone from students where they are as teachers and administrators



assembled on that campus."

Model PLC schools dem-

Since 1998, Solution Tree has worked to transform edu-Elementary cation worldwide by empower'Aubrey High School's...' continued from front page

of them and know they will go school, of course, but it wasn't team sport but if you don't have into the world fully prepared until the end of freshman year to make a positive difference and they posted our rankings for others."

Gore said. "Both Alicia and to keep that." Anahi are exemplars of our class individuals."

Alicia Brand is the daughter saw how high she was. of Melinda and Larry Brand. Class of 2021 and plans to attend the University of Texas at or biology.

ter of Angelica and Luis Gar- thrive in. cia and is the senior class sa-Texas Woman's University she enjoyed science. and major in psychology.

two friends were always workone another.

friends," Alicia said.

strong bond," Anahi said about Alicia.

Both students had always ted to UT Austin. done well in school but didn't ings were posted after their Society, FCCLA and cheerfreshman year.

ing valedictorian. "I always wanted to get good grades in vate myself," Alicia said. "It's a Complex at 8 p.m.

"We are incredibly proud of class. I never thought I would the accomplishments of these be first in my class. Since I two young ladies," Aubrey found out then, I decided to High School principal Matt make sure I kept my grades up

Anahi said she was excited core values, and are world when she saw the initial rankings her freshman year and

"I kept the mentality of, She has earned the distinction 'keep doing what you are doof valedictorian for the AHS ing'," said Anahi. "It worked out for me."

Austin major in neuroscience classes together, but they each have different subjects and Anahi Garcia is the daugh- classes that they enjoy and

It wasn't until high school lutatorian and plans to attend that Alicia realized how much

"For some reason, in middle Alicia and Anahi have been school I always told myself friends since kindergarten. As I was bad at science," Alicia they entered high school and said. "Once I got into Mrs. had more classes together, Wimbrough's class, I realized they became even closer. The I had a passion for it and I was good at it. Her teaching style ing hard at school, but they helped me realize that. I like to "You want to root for your come easy. Even though science comes easy for me, the

surgeon, and she has commit-

Alicia has been involved in realize how well until rank- Beta Club, National Honor for three years. "It was never a goal of cheerleading to helping her their diplomas at graduation on mine," Alicia said about be- grow in a lot of different ways. Tuesday, May 25 at the Denton

the necessary skills then you are not providing anything to and I realized I was first in my help your team. Being in cheer made me motivate myself to learn how to do things outside of practices."

Anahi says her strong subjects are math and English.

"I love writing papers," Anahi said. "My geometry class with Mr. Lortz was fun. You don't realize how easy it can be when you understand it."

TWU was always the school of choice for Anahi. Her sisters went there and be-Alicia and Anahi share ing close to home was important to her. The decisive factor may have been when she took a tour of TWU her junior year, and she was shown all the scholarship opportunities.

> "I found out I could get a full ride if I was salutatorian so that made me push harder to be salutatorian."

> Anahi received the TWU Presidential Scholarship, which offers full tuition to the valedictorian or salutatorian of an accredited high school class.

Anahi's plan is to stay on were never competing against be in classes that challenge me at TWU to get her master's versus something that would degree and then a Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

At AHS, Anahi has been "We have always had a content is what makes it hard." involved with Beta Club, Alicia's goal is to become a National Honor Society and FCCLA. She served as an officer this year for FCCLA and played the alto sax in the band

> leading at AHS. She credits of the Class of 2021 will receive "It taught me how to moti- ISD's C.H. Collins Athletic

Alicia and Anahi and the rest

## Friends of Hagerman's Second Saturday Events



June Second Saturday: The Tale of Two Titmice

10:00AM Online via ZOOM

Two species of Titmice, Tufted Titmouse and Blackcrested Titmouse, reside across much of Texas and have been suspected of interbreeding for nearly a century. In this talk Jennifer will discuss the historical and current understanding of their species status, her recent research related to their genetics, behavior, physiology, and morphology, as well as potential impacts to their species status in the face of climate change and urban development.

Jennifer Cary Vaughn grew up in Dallas and earned her bachelor's degree from Austin College, a master's degree from Humboldt State University (Arcata, California), and her PhD in Wildlife from Texas A&M University. She is currently teaching Environmental Science and Biology at Collin College's Frisco campus.

Register in advance for this presentation:

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https://us02web.zoom.us/ meeting/register/tZcqcO-Saturday, June 12th at 6orzsjGNBwh5mMhbw14jjqguPzoDZ1

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July Second Saturday: Dragonflies

Saturday, July 10th at 10:00AM Online via ZOOM

Many species of dragonflies and damselflies occur at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge. In this program, Rick will discuss the species most likely to be found at the refuge, when the species are most likely to be encountered, and where he has seen the species on

Rick grew up in Rockport, Texas. He has a Bachelor's of Science in Range and Wildlife Management from Texas A&I

University in Kingsville, Texas. Rick has worked for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for almost 30 years, at refuges in South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri, Texas and Oklahoma. He spent over a decade as the assistant manager at Hagerman and has been the refuge manager at Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge since 2016.

