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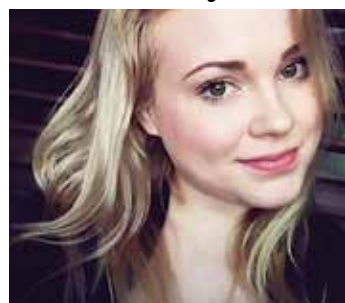
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Believing When Believing is Hard

## Endowment Established in Memory of TWU Student

Deanna W. Titzler



DENTON, TX — Jaqueline Rae Vandagriff's life was cut short 19 months ago, but her memory will live on through an endowment established by her friends and family at Texas Woman's University.

The 24-year old junior, who was a lifelong vegetarian and animal lover, was studying nutrition at TWU. The fund will commemorate her

life by supporting an internship in the area of health and wellbeing, with a preference for students majoring in Nutrition and Food Sciences.

Her killer was convicted and sentenced this past week, and now that the trial is over, the focus for her family and the university community will be to honor Jackie's memory.

Several representatives from Texas Woman's have met with the family since her tragic death, including the chair of the Nutrition and Food Sciences program at TWU, Shane Broughton, Ph.D.

"I was at the trial for three of the six days and got to know the family very well in that period of time," said

Broughton. "They appreciated the support they received from TWU."

Monica Mendez-Grant, Ed.D., vice president for student life, who will administer the endowment, also supported the family throughout the ordeal. "I pray the family can find some closure as we ensure that we celebrate the way Jackie lived her life—always with a desire to serve, assist and lead."

Donations to the Jaqueline Rae Vandagriff Endowed Internship in Health and Wellbeing may be made by contacting the Texas Woman's University, Office of Advancement at advancement@twu.edu or 940-898-3863.

## CASA of Denton County Shoots for Another Great Year Ahead



DENTON, TX - The 18th Annual Pulling for Kids Sporting Clay Tournament, has benefited CASA of Denton County since its inception in 2001. Since then, Pulling for Kids has raised over 1 million dollars towards services for children who have been victims of abuse or neglect in Denton County.

In 2017, with the combined support of sponsors, donors, in-kind supporters,

73 teams, and 345 players CASA hit the bullseye and raised just over \$150,000 to further the CASA mission. Of course, the organization wants to continue this success and is shooting for another recording breaking year on Friday, May 11th.

In keeping with tradition, this event will be held at the Dallas Gun Club in Lewisville. Additionally, CASA will be hosting a gun raffle and serving breakfast with

the help of Swirl Bakery, Einstein's Bagels, and Shipley's Donuts. During the afternoon, Spring Creek Barbeque will be serving a tasty lunch followed by an Outback Steakhouse dinner served with Miller beer provided by Fisher59 as a terrific ending to an enjoyable day.

Proceeds of this fun fundraising effort help cover the costs associated with the recruitment, training, and oversight provided to current and future volunteer advocates. The more volunteer advocates that are engaged with the CASA mission, the more children the organization can serve each year. In 2017, through the advocacy of 229 trained community volunteers, CASA proudly served 604 children who were removed from their homes

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## Aubrey ISD Announces 2018 AHS Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Aubrey High School has named Will Dow as valedictorian and Jarom Larman as salutatorian for the Class of 2018.

The valedictorian is the senior with the highest cumulative grade point average. The salutatorian is the senior with the



second-highest cumulative GPA.

"We are very proud of these two young men and the entire class of 2018," Aubrey ISD Superintendent Dr. David Belding said. "This senior class has proven themselves to be exceptional in academic achievement and

extracurricular accomplishments. We are especially proud of Will and Jarom for earning the valedictorian and salutatorian designations. We know they will continue to achieve academically and be a positive influence in our world as they move forward in their future endeavors."

"I can't think of any two individuals that represent what Aubrey is all about without including Will Dow and Jarom Larman," AHS principal Matt Gore said. "They embody our

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## Aubrey High School Student Builds Family Keepsake

Amy Ruggini



AUBREY ISD, TX- On a visit to his grandparents' farm in Nebraska over the summer, GW Stander found some pieces of old wood lying around the pasture. The Aubrey High School student and FFA member thought he could reuse the wood and create something for an FFA agricultural mechanics project.

GW decided to go on his own and build a tailgate bench and table to compete at upcoming livestock shows. For the last

two years, GW had worked on team projects with classmates, building the grey trailer outside the Agricultural Shop, a red utility trailer and a smoker.

"It was mostly because I wanted to do something different," Stander said. "I always wanted to build a tailgate bench. I like cars and want to go to school to work on cars."

What started out as a project created with old materials, turned into a family keepsake for the Stander family.

