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Property value increases are smaller

By Joe Reavis

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Property values continue to increase in Collin County, but not as much this year as they have in the past, figures released last week by Collin Central Appraisal District last week show.

The CAD mailed 2020 certified estimates of taxable value to property owners Friday, May 15. Final values will be certified this summer and are used by taxing entities to set property tax levies.

"In some neighborhoods we have seen some slowing down

of the momentum," Chief Appraiser Bo Daffin said. "At some point, any market is going to cool off."

Across Collin County, property value estimates increased 4.53 percent this year to a total of \$156 billion. In 2019, the increase was 7.42 percent.

Of the estimated value of property in the county, \$4.95 billion is from new construction that went on tax rolls. The average price of a Collin County house is \$373,000, the CAD reported.

In Murphy, property values barely budged, increasing

0.87 percent to \$2.63 billion. Of that amount, \$29 million was assigned to new property added to tax rolls. The average price of a house in Murphy was \$392,000.

Wylie Independent School District shows a property value estimate of \$7.46 billion and

growth of 4.41 percent from 2019. There was \$225 million in new property added to tax rolls and the average price of a house came in at \$298,000.

Property values in Plano ISD increased 2.65 percent to \$60.26

See **PROPERTY** page 3A

NEWS YOU NEED

Panthers pounce on pair of 9-6A superlatives

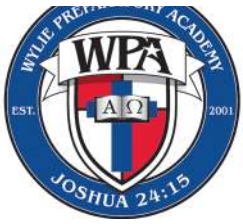
Plano East boys collected all-district honors for this past season in the highly competitive 9-6A soccer. See pg. 7A.

Schools, food pantries continue meeting needs

With the school year concluding this week, many parents are left wondering how their children will find regular meals this summer.

Luckily, there are several options for local families.

Plano, Wylie and Garland Independent School Districts are continuing their curbside meal pickup programs into the summer. Both districts will conclude the service on June 26. See pg. 6A.



Wylie Prep students graduate, See pg. 4B.

Early Deadlines

Due to Memorial Day Holiday, we will have early deadlines for the May 27/28 editions:

Advertising deadline Noon Wednesday, May 20.

Classifieds deadline Noon Friday, May 22. Call 972-442-5515 to place an ad.

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Tibbals tribute



David Jenkins/Murphy Monitor

Former Tibbals Elementary students, now Plano East Senior High and Wylie High School Class of 2020 graduating seniors, were honored by Tibbals staff members May 14 with a drive-by parade outside the Murphy school. More photos page 3A.

County to distribute COVID-19 funds

From Staff Reports

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Collin County Commissioners Court last adopted the Collin Cares recovery plan to distribute \$171 million in federal funds as assistance to families, individuals and governmental entities impacted by COVID-19.

The city of Murphy is slated to receive \$914,613. Distributions to cities are based on population.

"We are grateful to get the funding," City of Murphy Finance Karen Montgomery said. "We had planned on applying for assistance through FEMA, but now we won't have to."

She added that the city could also apply for COVID-19 relief through FEMA, but that would cover only 75 percent of the cost.

See **MURPHY** page 3A

Back to business at City Hall

From Staff Reports

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Portions of the Murphy City Hall Complex are now open to the public, with some offices allowing visitors under strict guidelines designed to ensure the safety of visitors and employees.

The entrance lobbies of city hall and the Police Department headquarters will be open to the public. Customer service, including utility billing, will be accessible as well as the Municipal Court and Police department.

Visitors will not need an appointment but will be required to make use of the provided hand sanitizer dispensers and maintain a six-foot distance between each other. Public access to internal of-

ice areas is not authorized.

Body temperature will be recorded of all visitors, and only those with acceptable temperature ranges will be allowed entry. Questions regarding access to city hall and the Police Headquarters can be directed to 972-468-4000.

At the Murphy Community Center, the public may participate in some selected programs and make customer service-related visits.

Reservations for any portion of the center or its meeting rooms are not being granted and there is no open gym time scheduled.

Questions concerning the MCC along with the status of specific programs can be directed to 972-468-4444. The Murphy Activity Center remains closed.

The Animal Shelter lobby will be open during normal hours, with social distancing restrictions in place.

Meanwhile, the city's parks and open spaces will remain open and accessible. Signs reminding visitors to maintain a distance of six feet from each other are posted and should be heeded. Group play is limited to 10 individuals per area and includes a requirement for appropriate distancing.

Pavilion rentals are not being accepted at this time. Picnic table use should be limited to one household or no more than five individuals who arrive together. The splash pad and public restrooms are not open.

Questions regarding parks and open spaces can be directed to 972-468-4444.



File photo

Portions of the Murphy City Hall Complex are now open to the public.



Courtesy photo

For 15 years, Janis Haydel, left, and Dellana Cook have performed a wide variety of musical genres at senior communities.

Have keyboards, will travel

By Karen Chaney

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Music has the power to bring people together, and for those living in senior living communities, the benefits of music can make a world of difference.

For the past 15 years, Murphy resident Dellana Cook, along with longtime friend Janis Haydel of Richardson, have

been entertaining seniors with a variety of musical genres. The duo, wearing matching outfits, tote their portable keyboards to senior communities near and far where they tickle the ivories and create lasting impressions.

"Our performances are a mix of different styles of music, including classical, Broadway,

See **MUSIC** page 3A

FROM THE NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES - MAY 21, 1964

39 seniors to receive diplomas at commencement



Shown here are members of the 1964 Wylie Senior Class; front row from left to right Lou Foster, Janette Foster, Brenda Whitt, Gayne Beverly, Betty Strickland, Joyce Maynard, Thelma Rollins, Carolyn Peltor, June Newman & Brenda Muetzenberg. Second Row, Billy Williams, George Corder, Charles Turner, Nicky Rhodes, Danny Hampton, Larry Rhodes, Bill Miller, Denny Burnside, Ronnie Berkett. Third row, Ann Storey, Wanda Rains, Mary Sweeney, Doris Ward, Mary Groves, Lana Touchstone, Betty Painter, Julia Ellis. Back row, Jerry Hensley, Truman Tackett, Don Anderson, Johnny Miller, Bobby Gathard, Glen Simmons, Jackie Rollins, Odell Young, Wesley Hensley, Mike Kreymer, & Ray Gentry. Ushers shown from row, left to right, Mike Hale, Anita Harrison, Carolyn Rivers & Jack Sinclear. Back Row, Richard Parker, Elaine Clark, Carolyn Connelly, David Taylor. (Photo by Howard McMillan)

Official app for fishing issued

From Staff Reports
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The new fishing season bring new rules and regulations. Get the free Texas Parks and Wildlife outdoor annual mobile app for IOS and Android now and be in-the-know when you're afield or afloat. Once downloaded, the app can be used to access the regulations information even when you don't have

an internet connection. New this year: view your license within the app! Regulations can also be found online at OutdoorAnnual.com.



