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Hugh Coleman, Denton County Commissioner Precinct One



DENTON COUNTY, TX— Denton County Precinct One Commissioner Hugh Coleman, Denton County Judge Andy Eads and officials with the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA), Celina and Pilot Point broke ground Thursday, November 19th to commemorate the beginning of construction on the \$27 million frontage road project largely funded by the Denton County Road Bond Program approved by the voters in 2008. The frontage road project will provide for free lanes for travelers from FM 428 in Celina to the

McKinney Breaks Ground on Fire Station 11

Fire Station 11 will serve the Craig Ranch area
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McKINNEY, TX – Workers were on hand to move the first bits of soil for the project. The new 15,000-square-foot fire station will serve the fast-growing Craig Ranch area. Plans include a training tower that will include a FARS air system. There will also be a city leaders, developers and other

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Denton Community Market Hosts Extended Market Dates in December



DENTON, TX— The Denton Community Market Board is preparing for extended holiday shopping during three additional market Saturdays, December 5, 12, and 19. The Market is located at Denton County Historical Park at 317 West Mulberry Street. The market will be open the first three Saturdays in December from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Visitors will find booths adorned with holiday décor, live roaming music, and plenty



Grayson County Line. “Since 2005, Denton and Collin counties have worked on building this project along our joint county lines,” said Commissioner Coleman. “Since taking office in 2009, I have worked closely with NTTA

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Denton ISD Students Eat Free- All Year



flexibilities allowing free school meals to all children throughout the United States until the end of the 2020-2021 school year. This extension allows Denton ISD Child Nutrition to continue to provide free breakfast and lunch to all currently enrolled Denton ISD students—regardless of their family’s income—until the end of the school year. ConnectedLearning (remote) students are also included in this extension.

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DENTON ISD, TX— U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Sonny Perdue recently announced the extension of nationwide

Appreciating Trees Janet Laminack



DENTON COUNTY, TX— You don’t have to be a tree-hugger to appreciate trees. They provide beauty, shade, protection and oxygen. They filter pollutants and sequester carbon. They can reduce noise and wind while stabilizing soil and reducing rain run-off.



system. Patients with a nature view recover quicker and request less pain medication. Children who play in nature are more relaxed and attentive. What could be a better cure for all the online time than being outside with plants and trees?

All well and good, but we are going through one of the weirdest, hardest years ever with the COVID pandemic. Trees are not exactly a high priority right now. But, maybe they should be. Research shows that being around trees can reduce your blood pressure and stress levels and it can boost your immune

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Town Staff of Prosper Seeks Feedback on Communication Efforts

Results to assist in improving outreach

PROSPER, TX— Responses to the Town of Prosper communication survey will be used to gauge the effectiveness of the current processes that the Town uses to share information and, if necessary, implement any changes or improvements to those processes. The survey, available at <https://surveymonkey.com/r/ProsperCommunications>, takes less than

of opportunities for last minute holiday shopping. Roaming musicians include Andrew Buck on December 5; and Joe Ray on December 12. Visitors to the market will also enjoy experiencing unique art creations by Amani Sodiq-Odunaiya (photography), December 5 and 12; and Lacy Almeida (talking murals), December 12 and 19. Denton Community Market (DCM) is a place that brings

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people together. The Market will feature local farms, local artists, and food vendors. It’s also pet-friendly with pet products. The market promotes local businesses and enriches the culture of Denton by creating a sense of place. All vendors are carefully selected to participate in the Denton Community Market, having met high standards of handcrafted and locally produced goods. Additionally, all farmers

Robyn Battle, Executive Director of Community Services for the Town. Battle oversees the public information function for Prosper and is chair of the communications committee, a cross-departmental employee group. “One of our Town’s most important guiding principles is maintaining an open and honest communication connection

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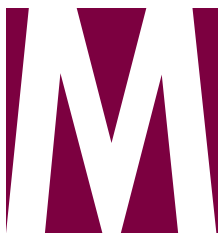


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City of Denton Boards and Commissions Applications Now Open

Residents Encouraged to Apply By Dec. 18

DENTON, TX – The City of Denton is now accepting applications for candidates to fill vacant seats on the City’s various Boards and Commissions. Board and Commission members can help shape Denton’s future by offering unique viewpoints for the City Council to consider on a variety of issues and services. All eligible residents interested in participating in local government are encouraged to apply by Dec. 18.