A lot of people, according to Stander, build tailgate benches, which involves taking the tailgate and bumper off a pickup. The older, the better. Typing "tailgate bench" into Google brings up dozens of images of handcrafted benches.

On that same visit to his grandparents' farm, GW stopped by a few local junkyards to find a tailgate.

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## Summer Programming Fills Need for Meaningful Activity



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HOUSTON, TX – Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) have agreed upon a modified version of the Red Snapper Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP), securing a red snapper season for 2018.

Under the EFP, recreational anglers fishing from private vessels will have an 82-day season in federal waters and a 365-day season in state waters off the coast of Texas. Charter for-hire (CFH) vessels are not included in

the EFP, therefore recreational anglers fishing on a charter trip will have roughly a 50-day season in federal waters.

"CCA has been a strong proponent of state management of red snapper for years, so this is a very exciting first step toward more predictable and enjoyable seasons for recreational anglers," said Mark Ray, chairman of CCA Texas. "We appreciate the hard work that TPWD put into this plan."

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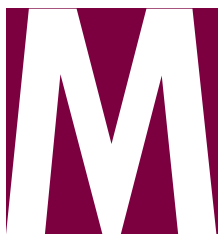
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## Habitat for Humanity Announces Merger: North Collin County and South Collin County Now One Stronger Organization

Together Habitat for Humanity of Collin County will serve more families and engage more of the community for housing change.

McKINNEY, TX – North Collin County Habitat for Humanity (NCC Habitat) and Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County (HFH of SCC) announced today they have merged to form one united, stronger organization aimed at providing affordable housing options to low and moderate income families in Collin County. Together, they will serve Collin County providing New Home Construction and Home Repair services to qualifying families earning below median incomes for our area and retail home improvement services through two ReStores, McKinney and Plano. The combined organization will be able to serve a greater number of families through streamlined staffing, shared resources and a broad reach of awareness and community engagement. “We share a mission, a mindset and a history

within Collin County,” said Matt Hilton, President of the Board of Directors for NCC Habitat. “Combining our strengths, awareness and reach in this county will increase the impact we can have for families needing affordable housing solutions.” The new organization will combine staff, and work will continue in all areas where the separate organizations have been working. Headquarters for the Collin County Habitat for Humanity will be in McKinney.

“Integrating these two organizations at this time in the history of Collin County makes sense,” said Greg

Stiebling, Treasurer and acting President of the Board of Directors for NCC Habitat of SCC. “With the growth of Collin County, rising housing costs across the area, lack of affordable land and a growing population, combining to create one Collin County Habitat will put us in a strategic position to make real strides in bringing affordable housing to low and moderate income families.” Combined, Collin County Habitat for Humanity has completed 207 New Construction Homes, 560 Home Repairs to existing houses, and over 70 homes internationally. Through those projects

we have transformed the lives of over 3,300 individuals in Collin County and Internationally. Habitat Collin County will operate two ReStores in the area, serving the public from their Plano and McKinney stores.

Celeste H. Cox, Chief Executive Officer of Habitat for Humanity of Collin County will lead the organization. “We are in a great position to serve more families, bring creative affordable housing options to Collin County, leverage our combined knowledge and community reach to affect change. We hope to build 14 New Construction Homes and repair 44 existing homes, serving 58 families in Collin County in our first Fiscal year together.”

The combined strength of these organizations will further impact the lives of those struggling to afford homes and build lives.

For more information on Collin County Habitat for Humanity, see our website at [www.collincountyhabitat.org](http://www.collincountyhabitat.org) or contact Celeste H. Cox at [celeste@collincountyhabitat.org](mailto:celeste@collincountyhabitat.org) or by calling 972-542-5300 x 102.

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## Denton County Reports Thirteenth Influenza-Associated Death

DENTON COUNTY, TX- Denton County Public Health (DCPH) is reporting the thirteenth influenza-associated death, an adult in Denton County, for the 2017-2018 flu season.

“Positive flu cases have been declining within Denton County since mid-February, but this recent flu death illustrates the illness can still be a serious health risk,” states Juan Rodriguez, DCPH Assistant Director and Chief Epidemiologist.

DCPH influenza surveillance reports indicate a steady decline in influenza activity since Week 7, week ending February 17th. The most recent surveillance report reflects low influenza activity with five positive influenza tests reported.

DCPH continues to recommend that residents practice the Center for Disease Control’s (CDC) Good Health Habits to protect themselves against illness. CDC general good health habits include:

- Avoiding close contact with individuals who are sick
- Staying home if you are sick
- Practicing consistent handwashing
- Disinfecting surfaces or objects regularly

Weekly Denton County flu surveillance reports and additional information is available at [www.DentonCounty.com/flu](http://www.DentonCounty.com/flu). Visit [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu) for details about symptoms, treatment, and prevention and [www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/stopgerms.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/stopgerms.htm) for additional CDC Good Health Habits.