Amplification & Correction



File Photo

A Founders Plaza resident, along with the administrator, offer virtual hugs at a Mother's Day parade. They were incorrectly identified as a New Haven resident and caregiver in the May 6 edition. We apologize for the error.

Police Blotter

Murphy Police Department

May 8

- 16:50 - Theft Prop >=\$100<\$750 - 100 W Fm 544

May 9

- 12:52 - Information Report - 300 Greenfield Dr
- 13:55 - Information Report - 300 Lakefield Dr
- 18:04 - Theft Prop >=\$100<\$750 - 100 W Fm 544
- 20:28 - Information Report - 500 W Fm 544

May 10

- 09:56 - Criminal Mischief >=\$100<\$750 - 200 E Fm 544
- 14:24 - Driving While Intoxicated - E Fm 544 / S Murphy Rd

May 11

- 04:04 - Assault Causes B/I Family Violence - 400 Seleta Dr
- 09:54 - Information Report - 300 Idaho Ln

May 12

- 18:13 - Evading Arrest Detention - 600 Karen Pass

- 19:06 - Assault Causes B/I Family Violence - 100 S Maxwell Creek Rd
- 22:06 - Viol Of Protective Order - 400 Seleta Dr

Sachse Police Department

May 8

- 1:36:00 Pm - Missing Person/Runaway | Report - 8100b Graystone Dr Sachse

May 9

- 11:05:27 Pm - Found Property/Lost Property | Report - 3600b Hudson Dr Sachse
- 3:09:42 Pm - Burglary | Report - 5200b Herford Dr Sachse
- 6:48:00 Pm - Disturbance (People Involved) | Report - 3000b Creekside Dr Sachse

May 10

- 10:28:08 Pm - Theft | Report - 4600b Haverhill Ln Sachse
- 2:48:59 Pm - Major Accident | Report - Merritt Rd / SH 190
- 4:15:32 Pm - Found Property/Lost Property | Report - 7100b Bailey Rd

Wylie Police Department

Apr. 20

Sachse

- 7:31:11 Pm - Welfare Concern | Report - 1900b Blackburn Rd Sachse

May 11

- 10:25:03 Pm - Criminal Trespass | Report - 7800b SH 78 Sachse
- 4:23:38 Pm - Threat | Report - 2000b Cartwright Dr Sachse
- 8:23:58 Am - Major Accident | Report - 3100b Pleasant Valley Rd Sachse
- 9:36:57 Am - Major Accident | Report - SH 78 / 7th St
- 9:48:19 Pm - Suicide /Attempt | Report - 1500b Bonanza Ct Sachse

May 12

- 7:51:01 Pm - Public Intoxication | Report - 5600b SH 78 Sachse

May 13

- 1:16:13 Am - Assault | Report - 6300b Timbercrest Trl Sachse

May 14

- 5:46:49 Pm - Family Violence | Report - 2300b High Point Dr Sachse

- 01:33 - Poss Contr Sub Pg1 >= 4g < 200g - 2200 W Fm 544
- 01:33 - Poss Marij-2 Oz/4 Oz - 2200 W Fm 544
- 01:33 - Unlawful Carrying Weapons - 2200 W Fm 544
- 06:25 - Credit Card Abuse - 100 Harvest Bend Dr
- 06:25 - Unauthorized Use Of Vehicle - 100 Harvest Bend Dr
- 10:27 - Credit Card Abuse - 400 N Jackson Ave
- 17:34 - Fraud Use/Poss Ident Info # Items <5 Elderly - 300 Lake Texoma Dr

May 1

- 04:18 - Evading Arrest/Detention - 200 Rockbrook Dr
- 14:49 - Theft Prop <\$100 - 2100 N SH 78
- 16:41 - Fraud Information - 1300 Brundidge Dr
- 20:01 - Criminal Trespass Warning - 2100 N SH 78
- 20:01 - Theft Prop <\$100 - 2100 N SH 78

May 2

- 14:12 - Aggravated Assault/Ddly Wpn - 1000 S SH 78
- 14:50 - Criminal Trespass Warning - 2100 N SH 78
- 14:50 - Theft Prop <\$100 - 2100 N SH 78
- 22:54 - Fraud Information - 2200 W Fm 544
- 22:54 - Poss Con Sub Pg2 <1g - 2200 W Fm 544
- 22:54 - Theft Of Firearm - 2200 W Fm 544
- 22:54 - Unlaw Poss Firearm By Felon - 2200 W Fm 544

May 3

- 16:28 - Crim Trespass Hab/Vehicle - 300 N Jackson Ave
- 22:50 - Poss Drug Paraph - 2600 W Fm 544
- 22:50 - Unlawful Carrying Weapons - 2600 W Fm 544

May 4

- 06:54 - Motor Vehicle Accident Information - Capital St / Regency Dr
- 15:49 - Poss Drug Paraph - 1200 Riverway Ln

- 16:38 - Poss Drug Paraph - 3300 N SH 78
- 17:12 - Missing Person - 500 S Ballard Ave
- 19:54 - Disturbance/Family Violence Inf - E Alanis Dr / Dodd Dr
- 19:54 - Dwi (1st) W/Open Container - E Alanis Dr / Dodd Dr
- 19:54 - Poss Contr Sub Pg3 <28g - E Alanis Dr / Dodd Dr

May 5

- 11:59 - Burglary Of Vehicle - 900 Bayview Dr
- 18:58 - Theft Prop >=\$100<\$750 - 800 W Kirby St
- 21:00 - Unauthorized Use Of Vehicle - 300 Highland Fairway Ln

May 6

- 00:23 - Dwi (2nd) - 1400 E Fm 544
- 15:26 - Reckless Damage Or Destruction - N Kreymer Ln / E Brown St
- 15:58 - Recovered Stolen Property - 2900 Preston Ln

Calls for security watches, building checks, traffic stops and traffic enforcement areas have been omitted.