Boards and Commissions are an established feature of Denton’s municipal government. They offer citizens an opportunity to participate in the City’s governmental process. Their influence and value

are significant because they lend a more diverse viewpoint for the City Council to consider. To apply for a Board or Commission, applicants must be residents of the City of Denton.

Information about the various Boards and Commissions can be found on the City’s website at www.cityofdenton.com/boards. To complete an online application, click on the “Submit Your Application” button on the top, right-hand side of the page. For questions or assistance filling out the online application, call the City Secretary’s Office at (940) 349-8309 or email City.Secretary@cityofdenton.com.

After all applications are received, Council Members

may nominate individuals to boards based upon existing vacancies and the qualifications and terms of each board. The City Council confirms all Board and Commission nominations.

For additional information, including Board descriptions, special qualifications, existing vacancies, membership size, term length/limit, enacting legislation, and staff liaison contact information, visit www.cityofdenton.com/boards and click on the “Boards” tab in the lower section of the page.

Contact: Ryan Adams, (940) 349-8565, Ryan.Adams@cityofdenton.com

Texas Comptroller’s Office Highlighted in Pandemic Procurement Conference

AUSTIN, TX — The Texas Comptroller’s Statewide Procurement Division (SPD) was highlighted for its COVID-19 pandemic response during the recent National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) annual conference.

The conference, held in September, showcased the responses of a dozen states to the pandemic and the work their procurement offices did to meet the needs of their citizens.

“Procurement is complex in the best of times,” Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. “We must develop fair and open solicitations and conduct vendor meetings and negotiations while following specific statutes and rules as well as agency-specific procedures. We must ensure compliance and transparency throughout the entire process. Throw in a pandemic, shelter-in-place directives and the need to completely overhaul our processes in response to

these circumstances, and one can see how procurement could easily turn into chaos. But I’m delighted to say that our SPD staff met this pandemic head-on with little or no impact on the client agencies we serve daily.”

As it does in other state disasters, SPD provided assistance to the Texas Division of Emergency Management in procuring necessary goods and services to help mitigate the impact of COVID-19. Unlike typical events such as flooding and hurricanes, however, the division was thrust into procuring goods and services with which it had no prior experience, said Bobby Pounds, SPD director.

“We’re used to buying fuel, evacuation buses, portable toilets and other items needed to respond to natural disasters common to Texas,” Pounds said. “COVID-19 required us to buy things we had never historically purchased, with the added challenge of mak-

ing these purchases in a telework environment. In a matter of weeks, we not only transitioned to a full-time telework environment, but we also restructured our entire procurement, procurement-approval and contract-management processes to ensure there was little or no interruption in normal services to our customers.”

SPD is Texas state government’s central procurement office for non-information technology commodities and services. SPD also functions as a procurement oversight agency, offering technical assistance and training to more than 200 agencies and certifying more than 5,000 procurement and contracting professionals statewide. A tribute video highlighting the pandemic effort of each of the state procurement offices that was honored is available on the NASPO website.

Vintage Map Reproductions from the Texas Archives

An Old Fashioned Texas Christmas
By Karina Erickson



Historic Map of Dallas



edition collectible Christmas ornament. This year, the GLO Archives presents the most patriotic ornament yet - an American eagle, expressing “E pluribus unum,” promoting a message of unity, “Out of many, one.” This ornament is the perfect piece for any history lover - those who reside proudly in our state of Texas or those Texans who reside elsewhere across our great nation.