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# COMMUNITY

## May Events at Hagerman National Wildlife Park



**Early Bird Guided Walk**  
Saturday, May 12, 2018,  
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Master Naturalist Jack Chiles will lead the Early Bird walk for May, weather permitting. Meet at the Visitor Center. Bring binoculars or borrow ours. Return in time for the Second Saturday program.

**Second Saturday – Trees**  
Saturday, May 12, 2018,  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Our speaker, Dr. George Diggs's areas of work are with plants and trees of Texas, the relationship between human and plant evolution, and evolution in extreme environments. Dr. Diggs is Research Associate of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT) in Fort Worth. In 1999 he was named Texas "Professor of the Year" by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. In 2000, Diggs was awarded the Donovan Stewart Correll Memorial Award for Scientific Writing by the Native Plant Society of Texas for his book *Shiners & Mahlers Illustrated Flora of North Central Texas*. In 2006, Diggs and coauthors were awarded the Donovan Stewart Correll Memorial Award for Scientific Writing by the Native Plant Society of Texas for their book "Illustrated Flora of East Texas, Volume One" Dr. Diggs will focus on trees of Texas in the free nature presentation, open to

the public, no reservations necessary. Second Saturday programs are suitable for age 12 - adult.

**Mother's Day in the Garden, Sunday, May 13, 2017, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Families are invited to bring Mom out to HNWR for a stroll through the Butterfly Garden. Garden docents will be on hand to help you learn about the native Texas plants and visiting butterflies, or you can just enjoy the beauty: perfect for making memories and taking photos! Light refreshments will be served. Free, no reservations needed. Come and go or come and stay.

**The Refuge Rocks - For Ages 4 - 16, Saturday, May 19, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Let's Go Fishing! For Youth Ages 4-16. Free - and we provide poles and bait or you may bring your own. Come and fish our pond - first pond on the right on Refuge Road...look for the sign. We will also have some fishy craft fun! Event will be cancelled in case of rain. Parent or other responsible adult must accompany children. Bring a container to carry your catch home. Sturdy shoes, hats, sunscreen and insect repellent recommended, as well as lawn chairs or blankets. You may bring a picnic lunch and non alcoholic beverages, no glass containers please! No advance registration needed for this event.

**FOH Nature Photography Club, Saturday, May 19, 2018, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Ron and Sharlott Hasty will present "Adding Motion + Emotion to Photos" for the May program.

**Wildflower Tour**  
Saturday, May 26, 2018,  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Brenda Loveless will lead a wildflower tour at Hagerman NWR on Saturday, May 26. Meet at the Visitor Center by 9:45 am. Register online to ride in the refuge van (limited to the first 10 to register), or you may caravan along. Brenda knows the best spots to see and photograph the various spring bloomers! Free. Families are welcome but no children under age 8 in the van. Event will be postponed in case of rain.

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For more information about Hagerman National Wildlife, visit their website at: <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/hagerman/>. Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge is located at 6465 Refuge Road in Sherman, Texas.

'Aubrey High School...' continued from front page

"I picked Dodge because that is my grandpa's favorite," Stander said.

In addition to the wood that he collected from the remnants of his grandfather's old barn that had been destroyed by a tornado, GW also rounded up license plates that his grandfather had kept from his old trucks. Stander brought everything back to Texas and spent a few weeks putting together the tailgate bench and a table covered with his grandfather's old license plates.

Using power tools, he cut the wood, used bolts to put the table together and then stained the wood to make it all match. He looked on the internet for some inspiration but went his own way with it.

This isn't GW's first foray into woodshop.

"My dad and I are really outdoorsy," Stander said. "We like building things. I helped a friend build cabinets, and I help my dad a lot."

He also learned something new with his project. The license plates on the bumper light up, and that was something he had to learn.

While he was building the bench, his mother pointed out that some of the old wood that he had collected was from her high school FFA projects. She recognized the stained color from some of the wood. Her old projects had been in that old barn that had come down in a storm.

FFA runs in the Stander/Murphy family. GW's grandfather, Eugene "Doc" Murphy, is a retired veterinarian. GW's mom was in FFA as well as her siblings.

"My grandfather is the reason I am in FFA," Stander said. "He got my mom into it, and I probably wouldn't be in FFA if it wasn't for him."

Somewhere along the way, the tailgate bench and table project that had started with a pile of junk began to morph into a tribute to GW's family. With the wood from his grandfather's barn and his mother's old projects, the Nebraska license plates from his grandfather's old trucks and the love of woodworking from his father, GW had created a nice memento in his family's honor.