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Property owners have until June 15 to file tax protest

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billion, with \$931.8 assigned to new property. The average price of a house in PISD was \$388,000. The numbers for Collin College show a 4.17 percent increase in property values to \$158.7 billion and include \$4.97 in new taxable property. The average price of a house in the college district is the same as that for the county, \$373,000. Murphy residents pay property taxes to the city, county, school district in which their property is located and Collin College. The city of Parker realized a property value increase of 5.7 percent, totaling \$1.1 billion with \$58.8 million in new property added to the tax roll. The average price of a house in Parker is

\$654,000. Because mailing property tax estimates was delayed this year, other deadlines also have been extended. Property owners have until June 15 to file a tax value protest. Because of concerns about COVID-19, informal tax protests will be filed online or by telephone. An informal protest allows a property owner to seek a reduction in value without going to a formal protest before the Appraisal Review Board. "My staff will not be doing informal, in-person appraisal reviews," Daffin said. "There is no way for me to ensure safety standards." Last year, the CAD handled 15,000 informal, walk-in reviews over 30 days, and 19,000 formal

hearing orders were filed with the ARB. The ARB is working on procedures for formal 2020 protest hearings and preliminarily scheduled those to begin June 6. Daffin pointed out that tax values must be certified by the CAD by July 25, but this year he may not be able to meet that deadline. However, a provision allows him to issue new certified estimates to taxing entities on July 25 and certify tax rolls in late August or September. Taxing entities are starting work on their 2020-21 budgets. Tax rates and budgets must be adopted in September to meet a deadline for property tax bills to be mailed in October, unless that deadline is also extended this year.

Collin Central Appraisal District						
2020 Preliminary Estimate of Taxable Value						
Taxing Entity Name	2019 Certified Taxable Value, Supp #17, April 9, 2020	2020 Estimated New Construction (Included in Estimated Taxable)	2020 Annexations Taxable (Included in Estimated Taxable)	2020 Certified Estimate of Taxable Value	2020 Est. Taxable Value Change Compared to 2019	2020 Avg. Home Market Value
Schools						
Community ISD	\$1,089,969,746	\$59,566,921	\$0	\$1,175,000,000	7.80%	\$238,000
Farmersville ISD	\$724,880,708	\$46,970,095	\$0	\$789,000,000	8.85%	\$217,000
Lovejoy ISD	\$3,020,890,727	\$57,525,126	\$0	\$3,080,000,000	1.96%	\$599,000
Plano ISD	\$58,701,988,528	\$931,766,675	\$0	\$60,260,000,000	2.65%	\$388,000
Princeton ISD	\$1,527,212,831	\$126,988,036	\$0	\$1,690,000,000	10.66%	\$209,000
Wylie ISD	\$5,735,865,873	\$280,120,000	\$0	\$6,340,000,000	10.53%	\$283,895
Cities & Towns						
City of Farmersville	\$263,097,127	\$26,794,798	\$725,290	\$295,000,000	12.13%	\$169,000
City of Lavon	\$384,763,820	\$5,798,784	\$2,198,780	\$395,000,000	2.66%	\$266,000
Lowry Crossing	\$168,966,751	\$1,223,824	\$0	\$173,000,000	2.39%	\$278,000
City of Lucas	\$1,432,800,177	\$36,476,252	\$0	\$1,477,000,000	3.08%	\$639,000
City of Murphy	\$2,602,463,121	\$29,032,974	\$0	\$2,625,000,000	0.87%	\$392,000
City of Nevada	\$114,456,084	\$2,447,532	\$0	\$119,200,000	4.14%	\$246,000
City of Parker	\$1,040,680,787	\$58,794,280	\$0	\$1,100,000,000	5.70%	\$654,000
City of Princeton	\$1,105,979,799	\$113,353,706	\$0	\$1,254,000,000	13.38%	\$216,000
City of Sachse*	\$1,038,907,448	\$4,017,442	\$0	\$1,042,000,000	0.30%	\$327,000
City of St. Paul	\$121,929,902	\$1,012,173	\$0	\$125,000,000	2.52%	\$333,000
City of Wylie	\$4,910,022,545	\$160,727,214	\$0	\$5,127,000,000	4.42%	\$277,000
Collin County	\$149,236,263,043	\$4,949,294,452	\$0	\$156,000,000,000	4.53%	\$373,000
Collin College	\$152,352,913,312	\$4,965,857,745	\$0	\$158,700,000,000	4.17%	\$373,000
Collin County WCID#3	\$296,220,464	\$37,758,968	\$0	\$342,000,000	15.45%	\$374,000
Seis Lagos SUD	\$252,173,229	\$9,007,141	\$0	\$259,000,000	2.71%	\$505,000

* Collin County portion
As of April 28, 2020
Preliminary taxable totals



Tibbals Elementary staff members greet seniors during a drive-by parade last week.

Seniors celebrated

Photos by David Jenkins/Murphy Monitor



Tibbals Elementary staff member Christina Towery dresses up in festive gear to cheer on the parade of seniors.



Class of 2020 graduates were honored with a drive-by senior parade.



Former Tibbals Elementary students Jacob Copeland and Andrew Miller were recipients of the Tibbals PTA Scholarship.

Music sparks memories

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religious, folk tunes, sing-along songs, songs of their era and holiday songs," said Cook. "Our music is orchestrated to include many instruments, so the audience will hear symphonic orchestration, band arrangements complete with percussion, and many musical sounds other than just piano."

The pair have decades of musical experience which started when they each took their first piano lessons at the age of six. Haydel went on to major in music at SMU. She later accompanied band students at contests and played for her church youth group choir. Cook earned a bachelor's degree in music with an emphasis in piano pedagogy from the University of Texas at Austin. After graduation, she established a piano studio which she still operates in Murphy for students ages five through high school. Cook is also affiliated with many local music associations.

Sixteen years ago, Cook and Haydel attended a piano ensemble workshop together. That was the point they determined they shared a vision. "We wanted to bring a quality musical program to those who could no longer go out to attend concerts," said Cook.

