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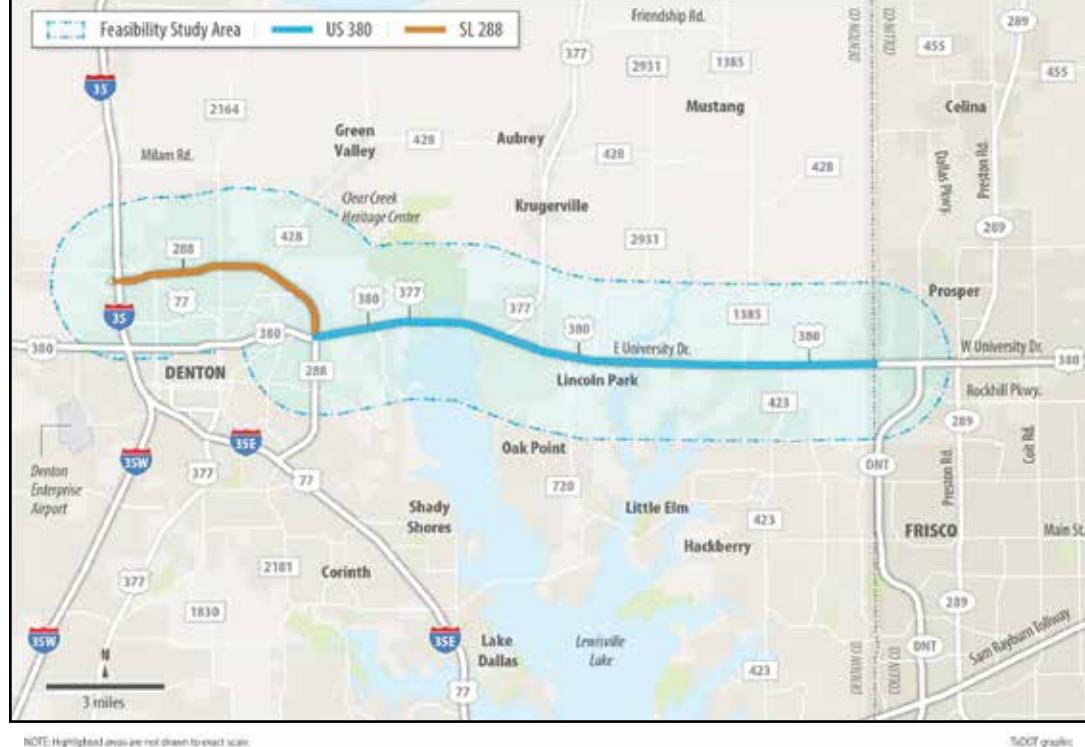
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DENTON COUNTY, TX- Public meetings set in January for updates on U.S. 380

As part of a feasibility study for improvements to U.S. 380 and Loop 288 through Denton County, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is planning two public meetings to discuss and receive public comments in January.

The area outlined for the

study is from Loop 288 at Interstate 35 to U.S. 380 at County Road 26 at the Collin County Line – about 21 miles.

Maps showing roadway alignment options will be available at both meetings. The information is also available online at www.Drive380.com.

The first public meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Memorial High School cafeteria

at 123000 Frisco St. in Frisco on Jan. 15. Information will be on display from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The second public meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Denton Civic Center, 321 E. McKinney St. in Denton on Jan. 22. Information will be on display from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

To stay updated on the

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Greater Gardening Series for 2019

at Aubrey Area Library



Landscape Design (Courtesy of Ana Hunt): DCMGA member Ana Hunt's lovely home was showcased on the 2018 Garden Tour and exemplifies the result of a good landscape design.

AUBREY, TX - Thinking about enhancing your landscape? The cold winter months are the perfect time to plan your new landscape, and Keep Aubrey Beautiful (KAB) wants to help. Partnering with the Aubrey Area Library and the Denton County Master

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No Place to Hate

Amy Ruggini



Aubrey ISD, TX- Aubrey residents driving past Aubrey

Middle School a few weeks ago may have seen an interesting sight. Teachers and students had formed a human chain, linking arms to form a circle around the school.

"It was a great community activity," AMS seventh grader Madison Temple said.

Madison was one of the AMS No Place for Hate student ambassadors who came up with the idea for the hug the school activity as a way for people to show their respect for each other by joining hands or linking arms.