"It just went there," GW said simply about the direction the project veered off to.

The bench and table also reflected GW's Nebraska roots. He was born in Nebraska and moved to Texas when he was 10. He has plans to go back to Nebraska for college for automotive repair and restoring.

GW began to show his bench in August at the North Texas Fair & Rodeo in Denton. He won a red ribbon at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo and blue at the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo. He capped off the show season with a Reserve Grand Division for his work.

Usually with the Agricultural mech projects, FFA members build them, show them for a year and then sell them to interested buyers at the fairs.

GW has no plans to sell his project. He has had multiple offers, but he has turned them all down. He would like to give the set to his grandparents. His grandfather came down to Texas in October and was able to sit on the bench that was made in his honor.

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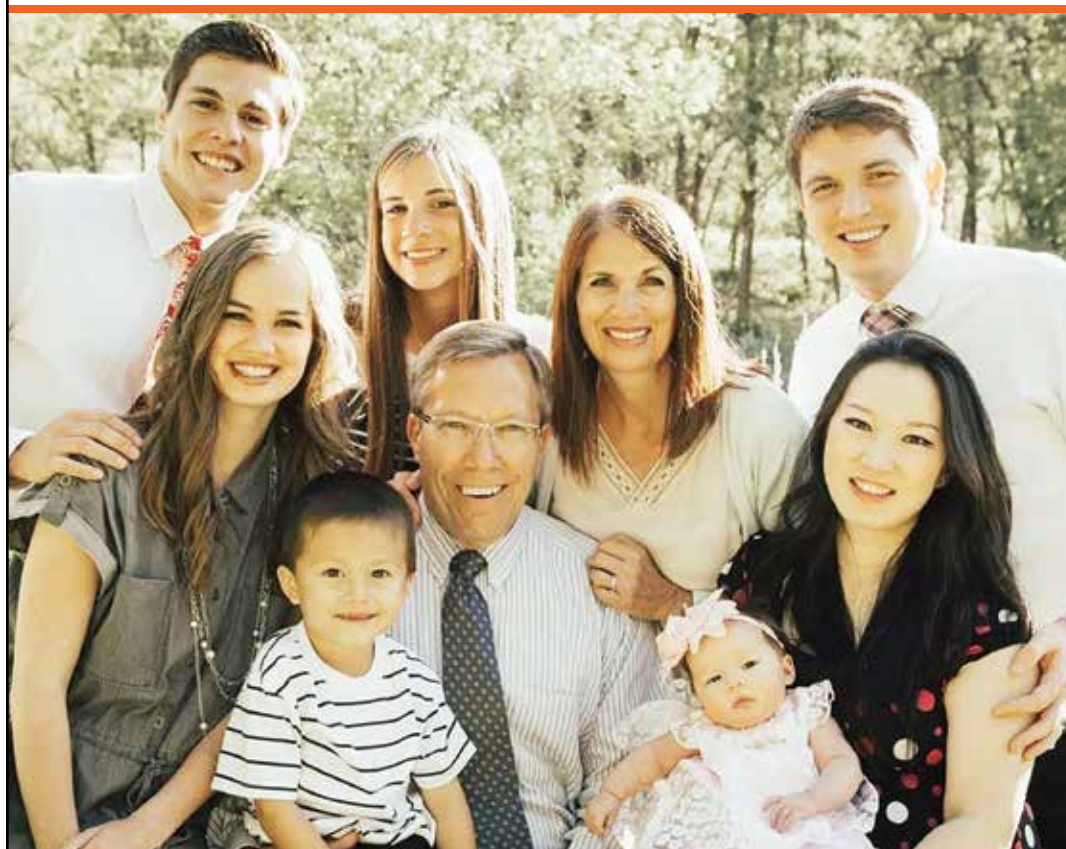


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# S SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Aubrey High School Student Competes at State Gymnastics Competition *Amy Ruggini*



ing this this past year and will be on the varsity squad for the upcoming year.

**AUBREY ISD, TX-** Aubrey High School freshman Sarah Auer competed at the Texas USA Gymnastics Level 7 State Championships at Metroplex Gymnastics in Allen on April 7 and 8. She placed first in the vault, becoming the USAG Texas Level 7 vault champion and finished second in the all-around compe-

dition and the bars event. She advances to the Region 3 Championships for regional competition in Kansas City, Missouri. She will be one of only 480 gymnasts competing from Texas, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Wyoming. Sarah was a member of the AHS junior varsity cheerlead-

Rodeo  
Aubrey High School junior Autumn Gallagher won the Reserve Champion title for pole bending at the Texas High School Rodeo Region 3 Finals in April. The top ten in each region across Texas will compete at the State Finals in Abilene in June.