They named their musical ensemble El'eganza, which is the Italian word for elegance. "We chose it from a list of musical terms," Cook said. "We felt it best described who we were and what we were about; presenting an elegant musical experience."

When they are performing at senior communities, they love seeing the audiences' reaction.

"We feel good when we look out to the audience and see smiles on the faces of the audience," Cook said. "We love playing together, and it makes us happy to see these folks enjoy our music."

Cook said they have noticed when they play at memory care facilities, attendees remember songs by name and sing along when they start to play.

"It is not uncommon at each performance people will come up afterward and share a special memory associated with one or more of the songs played."

Some of their more popular pieces are: "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "Tales from the Vienna Woods," "The Entertainer, Memory," "Rock-A-My Soul," "Rockin' Robin," "Rock Around the Clock," "In the Mood" and "Oh You Beautiful Doll."

"We know our performance is a success when we see smiles

ing faces, hear our audience singing and humming, and from all the positive remarks they make when we complete our performance," Cook said.

Over the years, Cook and Haydel have kept up with technology. They have added more electronic equipment, including iPads, which they have scanned their music onto. They use a pedal that allows them to turn pages as well as three other pedals that perform different functions.

Cook stated that their keyboards are state of the art.

"We have learned to program our electronic keyboards to change voices during a single song to create additional interest for the audience," she said.

Attendance age ranges from 30 - 75 people depending on the size of the community. They are always asked to return for repeat performances and are often booked by activity directors for the entire year.

Even though they are paid a nominal fee to perform, this is not the reason they have kept this up for over a decade. Money earned is utilized for equipment needs only.

"Our mission of playing music for the senior community makes us feel that we are brightening their day, and their smiles and comments bring joy to us," Cook said.

Murphy to receive \$914,613

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Murphy city council addressed the interlocal agreement during the Tuesday, May 19 regular meeting via Zoom.

The county plan provides direct financial assistance for housing, utilities, and groceries; as well as funding for COVID-19 testing, personal protective equipment, and cities' COVID-19 costs and recovery efforts.

Funds come from the \$2 trillion federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The funding provides relief

for family and government costs incurred from March 1 through the end of the year.

Under Collin Cares, the Commissioners Court is providing:

- \$3 million for COVID-19 testing for uninsured individuals
- \$5 million for personal protective equipment (PPE)
- \$45 million for housing (rent and mortgage), utilities, and food assistance
- \$5 million to help re-stock local food pantries
- \$50 million to cities for COVID-19 costs and recovery efforts
- \$40 million for county CO-

VID-19 costs

Additionally, the Commissioners Court has reserved \$23 million for future costs.

Collin Cares will provide up to \$2,500 in monthly financial assistance to each qualifying household, with a maximum of four months of eligibility. Dallas residents who live in Collin County must apply for assistance through the City of Dallas, which has also received relief funds under the CARES Act.

Officials are also finalizing plans for expanded COVID-19 testing options in the county.

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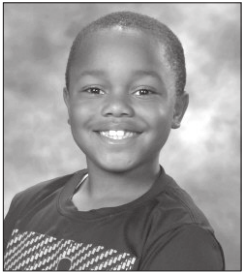
Ainsley Benson
Akin Elementary, Mrs. Clark
Ainsley is an amazing Akin Frog. She exemplifies every core value on a daily basis. She's kind and respectful and always leaves every situation better than she found it. She takes great pride in her work and displays grit to reach her many goals. Her contagious smile brightens the room and shows her gratitude for her learning, friends and teachers. Ainsley loves to celebrate her many accomplishments with those around her. She's quite an inspiration for us all. We are proud of you, Ainsley!



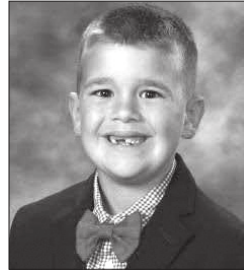
Bethel "Betty" Banketa
Smith Elementary, Ms. Beltran & Ms. Bryan
Betty is a marvelous and hardworking student that shows dedication to her school work and friends. She is a leader in the classroom and always celebrates her peers for their accomplishments. She has a VERY bright future ahead of her!



Sadie Warren
Cooper Junior High, Ms. Goddard
If Sadie had a nickname it would definitely be "sunshine"! She comes in to class every single day with a huge bright smile on her face and she is always so happy and so kind. Everywhere I see her whether it is in the halls, cafeteria, gym, etc. she is always smiling. She is always the first to volunteer to help me in class and to help a new or struggling student. Sadie is an amazing young lady and a bright light wherever she goes!



Thaddeus Coleman
Birmingham Elementary, Mrs. Gonzalez
Thad brings a quiet strength, genuine peaceful smile, and positive energy into any room he enters. He is always thanking me when getting help and giving me that bright smile that reaches all the way through his eyes. When Thad gets something challenging correct, he will stand up and begin to dance, not realizing that others, including myself, have joined him in his style of celebration. He will do great things one day because wherever he goes and whatever he does, he will be smiling and dancing, as if no one else is watching.



Cooper Borne
Tibbals Elementary, Mrs. Johnson
Cooper is solid gold! He is always positive and uses his words perfectly to build others up! He is always there to celebrate the success of others.



Stephen Faulk
McMillan Junior High, Mrs. Jackson
Stephen celebrates every time he does something outside the school related to Spanish. He is always grateful about learning and about what his teachers do for him. I can't think of a better candidate.



Madison Brown
Bush Elementary, Mrs. Price
Madison always uses her heart and mind in every situation. She shows an extraordinary level of kindness to others. She shows grit in all she does.



Joanna Smyder
Watkins Elementary, Ms. Ward
Joanna is working so hard on her online learning. She is doing a great job! I also appreciate that she hops on our live times and shares other projects she's working on as well. She misses school and her classmates, but is staying positive through all this.



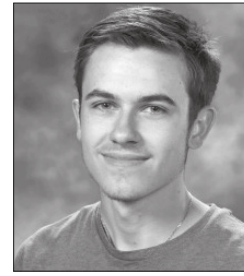
Kaelyn Cash
Wylie East High School, Ms. Langer
Kaelyn is an awesome student and continues to be so throughout online learning. She continues to maintain great grades and keeps a positive attitude even during difficult times.