So, on Friday, Nov. 16, at 1:05 p.m., everyone at AMS walked outside and "hugged the school." It was a timely event with November 16th according to Aubrey ISD Direc-

tor of Instructional Media and Libraries Jennifer Hazen, AMS was the logical choice since it is the largest school in the district, and students are at crucial age where they are forming friendships.

"We wanted to do something to create this sense of community in the schools, and to continue to have that community feel with new students moving in," said Mrs. Hazen.

The committee made up of community members, parents, staff, teachers and administrators, decided on the Anti-Defamation League's No Place for Hate. According to the ADL website, No Place for Hate is a self-directed program aimed at helping all of the stakeholders take the lead on improving and maintaining school climate so all students can thrive. Schools must complete a number of components, including those three activities, in order to receive a No Place for Hate banner.

The No Place for Hate initiative at AMS started during the second week of school with

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Changes to Trash Collection Schedule in New Contract

Yard waste and in-town bulk collection point added

PROSPER, TX - Several important changes are in store after the Town implements a new solid waste and recycling collection contract early next year, including a five-day-a-week pickup schedule, separate service for organic yard waste, and a convenient in-town drop off collection point for bulk waste.

"The changes, which were part of the negotiations with the new contractor, are in response to the growth in our community," says Chuck Springer, Executive Director of Administrative Services. "As we've added rooftops and families, we've recognized the need to upgrade several services, including solid waste collection."

While Feb. 1 is the official start date for the contract with Community Waste Disposal, known by its initials, the switchover will actually begin on Monday, Jan. 21. That week, each residence will be provided with the same number of new trash carts as it already uses, along with one new recycling cart. The carts belong-

to Waste Connections will be collected and removed during the same week. Residents should place all Waste Connection carts out during that week's collections, whether or not there is anything in them. Starting on Monday, Jan. 28, the new five-day-a-week service will begin. Information on the boundaries of the five separate collection sectors, along with the day of the week these will receive pickup service, will be distributed via a series of brochures, social media posts, website maps and other methods.

"Residents are served by the Town of Prosper, pay their solid waste fee to the Town,

and can direct questions and concerns to the Town's Utility Billing Department," said

Springer. "However, after the new contract is in place, homeowners will be able to contact CWD's customer service department directly for issues

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Dee Fields (NJHS Sponsor)



For seven nights, groups of students from Navo Middle School in Aubrey spent their evenings ringing the Salvation Army bell at the

Crossroads Walmart. The National Junior Honor Society, Student Council and Glo Girls participated. Pictured below are three members of NJHS: Harrison Biggers, Amelia Allen and Meadow Powell. They entertained shoppers with their musical talents while raising money for a worthy cause.

Hickory Creek Pump Station Overflow

Pipe break leads to City of Denton sewer overflow

DENTON, TX -The City of Denton Wastewater Utility reported a break in the pressurized pipe leading from the Hickory Creek Pump Station near the Old Alton Bridge, resulting in sewer overflows in the vicinity. The cause of the pipe break is still under investigation.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requires the City to notify the public and all appropriate government officials of overflows that exceed 100,000 gallons in a single drainage basin. On December 14, the overflow had been estimated

at approximately 300,000 gallons. Repairs are still ongoing, and additional small releases are expected.

Staff from the City's Watershed division have sampled the stream upstream and downstream of the discharge, and have noted no impacts. General Manager Dr. Kenneth Banks stressed that none of the overflows of diluted wastewater appears to have affected the stream or Lake Lewisville. However, staff are adding oxygen to the stream as a precautionary measure to ensure protection of Hickory Creek.

'Changes to Trash Collection...' continued from front page

like missed pickups or other related matters."

The new five-day-a-week pickup schedule ensures that trucks are within Town limits every day of the week, making it easier to redirect collection trucks in case of missed pickups. Organic yard waste is to be picked up on the day of regular pickup, without the need to call for service. Nevertheless, cut brush, trimmings, leaves, clippings, and small branches must be gathered in biodegradable paper bags, available commercially, and larger brush must be bundled.

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study, click here.

Corinth earns ninth consecutive Certificate of Achievement award in finance reporting

Congratulations to the City of Corinth for receiving the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the ninth consecutive year.

The Certificate of Achievement, presented for its Comprehensive Financial Report, is the highest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and financial reporting.

The Government Finance Officers Association, based in Chicago, serves the needs of nearly 19,000 appointed and elected local, state and provincial-level government officials and other financial practitioners.