*Photo ID: Autumn is in the middle*

## Music Academy Welcomed to the Area with a Ribbon Cutting *Jim Manning*



Scott Tucker of the Music Academy celebrated the opening of their new location with a ribbon cutting. They were welcomed to the area by the Aubrey 380 Area Chamber of Commerce. During the opening event they provided musi-

cal entertainment by several of their talented musicians. They are located at 8800 US Highway 380 in Crossroads, TX. To learn more about their classes and upcoming summer camps contact them at 940-4687625.

*'CASA of Denton...' continued from front page*



due to abuse or neglect.

While CASA has continued to grow over the past 26 years so have the needs in North Texas. Even with the highest number of volunteers serving the CASA mission in 2017, CASA was only able to serve 87% if the children navigating

the child welfare system. It is the goal of CASA to serve every child eligible for CASA services. Every participant, sponsors, shooters, or volunteers alike, can make a big difference for our smallest Texans having the loudest voice advocating for them in court.

For additional information about the 18th Annual Pulling for Kids Sporting Clay Tournament benefiting CASA of Denton County and to engage in the CASA mission please visit [www.casadenton.org](http://www.casadenton.org) or call 940-243-2272.



*'Recreational Anglers...' continued from front page*

Given the box that federal management has put this fishery in, this EFP is very likely the only way private recreational anglers would even have a season in 2018, and the state managed to produce the longest red snapper season in years."

The only negative development was the removal of the CFH from the EFP, which was not the desire of TPWD nor that of the public. Texas anglers dominated the public comment period on the Federal Register, accounting for 47.1% of nearly 1,700 comments received. A total of 98.8% of the individuals from Texas who commented were in favor of keeping the CFH in the EFP. Despite this overwhelming majority, NMFS once again ignored the voice of the recreational angler and forced Texas and Louisiana to remove the CFH from their plans, a move that segregates the recreational fishery.

"The initial inclusion of the CFH sector in the EFP confirmed that TPWD does not play favorites within the recreational fishing community and they clearly wanted to provide all anglers equal opportunity to participate in this fishery," said Robby Byers, executive

director of CCA Texas. "We believe that TPWD has the ability to provide greater access to this fishery to both private recreational anglers and the anglers who use charter boats, so we are disappointed that NMFS forced TPWD to remove the CFH from the EFP."

The EFP will allow TPWD the opportunity to demonstrate they have the ability to effectively manage the recreational red snapper fishery by using current data collection methods and incorporating new reporting tools such as i-Snapper.

"Concertedly, the fishery-dependent and fishery-independent tools utilized by TPWD have proven to be effective in the management of recreationally and commercially valuable fisheries," said Shane Bonnot, advocacy director of CCA Texas. "Under this EFP they can utilize these tools to make management decisions to stay within the CFH quota, and they have the flexibility to propose red snapper season dates that are generally more suitable for offshore navigation and/or in conjunction with historical high-use dates. We encourage all anglers to assist TPWD by participating

in dock-side creel surveys and utilizing the i-Snapper app to report their snapper landings."

The state management EFPs are a start to figuring out how to bring sanity back to the red snapper fishery. If utilized properly, they should serve as a model for the Gulf Council in the development of the more comprehensive state management amendments that will hopefully give states more authority over all aspects of the fishery off their coasts.

"At this point, it is important that the Gulf Council refrains from making any far-reaching decisions on red snapper and other reef fish that could fundamentally impact management in the future until the results of these EFPs are analyzed and presented to the public for consideration," stated Bonnot. "If the states are going to invest the resources to go down this path, then the council should not take any action that will tie their hands in the future. We should allow the state management concept a fair chance to show what it can achieve."

The EFP will begin June 1, 2018 and continue through December 31, 2019 with no anticipated changes to current state and federal bag and size limits.