Visit SaveTexasHistory.org to find the perfect map representing your near and dear piece of Texas land and patriotic Christmas ornament for friends and loved ones. The 2020 collectible ornament won’t last long so make sure and secure one before they are gone! Online, you’ll have the option to select from maps of every county and major city, as well as hundreds of maps of the entire state, dating back beyond the Republic era, and even earlier. Historic map reproductions start at \$20. Online orders must be placed before 5 p.m. Dec. 15th to be delivered by Christmas Day. All proceeds from map sales benefit the Save Texas History program.

The Save Texas History Program is a unique program that brings together private and public efforts to preserve the 36 million maps and documents at the Texas General Land Office. The General Land Office raises \$100,000 per year through the sale of map and document reproductions, donations and grants.

AUSTIN, TX – This holiday season, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush is encouraging Texans to give the gift of Texas history from the Texas General Land Office Archives. This year has been filled with technology and innovation as our society continues to evolve and meet ever-growing digital demands. But in Texas, time-old traditions remain sacred.

Historic map reproductions from the GLO Archives are the perfect gift for friends and family. Maps represent hometowns in which our traditions began and places in Texas that will always capture the imaginations of the founding of Texas. With more than 45,000 maps to choose from, there is one perfect for every Texan.

In addition to our historic map collection, the GLO Archives recently unveiled its annual limited-

‘McKinney Breaks Ground...’ continued from front page

small storefront for the McKinney Police Department.

Conduit Architecture + Design, a local McKinney firm, is the architect on the project. Crossland Construction from Prosper will be the construction managers.

Station 11 is scheduled to open in the beginning of 2022.

Photos, videos of today’s ceremony and a rendering of

Station 11 can be found here.

“Fire Station 11 will add a needed element of public safety to the Craig Ranch area,” said McKinney Fire Chief Danny Kistner. “The city is growing quickly, and the fire department has to not only keep up, but lead the way.”

More information can be located at www.mckinneyfire.org or www.nfpa.org.

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

tion with residents,” she said. “Good, effective, and constant communication is one of the foundational pillars of our organization’s obligations to the Town’s residents.”

Measuring how effective those communication efforts are, and how they might be strengthened, is the motivation behind the survey. Taking the pulse of how the Town is progressing toward its communication goals is critical to ensuring success in that area.

“There’s no substitute for hearing directly from the people we’re trying to reach in order to determine

whether or not we are meeting our objectives,” she said. “Just as importantly, we want to be sure we are using the same communication tools, instruments, and means that our audiences are using. Being on the right platforms, using the right techniques, and being timely with our communications ensures we are connecting.”

The survey will be gathering information between now and Dec. 15, after which the results will be tabulated and analyzed. A full report, with appropriate recommendations, will be shared internally with employees and externally with residents.



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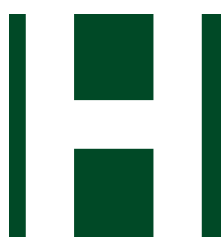
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Zach Davis



producers on strategies to use other management practices instead of pesticide. Private pesticide applicators must complete 15 CEU credits during a 5 year period, 2 credits must be in laws and regulations, and 2 credits in integrated pest management to recertify their license.

Our topics for this year include:

- Tree Diseases and Pest Treatment Options, presented by staff forester Courtney Blevins
- Hemp Diseases and Integrated Management, presented by Dr. Thomas Isakeit,
- Pasture Weeds and Management measures, presented by Gerald Hobson,

• Pesticide Laws and Regulations, presented by Dr. Don Rennie.

• Herbicide Resistant Weed Management in Crops, presented by Dr. Scott Nolte.

Pesticide licenses are beneficial for several practices. For producers, you can control invasive weeds and pests to increase crop yields. For homeowners, you can control some of those pesky weeds that invade your yards and acreage. Also, you could use indoor products to control household insects.