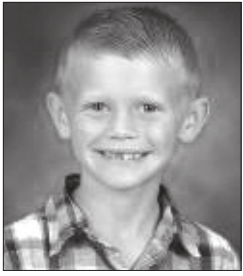
William London
Cox Elementary, Mrs. Jenkins
William is kind, respectful and helpful when interacting with his peers. He demonstrates responsibility daily by caring for the materials in our classroom carefully and thoughtfully. William takes his classroom jobs seriously and demonstrates responsibility when completing them. We are thankful that he is a Cox Coyote.



Brooklynn Shubzda
Whitt Elementary, Mrs. Hunter
Brooklynn is always super friendly, happy and hard working. I love that she always has a smile on her face!



Saverio Cimino
Wylie East High School, Ms. Dipasquale
Saverio is a light in our theater program! He exudes joy and brings it to those around him. This year, he has made huge positive impacts in the program by celebrating the accomplishments of his peers. He checks in live every day with us and reaches out to peers we haven't heard from in a while. During a mask making project, he volunteered (with permission and using safety precautions) to pick up and drop off masks made to assemble a bag and then deliver to these people.



Koen Miller
Dodd Elementary, Mrs. Ferrell
This young man is the Wylie Way through and through. In these unprecedented times he remains a positive influence in the lives of those around him. He gets on our online class sessions daily just to check and see how I am doing. He is an amazing little guy who always celebrates others and shows gratitude in all situations. I am honored and blessed to be his teacher.



Addi McCoy
Davis Intermediate, Mrs. Beck, Mr. Bullock, Mrs. Westmoreland & Mrs. Blackwell
Addi has shown up to every Google Meet and has gone above and beyond to help her fellow classmates. She has a bright attitude and positive personality. She is always checking in on her teachers to see how they are doing, She is a fun-loving, very respectful girl.



Jonah Patrick
Wylie High School, Mrs. Life
Jonah is always happy and cheerful. He shows respect and kindness to myself and others. He always does his assignments in a manner that goes above the requirements. During this time of isolation, Jonah has made sure to ask me how I am doing and checks in with our online meetings. He uses his individuality and creativity to make art that not only fulfills the assignments but makes me smile. He is an awesome student and person.



Werd Abushanap
Groves Elementary, Mrs. Green
I want to celebrate how hard Werd has worked all year. He stayed for tutoring after school and worked daily with his mom. He has come so far since the beginning of the year. He can now read word wall words and he is improving on decoding words. Werd is also such a grateful kid. He is constantly thanking me for teaching him and for the help that I give. I am SO incredibly proud of Werd and I am going to miss him terribly next year. Keep up the great work, Werd.



Melanie Flores
Draper Intermediate, Ms. Biasatti
When I think about a student who consistently shines the way, I think of her. She always comes into class ready to learn! She has such a kind, sweet heart, and is always willing to help her peers when they are in need. While she moved to The States not too long ago, her acquisition of English and her strength in understanding complex materials is what makes her Shine the Way! She goes above and beyond to be successful--she is Draper Driven, and will continue to shine!



Autumn Eaves
Wylie High School, Ms. Kramer
Autumn has always been a positive element in the classroom. She has always been grateful for anything "extra" that came her way. Additionally, during this particular time, she is always - if not the only - student who goes out of her way to celebrate the birthdays I post each day.



Ruby Gibson
Hartman Elementary, Mrs. Jurden
This child is a smiley cheerleader, a bundle of positive energy, a blessing in my class. She works hard and always has a pleasant attitude about it. She writes stories that reflect her celebration of life attitude. She inspires everyone around her to enjoy the moment and celebrate in our classroom. She even makes our online classroom fun with her magic tricks. She is grateful for what others give her, not only with tangible items but in time and caring too. She is the perfect Wylie Way Winner shining bright with Gratitude and Celebration.



Carter Covington
Harrison Intermediate, Ms. Romero
Carter is one of the most positive and uplifting kids I have ever been around. He cheers on his peers, and celebrates even the smallest victories. Not only is he polite to his teachers, but he truly shows appreciation for our work. I'm not sure I have ever seen him upset, and if he has been he doesn't hold onto it long. He is a joy to have as a student and a wonderful example to his peers and friends.



Brianna Mitchell
Achieve Academy, Mrs. Demarais
Brianna's work ethic and determination have not faltered from on campus to online learning. She's continued to demonstrate the self-discipline and commitment to complete her coursework. She is always gracious and polite, a hard-working and conscientious student, Brianna exemplifies the Wylie Way.



Deborah Smith
Burnett Junior High, Mrs. Myers
Deborah Smith is an exceptional young lady. Her heart is bigger than Texas. She appreciates her teachers, friends, and her parents. She vocalizes her appreciation when says so much about her heart and character. She is grateful for the simple things like good books and sweet pets. She is an exceptional recipient for the gratitude and appreciation award.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My Fellow Texans,

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. It is a day for Americans to offer tribute and honor to the heroes who laid down their lives to preserve our freedoms.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War. It was not until after World War I, that the day was expanded to honor those service men and women who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was officially declared a national holiday by an act of Congress.

While visiting American graves at Suresnes American Cemetery in France on May 30, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson stated, "The Americans who went to Europe to die are a unique breed.... (They) crossed the seas to a foreign land to fight for a cause which they did not pretend was peculiarly their own, which they knew was the cause of humanity and mankind. These Americans gave the greatest of all gifts, the gift of life and the gift of spirit."

Our commemorative events this year may differ from the past due to the need for health precautions. Though flags may still be placed at graves, traditional gatherings such as parades and reunions may not take place in the same way. Still, we can keep the tradition of Memorial Day with virtual and online events showing our appreciation of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

On this Memorial Day, I ask you to unite with family and friends in a national moment of remembrance at 3:00 p.m. (CDT) to reflect on the sacrifices made in defense of our values and to remember our service members lost in service to our nation.

Today, let us appreciate our freedom, reflect on our history and remember those who gallantly fought and died for each one of us. Their courage and sacrifice will always be honored across this great state, this great nation and most importantly, in our hearts.

Sincerely,
Eliseo "Al" Cantu, Jr.
Chairman, Texas
Veterans Commission

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GOOD NEWS

We see God's plan

When you think back to that hill call Golgotha, the place of the skull, and you consider Christ's crucifixion, you must ponder the question, "Who killed Jesus?" Was it Judas? Judas was one of the twelve disciples. He saw Jesus do everything from raise people from the dead, feed multitudes walk on water and heal on command. Yet, Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. But, while Judas was a traitor, he did not ultimately kill Jesus.