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# HOME & GARDEN

## Town of Prosper receives Recognition as Tree City USA

*Designation Recognizes Town's Commitment to Nature*

PROSPER, TX- Completing the requirements for the coveted certification in the Tree City USA program, the national Arbor Day Foundation has bestowed Prosper with the designation, presenting the Town with its official street sign at the April 24 Town Council meeting. "Our residents have a special relationship with the area's natural surroundings," says Dudley Raymond, Director of Parks and Recreation. "Prosper's abundant trees and the unspoiled natural landscaping are revered and respected by our residents and visitors. We have deepened our commitment to nature over the years, ensuring that open spaces are populated by nature's beauty." While the Town has grown exponentially in recent years, it has nevertheless striven to protect and preserve the natural urban forest that predates the arrival of people and the accompanying commercial activity. Parks staff and volunteers continue to cultivate those natural features with constant maintenance of the leafy

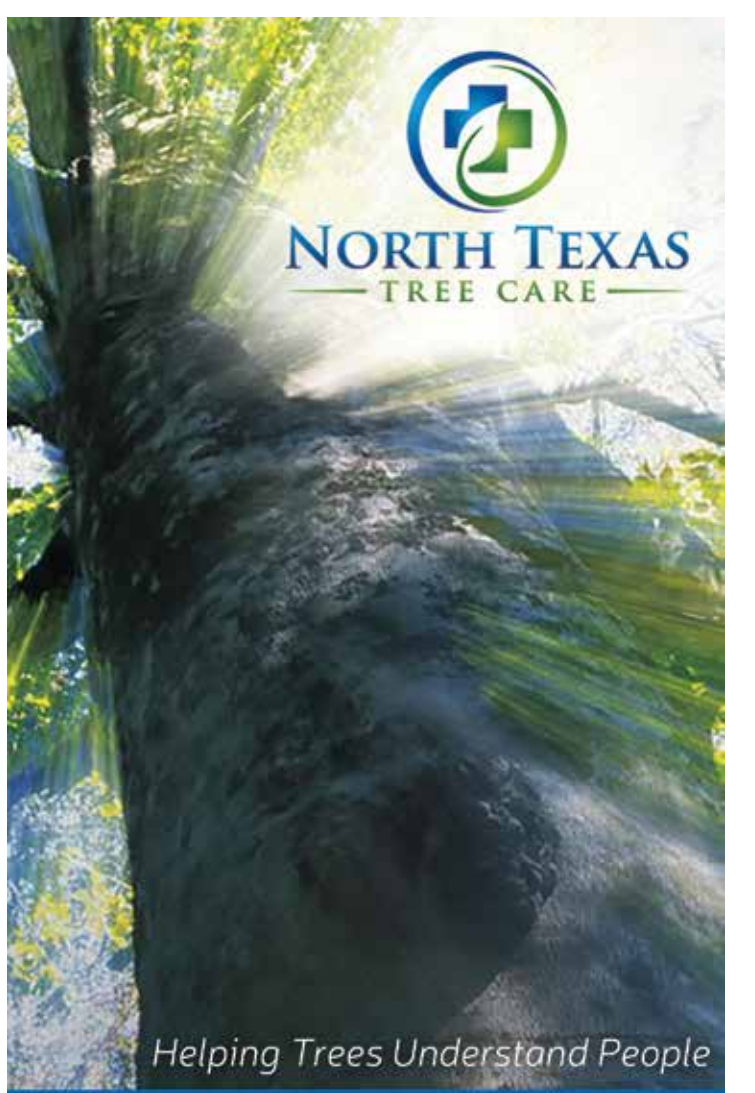
canopy seen around Town. There are still many acres of natural settings dotting the Town's footprint, in spite of the Town's impressive growth track. In addition to conservation efforts, the Arbor Day Foundation noted Prosper's active adherence to the tenets of the Tree City USA designation. These include the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. "Citizens continually tell us, in a variety of ways, how important trees and natural landscaping are to them," added Raymond. "We take those comments very seriously and our staff does everything it can to ensure that trees are healthy and plentiful." Trees provide multiple benefits by helping to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits. The Tree City USA designation covers calendar year 2017.

## Leased Vehicles Used for Pleasure Exempted from Tax

*Exemption to Town property taxes now in effect*

PROSPER, TX- Voting unanimously in favor, the Prosper Town Council recently repealed an ordinance, on the books since 2001, allowing individuals who lease cars, trucks, and other vehicles to apply for a property tax exemption for those vehicles that qualify. The Council vote repealed Ordinance No. 01-34, passed in December 2001, which granted the Town the ability to continue collecting ad valorem taxes on leased vehicles, regardless of their use. In 2002, the state issued new rules on leased vehicle taxation, allowing for the exemption of those used primarily for personal use versus business use. The recent repeal of the ordi-

nance now means that if at least 50 percent of the miles driven in a leased car or truck are for personal use, the car or truck qualifies for an exemption. The exemption applies to vehicles that weigh 9,000 pounds or less, and the lessor must apply for the exemption. Those leased cars, trucks and other vehicles used for income-producing purposes for 50 percent or more of annual miles driven are still subject to the local ad valorem tax. The application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed between the lessor and the leasing company which states that the vehicle is used for personal, non-income-producing, purposes, and it along with the completed appli-