The program will be conducted with Covid-19 safety measures in place. Attendees will be asked to wear a face covering, and we will have a lower number of participants this year to maintain social distancing. Anyone who is might be feeling ill will be encouraged to stay home.

Registration is mandatory for this event. To register, go to denton.agrilife.org/recert2020 or call 940.349.2894. Once the event is full potential attendees will be added to a waiting list.

Leigh Hilton Releases New Edition of "Who Gets Your Stuff When You Die"



DENTON COUNTY, TX- Texas Estate Planning attorney Leigh Hilton has just published a new edition of her popular book *Who Gets Your Stuff When You Die – Solving the Puzzle: 14 Secrets for Protecting Everyone You Love & Everything You Own*. The book is based on her monthly *Who Get Your Stuff...* seminar which addresses a series of important questions that every-

one needs to know as they plan the handling of their estate.

Key questions that need to be answered include:

- 1) Who will get your stuff?
- 2) How you can help them keep your stuff?
- 3) What to plan for incapacitation and healthcare decisions?
- 4) How to help your family find your stuff?
- 5) Who will be taking care of your children?
- 6) Who will take care of your surviving spouse?
- 7) Who will be the one to distribute everything?

Leigh helps readers to understand the implications of these decisions and provides a guide of making those decisions. Originally published in 2017, the new edition has new stories

and new chapters relating to updates in laws and how that affects your estate planning.

Leigh Hilton is an Accredited Estate Planner® and has helped over 6,000 families protect the assets that they leave to loved ones from divorce, creditors, lawsuits and predators. She is the author of three books: *Who Gets Your Stuff When You Die?*, *You're Not Alone: Living with Alzheimer's Disease* and *You're Not Alone: Living as an Alzheimer's Caregiver*. She is a frequent presenter at seminars and webinars and has made over 400 speeches to groups throughout the country.

The new edition of *Who Gets Your Stuff when You Die* is now available for purchase at www.leighhilton.com.

'Appreciating Trees...' continued from front page

Even if you don't want to sell your house, a deciduous tree can help reduce energy use costs by providing shade in the summer and warmth in the winter.

Now is the time in Texas to plant a tree. Choosing the right tree is important. Look for a healthy tree that likes our region. Some good choices include oaks like burr, chinquapin, red oak and live oak. Lacebark elm and cedar elm do well and pecans also make nice shade trees. You can also consider smaller trees or large shrubs such as redbud, crape myrtle, desert willow, and wax myrtle. These trees won't be gigantic shade trees, but they can make a positive impact and might be more appropriate and attractive by staying in scale with your home and smaller urban lot.

Always, always, always take into consideration what the mature size of the tree will be in 10, 20, 30 years. Don't plant a tree too close to power lines, buildings or other trees. You also need to check that the tree isn't too close to anything underground as well. Before you dig, call 811 to have the underground utilities in your lawn marked for free. (For more information, visit www.call811.com.)

Don't be afraid to buy smaller trees or even seedling trees. Smaller trees go through less transplant shock than larger transplanted trees. That means crape myrtle, a smaller tree could catch up to the size of a larger tree. Once again, the Denton County Soil & Water Conservation District is taking orders for trees. Selections this year include a variety of oaks, some smaller trees, and some evergreen pines. To get an order

form call Denton County SWCD at 940-383-2691 Ext 3 or visit the USDA Service Center in Denton. Orders are reserved upon payment and quantities are limited. Trees must be picked up on Friday, February 26, 2021 at the North Texas Fairgrounds in Denton from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Or, City of Denton residents can take advantage of the Denton Tree Initiative program to receive rebates on certain trees. [https://www.cityofdenton.com/en-us/all-departments/quality-of-life/sustainability-\(1\)/tree-rebates](https://www.cityofdenton.com/en-us/all-departments/quality-of-life/sustainability-(1)/tree-rebates).