Influenza still making the rounds in Denton County

Though you have likely heard about the flu already this year, the virus is still making its rounds in the region.

The Denton County Public Health (DCPH) encourages residents to follow basic health tips for not spreading germs.

- Make sure to properly wash your hands often to keep from passing the flu to family and friends.

- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and use hand sanitizer to help cut down on the spread of germs.

- Unwelcomed guests like the flu virus can live on hard surfaces for up to 48 hours! Make sure to use disinfectant sprays and cleaners on countertops, door handles, and other hard surfaces in your home to help protect your family from unwelcomed germs and bacteria.

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DCPH wishes you a flu-free start to the new year!

Regional road and bridge updates

FM 2181 North-South –

Detour pavement construction will continue as well as installation of sanitary, water lines and storm sewer on the project. Ranchman closure to install waterline expected to occur in January. Closure expected to last two weeks. Lane closures from Bent Oaks to Primrose for detour construction. Temporary lane closures for material deliveries and to complete construction of temporary detour pavement on east side of Teasley.

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FM 720 North – In January, crews will place asphalt, tie steel and place concrete pavement for northbound FM 720 lanes. Drainage work for inlet tops will be done for northbound FM 720 lanes.

FM 455 – A geotech draft report has been received for FM 455 bridges only; a final schematic report will be submitted in February 2019.

Union Hill/ FM 455/ FM 2164 Realignment Project – TxDOT has taken over management of this project. Superpaving at Union Hill and FM 2164 south of FM 455 expected in December. County road and bridge updates

Lake Sharon Extension –

The city and UTRWD have entered into an agreement for UTRWD to construct their bypass line separately. UTRWD is working with the city's engineer and gathering plans to begin work. City anticipates re-bidding the project in February 2019.

Mayhill Road – Major

construction work (concrete paving and traffic signal installation) for Phase 1 is being finalized and is expected to be completed in early

2019. South Mayhill (Morse to south end) will switch to new pavement on January 11, 2019. North Mayhill (US 380 to Morse) will switch to new pavement in February 2019. Prominence Parkway is completed but will remain closed until traffic is switched to new pavement in February 2019. Spencer Road and Gala Road are scheduled to be open on January 11, 2019.

McReynolds Road – Rain delayed progress. Final punch-list is underway. Punch-list includes minor clean-up and fill-in at edge of pavement where soil has settled. Fence contractor to complete installation of permanent barbed wire fence and removal of temporary fence in late December or early January.

Rockhill Road/Arvin Hill Road Project – Revisions to 100 percent plans to accommodate changing offsite conditions and concerns. Utility relocation coordination ongoing.

Arvin Hill Road Project US 377 to Red Mesa - Bid awarded December 18, 2018. Utility relocation has begun.

US 377/Arvin Hill/Stewart Road Intersection Project – Design under review by TxDOT.

Sam Bass Road Project - FM 455 North of Nance Road – Design plans at 95 percent. Project waiting on TxDOT to acquire ROW.

Pecan Valley Road Culvert Replacement – Coordination between all parties is ongoing.

Hackberry Creek Park Road Project – Preliminary design plans have been submitted to the county.

Lois Road West Culvert Replacement – Survey and engineering study ongoing.

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EDUCATION

Aubrey ISD Robotics Team had Amazing Day of Fun

Amy Ruggini



Aubrey ISD, TX- Two Aubrey Middle School robotics teams competed at the First LEGO League area qualifier on Saturday, Dec. 14 at Braswell High School. One of the two teams, Robochaps, advanced on to the second-chance qualifier.

"Both teams had an amazing day full of fun, teamwork, core values and even an executive summary," AMS Robotics Club co-sponsor Amy Reynolds said.

Aubrey FFA Quiz

Amy Ruggini



Aubrey ISD, TX- The Aubrey High School FFA senior quiz team advanced to the state Leadership Development Event contest with a second-place finish in the area competition. The team, comprised of AHS senior Brenden Hough, freshman Heather Hough, freshman Sydney Blankenship and freshman Maddy Hill, won the District V event.

the reading of the resolution of respect over the announcements. Over 70 students were nominated by teachers to be student ambassadors. Students could also nominate themselves to be an ambassador.

"I wanted to help show people you can't put people in boxes and stereotypes," AMS 8th grader and student ambassador Xander Rouk said. "I thought No Place for Hate would be a good way to have other people support the same thing you believe in."