What about the Jewish leaders? Did they kill Jesus? After all, they had worked for years to entrap Christ. They sought

his death because they were jealous of his obvious power and influence with the people. He was a threat to their power. They led him, on the night before his crucifixion, through the kangaroo court which ultimately brought about his death. Yet, it was not the Jewish leaders who ultimately killed Jesus.

Could it have been Romans? They led out Christ's execution. It was Roman soldiers who scourged him, mocked him, beat him, and ultimately murdered him. At any point, Pontius Pilate could have intervened and stopped the entire process, but he refused. In fact, Pilate washed his hand of Jesus.

Perhaps, it was the people who killed Jesus? If you remember, the same people who threw palm branches before him as he entered Jerusalem for the Passover on a donkey, were the same people who let a criminal go and insisted on Christ's death. But it was not the people who killed him.

No, the one behind the death of Christ was none other than God, the Father, himself. The only way for you and me to have righteousness before God was for Christ to die in our place. Righteousness means to have "right standing". The scripture says that our righteousness is as "filthy rags". Even at our best, it was not

enough. We need a Savior. We needed Christ to do for us what we could not do.

Reflections

How does it feel to know God had a plan from the beginning to save you?

Who in your life needs that God has a way for them to receive salvation?



By Dr. Kris Segrest,
Lead pastor at First
Baptist Church in Wylie

NATIONAL ANTHEM 2020

OH, SAY CAN YOU PLEASE STAY SIX FEET FROM MY SIGHT.
WHEN YOU LOUDLY EXHALED, I WAS SILENTLY SCREAMING.
WITH HAND WIPES AND SOAP BARS, WE'LL BE CLEANING ALL NIGHT,
ALL THE HANDS THAT WE WASHED NOW ARE PAINFULLY CHAFFING,
AND THE FACE MASKS WE WEAR, HIDE THE FEAR THAT WE SHARE,
GOT THROUGH THE FIRST SPIKE, NOW OUR PATIENCE'S NOT THERE.
OH, SAY CAN THAT SARS-STRANGLER BUSINESS BE SAVED?
END THE BAN AND BE FREE OR STAY HOME AND BE SAFE.



Texas bolsters efforts to reduce spread of COVID-19

AUSTIN — Testing, sanitizing and emergency food benefits increased as Texas entered its third month of fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

Notably, Gov. Greg Abbott released a statement concerning an outbreak of the deadly coronavirus in Amarillo, where more than 700 cases were reported on May 16. The report came after the governor's Surge Response Teams conducted site surveys and testing in high-risk areas, including meat-packing facilities in the Amarillo area. Two more weeks of testing would be conducted in high-risk areas, Abbott said.

Abbott on May 13 announced that Texas National Guard disinfection teams operating in coordination with the Texas Department of State Health Services have been deployed to help limit the spread of the deadly coronavirus in nursing homes.

Major Gen. Tracy R. Norris, adjutant general of Texas National Guard, said each of the six teams on duty across the

state received training from the Texas Military Department's 6th Civil Support Team, which specializes in manmade and natural disaster assessment and rapid response in hazardous environments.

The Texas National Guard also fights the COVID-19 pandemic by providing personal protective equipment manufacturing support, food bank support, mobile COVID-19 testing and points of distribution for essential items.

Last week, as more Texans increased public activities, official data showed COVID-19 is not contained. On May 17, cumulative figures posted by the Texas Department of State Health Services showed that some 47,784 people in Texas had been diagnosed with COVID-19 and 1,336 deaths resulting from the influenza-like virus had been confirmed.

Order: Test nursing homes
Gov. Abbott on May 11 directed the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, the

Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Texas Department of State Health Services to test 100% of residents and staff in Texas nursing homes. The collaboration of those agencies, Abbott said, would "ensure that any potential clusters of COVID-19 cases in nursing homes are quickly detected and contained."

Food benefits announced

Gov. Abbott on May 12 announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide more than \$1 billion in food benefits through the federal Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer program to families with children who have temporarily lost access to free or discounted school meals due to COVID-19-related school closures.

The program, to be administered through the state health department, the Texas Department of Agriculture and Texas Education Agency, provides

a one-time benefit of \$285 per child. The benefit can be used in the same way as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits to pay for groceries. Visit hhs.texas.gov/pebt to learn more.

Hospitals receive antiviral

The Texas Department of State Health Services, with FDA approval, on May 12 distributed 1,200 vials of the antiviral drug remdesivir to hospitals to treat patients with COVID-19.

Clinical trials of the antiviral drug reportedly have sped up by several days the recovery time of COVID-19 patients. Remdesivir was provided to the DSHS by the federal government from a supply donated by Gilead, the manufacturer.

Hospitals in these cities received shipments of remdesivir: Amarillo, Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, Laredo, Lubbock, McAllen, Odessa, San Antonio, Tyler and Waco.

Mail-in ballots thwarted

Texans who wanted to vote

by mail to reduce their exposure to COVID-19 still must go to their polling place if they plan to cast an election ballot, pursuant to a stay granted by the Texas Supreme Court on May 15.

In effect, the stay accepts an argument lodged by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who said Texas law prohibits a registered voter who is not disabled, not over age 65 and not an absentee from voting by mail-in ballot. Paxton said Texans should not be allowed to vote by mail merely because they fear contracting the deadly coronavirus if they must vote in person.

Texas Democratic Party Chair Gilberto Hinojosa issued a statement in response to the high court's action, saying, "This is a dark day for our democracy. The Republican Texas Supreme Court is wrong to force the people of Texas to choose between their health and their right to vote. They would have Texans die, just so they can hold on to power."

Sales tax holidays set

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar last week promoted the state's Water-Efficient Products and ENERGY STAR® sales tax holidays, May 23-25.

"Inefficient appliances and outdated water systems put a tremendous strain on our power grids and water supplies," Hegar said. "Even in these uncertain times, Texans can take advantage of this sales tax holiday to buy more energy-efficient items, support local businesses and save money. You can practice social distancing and other precautionary measures when shopping in person or shop online. Qualifying products are tax free."

More information is available at comptroller.texas.gov.