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# EDUCATION

## Aubrey FCCLA at the FCCLA State Conference

Amy Ruggini



Eight Aubrey High School students attended the FCCLA State conference in April in Dallas, Texas. Three of the six teams placed in the top six. Hannah Ramsey placed fifth and Kennadi Jobe and Victoria Clark placed second and advanced to the National Meeting in Atlanta. Victoria Clark received the Texas Red Scholarship. Also competing at the state meeting were Chloe Earwood, Rebecca Reed, Mallory Boyer, Addison Flick, and Miranda Nowak. Aubrey FCCLA is one of the 3,000 Texas FCCLA chapters in the State of Texas. Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. FCCLA is a student-led organization

with the central focus on the family. Members are preparing for the multiple roles of men and women as community leaders, family members, and wage earners.

Within the Aubrey community, the FCCLA chapter has done several community service projects including cutting and sewing pillowcases that were donated to Denton County Friends of the Family, and teaching students at Brockett Elementary about being joyful and being kind to one another.

In the picture from left to right are: Addison Flick, Hannah Ramsey, Miranda Nowak, Mallory Boyer, Chloe Earwood, Rebecca Reed, Victoria Clark, and Kennadi Jobe.

## Aubrey FFA Livestock Show and Sale

Amy Ruggini



**AUBREY ISD, TX-** The Aubrey FFA capped off their season with the Aubrey FFA Livestock Show on Saturday, April 7.

Photos-top left - Aubrey FFA seniors (Connor Laughlin, Justice Thompson, Dylan Morgan, Sadie Saxon, Lara Ebler, G.W.Stander, Jarom Larman, Brady Pierce, Jackson Reynolds)

Second Photo - The AMS FFA 8th graders



'Aubrey ISD...' continued from front page



commitment to excellence in all area of education. Both Will and Jarom have worked incredibly hard. We are so proud of them and excited for what lies ahead, we know they will make a difference in the world."

Will Dow is the son of Bob and Colleen Dow. He has earned the distinction of valedictorian for Homecoming King and Queen the AHS Class of 2018 and plans to attend Texas A&M and major in chemistry. His goal is to become an anesthesiologist. He has taken several advancement placement and college-level classes, including AP calculus, medical microbiology, dual credit economics, AP English language and AP biology.

Will played on the football, track and field, baseball, basketball and powerlifting teams over his four-year career at AHS. He is also a member of UIL Academics and Beta Club and was voted Homecoming King this

past fall. At the most recent UIL academic district meet, his team took first place in science, he was the top individual in science, and he had the top scores in physics, biology and chemistry.

Will is a two-time all-district performer at cornerback in football and was a regional qualifier in track and field and powerlifting as a junior. He has been named academic all-district four times and received academic all-state elite team honors in football and track. Will also received the Burlsworth Outstanding Sportsmanship and Character award as a senior in football.

Jarom is the son of Josh and Olivia Larman. He will attend Harvard University after a two-year mission Jarom Larman with Matt Gore trip to Russia. He plans on concentrating in biochemistry and would like to attend Harvard Medical

School. His top-level classes this year include veterinary medicine, AP calculus, AP English, dual credit economics, medical microbiology and AP biology.

Jarom was a member of the football team, Aubrey FFA, UIL Academics and Beta Club. In football, he was named district offensive lineman of the year as a senior, received academic all-district honors and was named to the THSCA Academic All-State Elite Team this past fall.

Other accolades include taking fifth place as an individual at the regional science UIL contest and being named a state alternate. Jarom was part of the FFA horse judging team that qualified for state three years in a row and placed second at the most recent state competition. He was breed champion Hampshire at the open show at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo.

Jarom was selected for the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists Award of Excellence by the Washington Adventist University. He is also an Eagle Scout.

Graduation will take place on Friday, June 1 at 6 p.m. at the University of North Texas Coliseum, located at 600 Ave. D in Denton.



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## Aubrey FFA at the Denton County Youth Fair

Amy Ruggini



**AUBREY ISD, TX-** The Aubrey FFA team comprised of Brady Pierce, Jackson Reynolds, Connor Laughlin and Ethan Blankenship built a smoker and won the Grand Champion Ag Mech title at the Denton County Youth Fair.

Photo: (left to right) Tracy Yarbrough (advisor), Brady Pierce (senior), Jackson Reynolds (senior), Connor Laughlin (senior), Ethan Blankenship (Junior)

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are: Archery; Basketball; Flag Football Tech; Beginner Golf; Magic; Rookies Multi Sport; Soccer Sparks; Speed Sport; and Tennis.

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And, as part of the Engineering for Kids \* Camps are: 3D Printing; Minecraft Creations; Amazing Race; Building Cities Engineering; Electronic Game Design; Medieval Machinations; and Software Engineering Scratch Video.