Eight AMS students attended the No Place for Hate

Summit in Dallas in October to learn how to recognize bullying on their campuses and to get tools to confront the behavior.

At the summit, the Aubrey students were all separated and placed into small groups with students from all over the area. The AMS students said it was a little nerve-racking to be on their own, but over the course of the day they became more comfortable with their groups.

"I learned a lot of things like how to be an ally, not the enemy," AMS 8th grader Kamron Fields said.

Kamron came back to school and told his friends that asked where he had been that he was learning how to make their school a better place.

Madison learned that if you see something, you need to stick up for what's right.

"It's not cool, it's not right to hurt someone's feelings," Madison said. Her goal is for people at AMS to take what they learn to other places.

Through Google Classroom and monthly meetings, the student ambassadors are busy planning their next two activities. On their own, they

are working on making their school a positive, safe place.

"Anything bad happens,

I try and step in and help,"

AMS eighth grader Sawyer Hazen said.

"Every time I hear someone say something that could be offensive, I speak up and say, 'you shouldn't say that,'" Xander said.

Mrs. Hazen was surprised at how excited the kids were about the program.

"The kids saw a need for it," Mrs. Hazen said. "They were really passionate about it even though they are so young."

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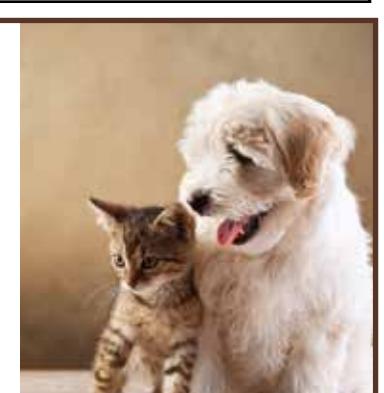
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Nine Reasons Why Stay-at-Home Parents Need Life Insurance



You're probably already aware that a parent with a job outside the house most likely needs life insurance to protect their loved ones in case something were to happen. But it's not just breadwinners who need coverage—stay-at-home parents do, too. Here are nine reasons why.

1. To replace the value of their labor. Stay-at-home parents are caretakers, tutors, cooks, housekeepers, chauffeurs, and so much more, 365 days a year. And all that work comes with a price tag. That stay-at-home-parent contributes the equivalent of about \$162,581 in annual salary to their household. If the unthinkable were to happen, a surviving partner would be on the hook for a slew of new expenses that the stay-at-home parent previously shouldered. Term Life Insurance is generally a quick and affordable way to get a substantial amount of coverage like this for a specific period of time, such as 10 or 20 years—often until you pay off your mortgage or the kids are grown and out of the home.

2. To factor in the contributions of any future income. Many stay-at-home parents return to the workforce once their kids are older. Life insur-

ance could help bridge the gap that their future earnings would have contributed to the household.

3. To pay off any debt. From student loans to credit card debt to an informal loan from a family member, there are lots of ways to owe money. Life insurance can help settle any debts left behind so they don't create stress for grieving loved ones.

4. To cover funeral expenses. Would you believe that the average funeral runs between \$7,000 and \$10,000, and that may not cover all of the cost of the burial, headstone and other expenses?

Many families want to honor a loved one's memory, but have trouble finding the funds to cover all the costs. Fortunately, the payout from a life insurance policy can help cover final wishes.

5. To leave a legacy. If a stay-at-home spouse has a passion for a place of worship, an alma mater, or other nonprofit organization, life insurance can be used to leave a meaningful charitable gift.

6. To boost savings. Whole Life Insurance which offers lifelong protection as long as you pay your premiums, may offer additional living benefits such as the ability to build cash value. This can be used in the future for any purpose you wish, from making a down payment on a house to paying for college tuition. Keep in mind, though, that withdrawing or borrowing funds will reduce your policy's cash value and death benefit if not repaid.

7. To guarantee insurability.

Your health can change in an instant. Getting a permanent life insurance policy when you're young and healthy means you'll have lifelong coverage. Then you won't have to worry if later on you develop a health condition that would make it hard or even impossible to get life insurance. Remember, life insurance is more affordable today vs. tomorrow.

8. To receive tax-free benefits. Life insurance is one of the few ways to leave loved ones money that is generally income-tax free.

9. To give loved ones peace of mind. Losing a parent and partner before their time is already hard enough without having to worry about unsettled debts, childcare costs, funeral bills, and other expenses.