By Ed Sterling, member
services director for the
Texas Press Association

Doolan named new WEHS principal

From Staff Reports
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Wylie ISD administrators have announced that Tiffany Doolan will take over as leader of Wylie East High School. Doolan, currently associate principal of the same school, will take over Mike Williams' position. Williams has served as Wylie East's principal since its opening in 2007 and announced his retirement on

April 24, effective at the end of the school year.

"I am humbled to have this opportunity to lead and learn with Raider Nation, and couldn't be more excited about the future of Wylie East High School," Doolan said.

"Mr. Williams successfully created a school community full of tradition, a culture of support and a focus on kids. I'm truly



Tiffany Doolan

grateful and honored to have worked beside him the past year, and to have the opportunity to learn from the best."

A graduate of McMurry University, Doolan began teaching in Round Rock in 2003 before moving to WISD in 2007. She taught at Cooper Junior High before becoming assistant principal of McMillan

Junior High in 2012 and principal of Birmingham Elementary in 2014. This past school year was her first at Wylie East.

Doolan also has a Master of Educational Leadership from Dallas Baptist University and a principal's certification. Her husband Ben teaches in Wylie ISD, where their two children also attend.

"It will always be a great day to be alive and a great day to be a Raider!" she said.

Schools, food pantries continue meeting needs

By Morgan Howard
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With the school year concluding this week, many parents are left wondering how their children will find regular meals this summer.

Luckily, there are several options for local families.

Wylie and Garland Independent School Districts are continuing their curbside meal pickup programs into the summer. Both districts will conclude the service on June 26.

In WISD, curbside pickup will continue at Hartman Elementary, located at 510 S. Birmingham Street. On Memorial Day members of North Point Church will serve meals, and student nutrition workers will be back the next day.

Pickup lasts from 10 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Each student, who must be enrolled in WISD, gets lunch and a breakfast for the next day.

Starting Monday, June 1, GISD's student nutrition team will serve meals three times a week to students in any district: two on Monday (a hot lunch and breakfast for Tuesday), four on Tuesday (a hot lunch, a cold lunch for Wednesday and two breakfasts) and four on Thursday (a hot lunch, a cold lunch for Friday and two breakfasts).

Meals will be served grab-and-go style from the cafeteria and will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Locations include Cisneros Prekindergarten School; Jackson Technology Center for Math and Science; Hillside Academy for Excellence; Bradfield, Bullock, Daugherty, Giddens-Steadham, Northlake and Toler Elementary Schools; Bussey, Brandenburg, Coyle, Houston, O'Banion, Sellers and Webb Middle Schools; and Garland, Lakeview Centennial, Naaman Forest, North Garland, Sachse and South Garland High Schools. *Can omit

Meals will not be served the week of May 25.

State law requires that if a parent can't bring their child, they can present a report card, an ID card or a birth certificate.

Of course, adults also have to eat. That's where food pantries and church ministries come in.

Hope for Wylie, staffed by volunteers from First Baptist Wylie, takes meals to various areas in the city every Monday and Thursday starting at 11:30 a.m. Locations include W.A. Allen Mobile Home Park, Southfork Mobile Home Park, Glen Knoll Mobile Home Park, Redwood @ the Lake Mobile Home Park and Wylie Propane Mobile Home Park.

People can also use any of the area's food pantries.

On the Wylie-St. Paul border at 1711 Parker Road, Amazing Grace Food Pantry gives out food every Tuesday (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), Thursday (6 p.m. to 8 p.m.) and Saturday (8 a.m. to noon). Volunteers also give out hygiene items when available.

Similarly, Wylie's Christian Care Center gives out food, financial aid and hygiene items. Before the pandemic, volunteers also gave out clothes.

The center is located at 1310 W. Brown Street and is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Current needs are jelly, canned chili, saltine crackers, cereal, granola bars, instant oatmeal and adult shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and razors.

5 Loaves Food Pantry, at 4401 Williford Road in Sachse, is open from 10 a.m. to noon every Tuesday, Thursday and first and third Saturday, along with 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursdays.

The pantry gives out food and, once a month, diapers and formula. Current needs are canned soups and meats, macaroni, peanut butter crackers and dry beans. Any nonperishable item is welcome, as are monetary donations.

Minnie's Food Pantry in Plano, at 661 E. 18th Street, is open Wednesday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. According to its website, the pantry's mission is to "[provide] healthy meals, educational resources and red-carpet treatment to every person that [they] serve."

Needs include canned meat, cereal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce and jelly. Monetary donations also help.

To find more food assistance, call 2-1-1.

COVID-19 testing sites to set up in Collin County

From Staff Reports
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State and area authorities will set up scheduled, free drive-through COVID-19 testing sites this week in McKinney and Plano.

The McKinney site is open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at the Russell A. Steindam Courts Building parking lot, 2100 Bloomdale Rd. (northwest cor-

ner of U.S. 75 and Bloomdale). The Plano site is open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at the Collin College Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy.

The testing sites a joint effort of Texas Military Department, North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council, Texas Department of Emergency Management, Collin County, Collin College and the City of Plano.

All tests are by appointment only. People can register by phone at least 24 hours before the test dates (512-883-2400); or, they can register online now at <https://txcovidtest.org/>. Each test date is limited to 100 people, and officials will call those tested with the results.

To be eligible, residents must have one or more of the following symptoms of COVID-19:

- Fever and/or chills
- Cough (dry or productive)

- Fatigue
- Body aches/muscle or joint pain
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Headaches
- Nausea/vomiting
- Nasal congestion
- Loss of taste and/or smell

The testing is part of a state-run program, and plans are to return to other Collin County communities on a rotating basis every two weeks.

Save taxes on Energy Star appliances

From Staff Reports
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Texas residents shopping for major appliances can save money and energy by purchasing qualifying energy-efficient products this weekend during the Texas Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday.

Sales taxes will not be charged on qualifying purchases starting Saturday, May 23, and continuing through midnight Monday, May 25. There is no limit to the number of items that can be purchased and no need to provide a sales tax exemption certificate.

To promote social distancing, Texas Comptroller Glen

Hegar pointed out that Energy Star energy-efficient products can be purchased online or by telephone, mail, custom order or any other means, including in-store, tax free. The item must be paid for during the exemption period.