Once the tree is planted, don't forget about it. For the first three years it will need more care while it gets established. For more details on proper tree planting and more tree choices for our area, check out www.dcmga.com, email us at master.gardener@dentoncounty.gov or call/text us at 940.349.2892.

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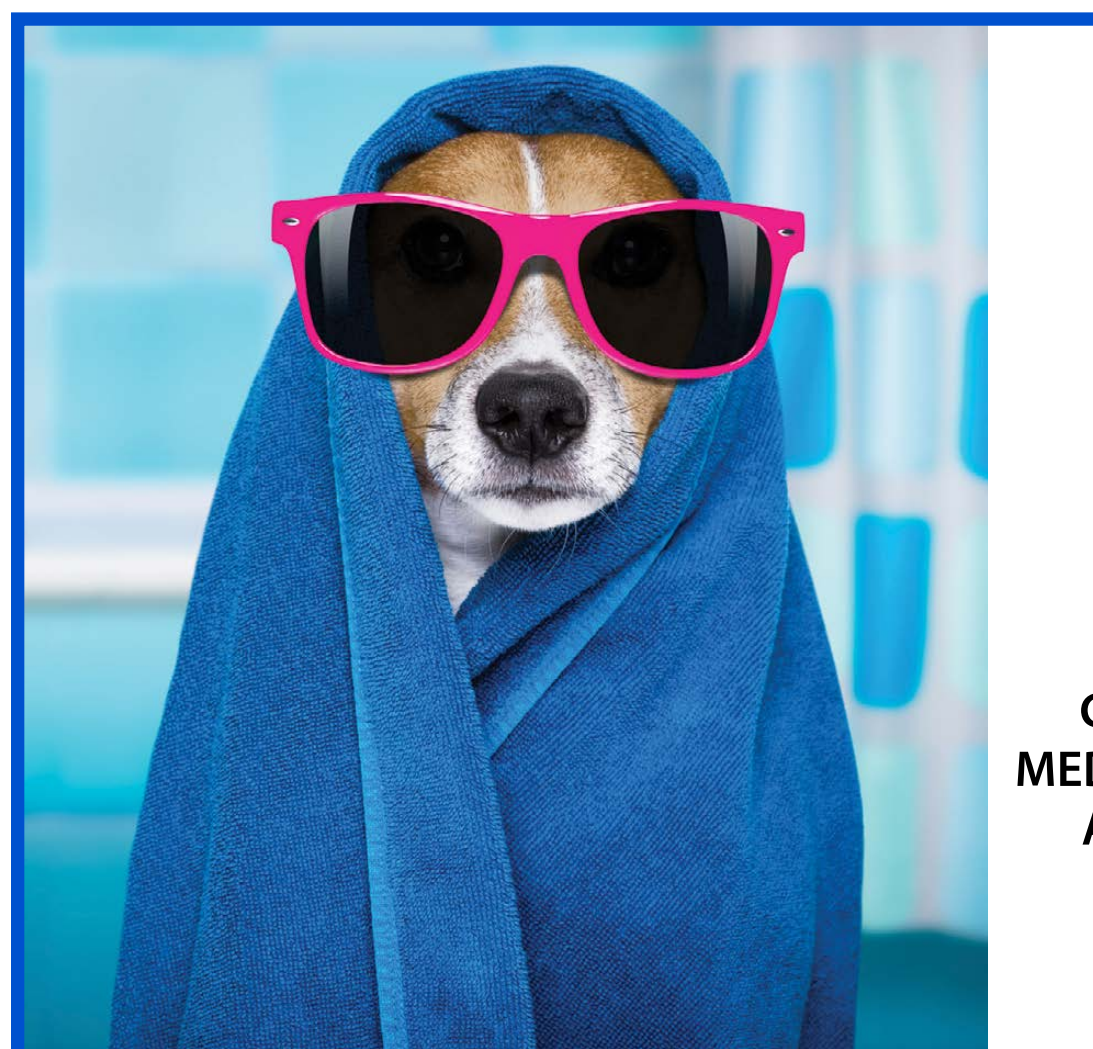


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HHSC Construction Progress at Rusk State Hospital



AUSTIN, TX – Construction crews are busy at work on a nearly \$200 million project to build a modern 227,000 square-foot patient complex and replace the administration building at Rusk State Hospital, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission announced today.