As you can see, life insurance for stay-at-home parents is just as important as it is for parents who work outside the home. Call or visit my office to schedule a time to talk, to learn about your options and get coverage that fits your lifestyle and budget.

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Cross Oaks Elementary School,

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469.708.7654

www.trilogy.church

Bahai' Faith

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800-22-UNITE or 972-632-6904

www.bahai.org and www.bahai.us

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Antioch Baptist Church

Hwy 428 & Hwy 2931

Aubrey, Texas 76227

Bethel Baptist Church

210 E. Main Street

Pilot Point, Texas 76258

903-429-3661

Calvary Baptist Church

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

www.calvarypilotpoint.com

Cowboy Church of Cooper Creek

3000 Rock Hill Rd.

Aubrey, TX 76227

972-841-3331

www.cowboychurchofcoopercreek.org/

Cross Fellowship Church

Meets at Savannah Elementary

1101 Cotton Exchange Dr

Aubrey, TX 76227

www.crossfellowship380.com

Crossridge Church

1701 Walker Lane

(Across From Little Elm High School)

www.crossridgeonline.org

972-292-1953

First Rock Fellowship

201 N. Chenie Street, Aubrey

www.firstrockfellowship.org

First Baptist of Krugerville

Hwy. 377 South, Krugerville

www.Fbckrugerville.com

Green Valley Baptist Church

9901 FM 428 in Aubrey

Living Word Baptist Church

2315 FM 720 West

Little Elm, TX 75068

(469) 362-9010

www.livingwordbaptist.net

Midway Baptist Church

Hwy. 377 North of Aubrey

940-365-9310

www.midwaychurch.org

Mustang Baptist Church

Corner of I-35 & Mustang Rd. in Aubrey

New Hope Baptist Church

Highway 377, South, Aubrey

www.newhopeaubrey.com

Prestonwood Baptist Church

1001 West Prosper Trail, Prosper, TX

972-378-6700

Providence Village Church

Providence Elementary

1000 FM 2931

Aubrey Tx 76227

www.pbc380.com

Rhea's Mill Baptist Church

5733 North Custer Rd., McKinney

972-562-2947

www.rehasm.org

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St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

925 N. Charcut St., Pilot Point, TX 76258

940-686-2088

www.stthomaspioltoint.org

St. Sophia Ukrainian Catholic Church

5600 North Colony Boulevard

The Colony, Texas 75056

(972) 370-4700

www.stsophiaukrainian.cc

Christian

First Christian Church in Aubrey

410 N. Main St.

ntaccsw.org/pages/minisite_fcaubrey_home

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

First Christian Church

410 N. Main St. in Aubrey

First Christian Church of Denton

1203 Fulton Street

Denton, Texas 76210

www.fcddenton.org

Grace Christian Church

Baker Elementary School

Prosper ISD (Heatherwood Subdivision)

www.graceprosper.org

Church of Christ

Aubrey Church of Christ

910 S. Hwy. 377

Lake Dallas Church of Christ

504 Carlisle Dr.

Lake Dallas, TX 75065

940-497-5510

Rock Hill Church of Christ

9426 Rock Hill Road

Frisco, Texas

972-347-1919

Episcopal

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

420 South Coit Road

Prosper, TX 75078

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www.stpaulprosper.org

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Rejoice Lutheran Church (ELCA)

12000 Independence Pkwy, Frisco, Texas 75035

972-569-8185

www.rejoiceLutheran.com

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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

www.betheldenton.com

Button Memorial United Methodist Church

101 W. Eldorado Pkwy, Little Elm, TX 75068

www.brumc.org 972-292-1465

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14632 Fishtrap Road, Aubrey, Texas 76227

www.crosswaymc.org

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Covenant Church

Cross Roads Campus

8690 Liberty Road

Cross Roads, TX 76227

940-365-1395

www.covenantcrossroads.org

Covenant Word Ministries Church

1601 Bluebird Dr. (Paloma Creek South Clubhouse)

Little Elm, TX 75068

www.covenantwordministrieschurch.org

Faith Assembly Church

700 N. Harmon Road, Aubrey, TX 76227

940-365-9360

aubreyfaithassembly.weebly.com

Gateway Church

7125 Legacy Drive

Frisco, TX 75034

Frst.GatewayPeople.com

Grace Village Community Church

5325-B Highway 377

Krugerville, TX 76227

gracevillagechurch.org

Lighthouse Christian Fellowship

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Prosper, TX 75078

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