Register in advance for this presentation:https://us02web. zoom.us/meeting/register/ tZIkceqsqD0iGNQJN1-1. Follow the link above to 2vDVT7LaFb\_1DZk5B

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construction projects to be a third elementary school,



a \$51 million bond pack- addressed with bond package in November 2017. The age were the construction of

additions and renovations to Brockett Elementary, Monaco Elementary and Aubrey Middle School, additions and renovations to the agriculture science facility, and a new band hall and auditorium at Aubrey High School.









# SPIRITUAL

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Hilltop Church Aubrey First Assembly of God 819 W. Sherman Dr. in Aubrey

Trilogy Community Church Cross Oaks Elementary School, 600 Liberty Blvd, Cross Roads, TX 76227 469.708.7654 www.trilogy.church **Cowboy Country Chapel** 603 Morrison Pilot Point, TX 76258

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Prosper, TX 75078 469-287-7624 www.saintmartindp.org St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church 925 N. Charcut St., Pilot Point, TX 76258

www.stthomaspilotpoint.org
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ntaccsw.org/pages/minisite\_fccaubrey\_home Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

First Christian Church 410 N. Main St. in Aubrey First Christian Church of Denton Denton, Texas 76210 www.fccdenton.org

Grace Christian Church Baker Elementary School Prosper ISD (Heatherwood Subdivision)

**Church of Christ** Aubrey Church of Christ Lake Dallas Church of Christ

504 Carlisle Dr. Lake Dallas, TX 75065 Rock Hill Church of Christ 9426 Rock Hill Road

**Episcopal** St. Paul's Episcopal Church 420 South Coit Road

Prosper, TX 75078 972-347-9700 Lutheran

Rejoice Lutheran Church (ELCA) 12000 Independence Pkwy, Frisco, Texas 75035 972-569-8185 www.RejoiceLutheran.com

Methodist Aubrey First United Methodist 113 West Plum, Aubrey

www.aubreyfumc.com

Bethel Methodist Church of Denton County 3126 FM 2931, Aubrey Texas 409-543-8444

Button Memorial United Methodist Church 101 W. Eldorado Pkwy., Little Elm, TX. 75068 www.bmumc.org, 972-292-1465 Cross Way United Methodist 14632 Fishtrap Road, Aubrey, Texas 76227

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Harvest Bible Fellowship, CMC 3121 FM 2931 church.netministries.org/ch30630 New Leaf Church at Children's Lighthouse

3100 Woodlake Pkwy, Little Elm, Texas

972 325-8939, www.newleafnow.ord Oak Grove United Methodist (940) 365- 3027 www.oakgroveunitedmethodist ora Prosper United Methodist Church

www.prosperumc.org, 972-347-2372 Mormon Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

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www.covenantcrossroads.org **Covenant Word Ministries Church** 1501 Bluebird Dr. (Paloma Creek South Clubhouse)

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Little Elm, TX 75068
www.covenantwordministrieschurch.org
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Relate Church 1400 FM 424 Cross Roads. Tx. 76227 www.irelatechurch.com

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Sanger, Texas 76266 www.ridinforthebrand.org 940-458-3076 Rock Creek Church rockcreektx.church 469-815-5353 2860 Fishtrap Rd, Prosper, TX 75078 Worship Times 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 PM Savannah Life Fellowship 1440 FM 2931 Suites B, D & E Aubrey, TX 76227 940-453-3953

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www.unitydenton.com Tabernacle Church

Prosper Texas 75087 Phone: 940-300-5310 **Orthodox Churches** St. Maximus Orthodox Church 2026 W. Oak Street Denton, TX 76201 Pentecostal

**Cornerstone Church of Aubrey** 7850 FM 2931, Aubrey, TX 76227 940-365-2238

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'Contract Awarded for...' continued from front page

Town's geographic center, was will be renamed and will contracted for the architecconstructed to accommodate be dedicated to serving the tural and engineering design the Public Safety Complex, and Town's eastern neighborhoods of Phase 2. connects to the Dallas North as well as the burgeoning Tollway on the west and Cook commercial center at Preston several other bidders based on Lane on the east, providing Road and US 380. quick and easy access to all areas of Prosper.

Center, will be built adjacent to Town's western boundary. the current structure, and take advantage of its central loca- cil meeting, a Construction Town Hall. The overall budgrowing central sector.

The current Central Fire Sta- of Brown Reynolds Watford early 2023.

South Teel Parkway, is posi- Meet Town Objectives; Ex-Phase 2, a free-standing tioned to provide rapid response perience with Similar Facility structure which will include service to neighborhoods in Construction; Qualifications a new Central Fire Station, west Prosper, including Wind- of Project Personnel; Refer-Fire Administration, and the song Ranch and the businesses ences; and Cost Proposal. Town's Emergency Operations at US 380 and Gee Road on the

tion to provide firefighting and Manager-At-Risk contract was get for Phase 2 of the Public ambulance services to Prosper's awarded to Pogue Construction Safety Complex is \$18M and

concrete street located in the tion, 1500 East First Street, Architects has already been

Pogue was chosen over criteria which included five Fire Station No. 2, 1140 variables: Overall Ability to

The construction company has built the Complex's Phase At the April 27 Town Coun- 1, Fire Station No. 2, and Co., LP of McKinney. The firm is expected to be completed in



"The National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, the law was unanimously amended by both the House and the Senate and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Thursday, May 5, 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer." - National Day Of Prayer.

Pilot Point held a Day of Prayer on the Square to celebrate the National Day of Prayer. Several area churches were present offering prayers and songs.



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