Crews recently placed the last beam atop the administration building and are on track to complete 50 percent of the building by February 2021. The construction team has also completed demolition work at the site of the new patient complex and have begun laying plumbing and installing electrical infrastructure.

“The new hospital isn’t just about having a state-of-the-art building. It’s about creating a therapeutic setting that will foster healing and recovery for the patients entrusted in our care,” said Tim Bray, HHSC associate commissioner for state hospitals. “Rebuilding these units is part of our continued mission to be a leader in modern day mental health care for Texans.”

The patient complex will include a 100-bed maximum-security unit and a 100-bed non-maximum-security unit. This project will also include the construction of a new administration building.

“I’m proud to support Rusk State Hospital and thank them for all the important work that they do,” said State Sen. Robert Nichols. “Their enduring commitment to caring for those in need is vital to the health and well-being of East Texas residents. The state’s investment in state hospitals shows our dedication to ensuring Texas is a leader in mental health care.”

This project is part of a \$745 million investment from the Texas Legislature and Gov. Greg Abbott for the construction and renovation of state psychiatric hospitals in Austin, Kerrville, Rusk and San Antonio, as well as a new hospital in Houston. Combined, the construction projects at the hospitals will add at least 350 new inpatient psychiatric beds in Texas within the next four years.

“The construction project reaffirms our state’s commitment to provide quality care for those who need it most,” said State Rep. Travis Clardy. “While the Rusk State Hos-

pital has served our community for over a century, this much-needed investment will not only serve to enhance the facilities with state-of-the-art-innovation, but more importantly provides the Rusk State Hospital with the resources necessary to increase access to high-quality health care for generations to come.”

The three-story, 227,368 square-foot patient complex features single-person rooms, the use of natural light throughout patient rooms and common areas, and outdoor spaces to promote recovery and healing. The first floor will have social interaction spaces such as a movie theater, salon, café, library, gym and a music therapy room. The second and third floors will hold the patient units, an exercise room, group therapy rooms and classrooms. Outside, there will be secure courtyards and walking trails, as well as basketball and volleyball courts. The new two-story administration building is 18,900 square feet and will accommodate the administration department and IT staff.

The patient building is expected to open in February 2023, and the administration building is scheduled to open in November 2021.

‘Denton ISD...’ continued from front page

The five day weekly meal-bundling pickup services for ConnectedLearning students will continue at the elementary campuses listed below. Meal bundle pickup is held every Wednesday afternoon from 4:30 to 6 p.m. All families will be required to provide a current Denton ISD student ID upon pickup.

Meal Bundle Pickup Sites For ConnectedLearners

- Alexander Elementary
800 Mack Place
Denton, TX 76209
940-369-3500
- Bell Elementary School
602 Villa Paloma Blvd.

Little Elm, TX 75068
972-347-7200

- Borman Elementary School
1201 Parvin St.
Denton, TX 76205
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- Nelson Elementary School
3909 Teasley Ln.
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“We’re excited to see this program continue and we want all of our students to know that they do not have to worry about breakfast or lunch while attending school,” said Chris Bomberger, executive director of child nutrition. “Although

parents do not have to complete an application for their child to receive free meals for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year, there are more resources available to the student, as well as the district, when they complete a free and reduced lunch application. The application is available on the district website.”