Many of these programs are designed along the same curriculum as the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programs in local schools.


Registration is now open and can be completed online at [www.ProsperParksandRec.org](http://www.ProsperParksandRec.org). The site includes information on specific dates, times, locations, costs and how to sign up.

Programs run from June through August. Preference will be given to those who sign up early, as space is limited.

In July, Prosper will participate in National Park and Recreation Month, sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) by providing a calendar of family events in conjunction with the national effort.

The Prosper Parks and Recreation Department produces a year-round schedule of activities and events which promote family and neighbor interaction in community parks, including recreational

and the Prosper Fishing Derby, Community Picnic and Christmas Festival. Information is readily available on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ProsperParksandRec/>.



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they have to make drastic lifestyle changes to make ends meet? Your death could reduce the Social Security benefits they'd been counting on. It could also bring unplanned medical and funeral expenses.

Life insurance coverage can preserve the retirement plan you worked so hard to put in place and ensure your estate will be passed on, intact, to your survivors. A policy's death benefit can help foot the estate tax bill from Uncle Sam and provide a legacy for your children and grandchildren, even if you use up most of your assets dur-

ing your lifetime. For all these reasons, if you've been thinking about dropping your life insurance coverage, you may want to reconsider.

What if you're retired or nearing retirement and you don't have life insurance? You may think that you'll no longer qualify due to your age or health conditions you may have. That's not necessarily the case. Final expense insurance is a form of life insurance that requires little or no underwriting, which means almost anyone can qualify. Policies are available in face amounts typically ranging from several thousand dollars up to a

maximum of \$50,000 or \$75,000—much less than a standard life insurance policy. That's because these policies are only intended to cover final expenses and not longer-range expenses like ongoing living costs or college and retirement funding.

Final expense insurance typically comes in two varieties. Immediate full benefit policies, which pay the full face value upon your death, are generally available to people with no serious health concerns. Graded benefit policies

provide limited benefits during the first few years and are available to people with serious health concerns. These policies can provide the peace of mind of knowing that your survivors won't struggle to pay for your funeral or be saddled with outstanding medical bills and other debts. To find out more about life insurance and if you need coverage, call or visit my office and we can complete a needs analysis together to determine what is best for you.

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## Velocity Physical Therapy Welcomed by Aubrey Chamber

*Jim Manning*



Wes McFall and his employees at Velocity Physical Therapy was welcomed

to the area with a ribbon cutting ceremony by the Chamber of Commerce in Aubrey. Velocity Physical Therapy is located at 8800 US 380 in Cross Roads, TX. For more information please contact them at 940-365-9200.

## The Texas Tax Amnesty Program

The Texas Tax Amnesty Program runs from May 1, 2018, through June 29, 2018.

The Texas Tax Amnesty Program will, under certain circumstances, provide delinquent taxpayers with relief from penalties and interest on tax due. Tax amnesty applies to periods prior to Jan. 1, 2018, and only includes liabilities that have not been previously reported to the Comptroller's office. It does not apply to accounts which have been certified to the Office of the Attorney General; accounts which are presently in litigation; periods that are currently under audit or for which a notice of audit has been issued; or accounts that have been reduced to judgment.

Additionally, the amnesty doesn't apply to local motor vehicle tax, IFTA taxes, PUC gross receipts assessments or unclaimed property payments.

Visit the Comptroller's Tax Amnesty Webpage for frequently asked questions, full program guidelines and promotional materials for download.

### Where is Jim? Join the Fun-Win Prizes

Next month, in June, join the 380News team for a bit of corridor specific fun! Jim Manning will be looking for unique places around the 380 Corridor to feature in our Where is Jim? Contest. You and your family can look for the location of the contest photos in the 380 News. Photos will be of recognizable places in the 380 Corridor. Once you spot the location in the photograph tell us where they are at. Correct entries will be put in a drawing to win prizes from local businesses.

Winners will be announced in the following issue. Prize sponsors will get also get mentioned for their participation.

So, if you would like to get involved as a participant or as a prize sponsor please contact Jim Manning. All entries should be sent to [jim@380news.com](mailto:jim@380news.com) and we will draw for the monthly winner.

## Aubrey Chamber Welcomes Total Eyecare/ Total Eyewear Gallery

*Jim Manning*



Members of the Aubrey 380 Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed Total Eyecare/Total Eyewear

Gallery with a ribbon cutting ceremony. This is the second location for Total Eyecare/Total Eyewear. Their new location is located at 8800 US highway 380, suite 500 in Cross Roads, TX. They can be reached at 940-488-4228.

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