The free and reduced lunch program is a confidential federal program that feeds public school students across the country. To complete the free and reduced lunch application, visit: www.school-cafe.com/

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EDUCATION

AASPA Announces Election of New Board Leadership



DENTON ISD, TX—The American Association of School Personnel Administrators announced the election of four new members to their Executive Board — Cathy Donovan, Ed.D., Director of Staffing and Talent Acquisition at Olathe Public Schools in Olathe, KS, was announced as President for 2020-2021 at AASPA's Annual Business Meeting, October 1, 2020. Brian White, Executive Director of HR and Operations at Auburn-Washburn USD 437 in Topeka, KS has been elected to serve as 2021-2022 President. Robert Stewart, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of HR at Denton ISD

in Denton, TX will serve as Region 5 Representative and Ruth Green, Director of Human Resources at Laurens School District 56 in Clinton, SC will serve as Region 6 Representative.

Donovan, a 24-year member of AASPA, has served on various AASPA committees and presented at several AASPA National Conferences. Donovan also served on the AASPA Executive Board as Recording Secretary from 2010 – 2016. Donovan succeeds Beth Dalton, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources at Kildeer County Consolidated School District 96 in Buffalo Grove, IL.

“AASPA’s strength lies in its network and community of educators who volunteer their talents and resources to better the mission of providing every member with services, resources, and information vital to successful school HR practices in the interest of students. I am excited to work alongside our newest AASPA leaders and board members to make the kind of innovative changes that

will allow us to serve our members now and into the future.” said AASPA Executive Director, Kelly Coash-Johnson.

The AASPA Executive Board is a 10-member governance body comprising elected members. Board candidates are selected by the AASPA Nominating Committee and voted on by members during a general election. Find out more about the AASPA Executive Board and governance by visiting <https://www.aaspa.org/aaspa-leadership>.

The American Association of School Personnel Administrators is an international organization that provides leadership in promoting effective human resource practices within education. Headquartered in Overland Park, Kan., AASPA holds an annual conference in October and various regional professional development opportunities throughout the year in addition to providing other valuable benefits to its 2,500+ members. More information about AASPA can be found at www.aaspa.org

Trinity Falls Plans Festive Tour of Trees

Haunani Shipper



McKinney, TX — Model homes in Trinity Falls will shimmer with holiday finery during the Tour of Trees event happening throughout December. Ten of the 17 professionally decorated model homes in the community will be further decorated with Christmas trees and other seasonal accents. In addition, visitors on Dec. 5, 12

and 19 can stop by The Club at Trinity Falls, 7801 Trinity Falls Parkway, for free cups of gourmet hot chocolate and the chance to take photos at the decorated tree stationed there.

Participating model homes and more information about Trinity Falls can be found at www.trinityfalls.com.

The Foundation for Music Education’s “Mark of Excellence”



DENTON ISD, TX—The Foundation for Music Education’s “Mark of Excellence” project seeks to recognize and award outstanding achievement in performance by high school and middle school bands, choirs and orchestras. Despite a global pandemic impacting the project, three Denton ISD ensembles received the highest marks available.

“The National Mark of Excellence recognition earned by the Denton HS Lab Band 1 and Harpool MS Symphonic Band is the result of daily hard work and dedication from an amazing

team of band directors, private lesson teachers, and students,” said Dr. Jackie deMontmolin, Director of Fine Arts. “This recognition is the result of habits of excellent directors like Jesse Woolery, Brian Wilson, Phillip Elder, Brian Stone, Emily Staniszewski and their ensembles instill through commitment, hard work and dedication every day, over time. We are so proud of the cultures of excellence they have developed in their programs and grateful that the Foundation for Music Education recognizes their incredible work.”

The project gathers entries from throughout the United States and provides valuable feedback for all entrants. This year, one hundred forty-five of the finest high school and middle school musical ensembles nationally entered the project. Ensembles submit a recording

from a live concert to be judged and evaluated by world-renown musical conductors. A unique competitive environment is created which allows ensembles to compare their performance quality to other outstanding groups from across the country.

The top 25 percent of entrants are recognized as National Winners, with the second 25 percent named as Commended Winners. All entrants receive a compilation recording of the winning performances. Winners are recognized in regional and/or national publications and at national and regional conventions.

Congratulations to the students and directors of these three outstanding Denton ISD bands for being honored with a Mark of Excellence award.

‘Groundbreaking Ceremony..’ continued from front page



bringing it to fruition,” said NTTA Board Chairman John Mahalik.

Construction on the frontage road began this fall with completion anticipated in fall 2022. Commuters will initially be able to travel on two lanes, one in each direction. Ultimately, an additional northbound frontage road and tolled main lanes will be added.

“The frontage road will pave the way for great things in our county. And, it will lead to even more for our economy as we work toward building the extension of the Dallas North Tollway, which will also bring economic prosperity to Denton County,” said NTTA Board Director Pete Kamp.

The 7.7-mile segment will extend the Dallas North Tollway north to the Denton/Grayson county line, beginning with the construction of the southbound frontage roads. The frontage road lanes will be not be tolled. Much like the Frisco North Platinum Corridor, the extension could generate significant economic development and job opportunities in Precinct One.

“Today’s groundbreaking ceremony is just one of the most recent roadway improvements Denton County has been able to implement due to the trust the voters have given in passing the 2008 transportation road improvement program,” said Judge Eads.

eastern Denton County, the county as well as the region as a whole,” Judge Eads said. “We believe this effort will ultimately bring the same type of quality economic development to this portion of Denton County as we have seen in the southern portion of the DNT.”

“NTTA is proud to be a partner in delivering transportation solutions to Denton County. We thank Commissioner Coleman and Denton County for their foresight on the importance of this project to our area and

to get all right-of-way commitments donated to keep the cost of the frontage road within budget.”

The project, which has been in the works for more than 12 years, will serve as a major thoroughfare in the fast-growing region as Denton County nears 1 million in population within the next few years.

“As Denton County’s representative on the Regional Transportation Council, I was keenly aware of the importance and significance this road would have in

Aubrey ISD Agriculture Building Ribbon-Cutting

Amy Ruggini



AUBREY ISD, TX—Aubrey ISD held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the district’s new Agriculture Center. The Aubrey FFA officers took part in the ceremony.

are DCM-certified as local, producer-only, using sustainable farming practices.

“2020 has been such a challenging year for all of us, and the DCM Board wanted to provide the community with extra shopping opportunities between Thanksgiving and Christmas to find that special gift,” said Caro Kauffman, DCM President.

Visit the DCM’s website at dentonmarket.org before visiting each market Saturday for a final list of vendors and where they will be located.

DCM COVID policy: Vendors are committed to following COVID-19 guidelines, and providing a safe experience for the community. Vendor booths will be spaced at least 6 feet apart, and all vendors are re-

quired to wear face covers, and have hand sanitizer available at their booths. Vendors have been instructed to maintain social distance of at least 6 feet while serving customers and handling payment.

Customers play an important role in the success of the market during this challenging time as well. Customers are encouraged to follow these guidelines for a safe market experience:

- Wearing of face covers is required.
- There will be a defined entrance to the market and customers will be directed to the entrance.
- Social distancing of six feet is advised, including when standing
- No hand-to-hand contact will be allowed between vendors and shoppers. Customers

should point to the product they would like, and then allow the vendor to put the product on the table for them, or bag it first, before the customer can pick it up. Place cash and credit cards on the table for vendors to pick up.

- Anyone who is feeling unwell in any way should stay home.
- Any shopper who is at a higher risk is advised to stay home.
- Customers are encouraged to connect with vendors in advance to pre-order and pre-pay.

Please address all questions and inquiries to: Board of Directors at board@dentonmarket.org. Visit the Denton Community Market webpage at dentonmarket.org. Or, on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DentonCommunityMarket>.

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