Qualifying products, which must be labeled Energy Star to be tax free, are air conditioners priced at \$6,000 or less; refrigerators priced at \$2,000 or less; ceiling fans; incandescent and fluorescent light bulbs; clothes washers, dishwashers, dehumidifiers; and some programmable thermostats.

Appliances that do not qualify for sales tax exemp-

tion are water heaters, clothes dryers, freezers, stoves, attic fans, heat pumps, wine refrigerators, kegerators and beverage chillers.

Delivery, shipping, handling, and transportation charges by the seller are part of the item's sales price. Charges for installing free-standing items are also part of the item's sales price. If the item you buy is not taxable, then these charges are not taxable.

For air conditioners and refrigerators (because they have a price cap), you have to look at the item's total sales price to determine whether you can buy it tax-free.

For example, you buy an ENERGY STAR® refrigerator for \$1,995 with a \$50 delivery charge for a total sales price of \$2,045. Because the refrigerator's total sales price is more than the \$2,000 cap for refrigerators, tax is due on the entire \$2,045 sales price.

If a delivery charge is billed per item, and an invoice has both exempt and taxable items, only the qualifying exempt item's delivery charge is exempt.

For a flat-rate delivery charge, the total delivery charge is applied to the tax-exempt items and is exempt if it does not cause the item's sales price to exceed its price cap.



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Wylie Boys Soccer

Pirates sail away with all-district honors for 2020

By David Jenkins
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Wylie boys soccer was bestowed with all-district awards for this past season.

Senior Hudson Harris and junior Mason Monroe were on the first team in 10-6A. Second team picks went to senior Jack Evans and junior Jazden Paul.

For the first time the district

coaches named a third team.

Making the cut for the Pirates were seniors Aron Aguayo and Connor Stegeman, and junior Grayson Garza.

The Texas Association of Soccer Coached tabbed seniors Angel Perez, Harris, Stegeman and Evans as academic all-state.

The quartet earned the same recognition from the Texas High School Coaches Association

for this past season.

Before Spring Break, Wylie was outside the top four in 10-6A, with just two games left on the schedule. Those games, March 17 versus North Garland and March 20 at South Garland, were placed on hold and eventually cancelled last month when in-school classes were cancelled for the remainder of the calendar year per the order of

Gov. Greg Abbott.

Wylie will remain with Garland, North Garland, South Garland, Sachse, Rowlett, Lakeview Centennial and Naaman Forest, for next season and the following, this time in 9-6A.

Possible bi-district round opponent will come out of 10-6A, which consists Dallas Skyline, Mesquite, Mesquite Horn, North Mesquite, Rockwall,

Rockwall-Heath and Tyler Lee.

10-6A awards
Most Valuable Player – Sachse's Miguel Adoboe
Offensive Player of the Year – Rowlett's Kevin Adolfo and Carson Prestridge

Defensive Player of the Year – Naaman Forest's Carlos Hernandez

Midfield Player of the Year – North Garland's Alex Rivas

Goalkeeper of the Year –

Naaman Forest's Brian Lopez
Newcomer of the Year – Garland's Juan Zuniga and North Garland's Eric Artega

Freshman of the Year – South Garland's Ignacio Villafuerta

Coach of the Year – North Garland's Angel Mendoza and Naaman Forest's Scott Faris

Assistant Coach of the Year – Garland's Bryan King

Wylie East Boys Soccer

Leading the way



File photos

Elliot Janway was the District 10-5A Midfielder of the Year.



Daniel DeMarais earned Newcomer of the Year in 10-5A for the 2020 season.

Underclassmen claim top honors out of 10-5A

By David Jenkins
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Wylie East boys soccer brought home all-district selections for this past season.

Sophomore Danny DeMarais was the 10-5A Newcomer of the Year.

Junior Elliott Janway shared Midfielder of the Year with

Lovejoy's Michael Myers and Sherman's Elijah Martinez.

Juniors Sergio Aquino and Eddie Avalos, and sophomore Colin Story were named to the first team.

Second team honors went to senior Marcus Saldana, and juniors Colton Pannell and Xavier Dawes.

The Raider coaching staff

tabbed juniors Alex Lopez, Roger Rodriguez and Garrett Geppert, and sophomore Nathan Ferrel as honorable mentions.

On the senior team were Maxwell Quaye, Alex Anaya, Jackson Townsend and Zane Ferraro.

Academic all-district went to Dawes, Anaya, DeMarais,

Ferrel, Geppert, Janway, Robin Linhart, Alexander Lopez, Pannell, Quaye, Roger Rodriguez, Marcus Saldana and Townsend.

Prior to the end of the season due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Raiders were fourth in the 10-5A standings at 4-4 and 14-5 overall.

Above them were 6-1-1

Lovejoy, McKinney North and Sherman 5-2-1. In the bottom half were Princeton 1-7 and Denison 0-7-1.

Wylie East will compete next season and the following in 10-5A against Denison, The Colony, Lovejoy, McKinney North, Sherman, Princeton and first-year varsity program Prosper Rock Hill.

Plano East Boys Soccer

Panthers pounce on pair of 9-6A superlatives

By David Jenkins
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Plano East boys collected all-district honors for this past season in the highly competitive 9-6A soccer.

Senior James Stautler shared Offensive Player of the Year with Allen senior Scoty Reyes.

Junior Walters Che was the Newcomer of the Year.

Seniors Nick Bush, Sam Camacho and Derek Hung, and junior Ben Woodard were on the first team.

Second team honors went to senior Dean Hughes, and juniors Efrain Cupal Casteneda, William Torres and Mauricio

Vastida.

The Panther coaching staff had junior Mario Garcia and sophomore Luke Mulkey as honorable mentions.

Plano East was 7-9-2 overall and seventh at 4-7-1 in 9-6A.

In the top four were Allen 7-1-4, Prosper 7-2-3, McKinney 5-7 and Plano West 4-3-4.

McKinney Boyd was 4-4-4, Jesuit 4-6-2 and in last place 1-8-3 Jesuit.

Plano East will face a new set of district opponents next season and the following in 6-6A Region II.

In that grouping are 9-6A holdovers Plano and Plano West, Coppell, Lewisville, Lewisville

Flower Mound, Lewisville Hebron and Lewisville Marcus.

9-6A awards

Most Valuable Player – Plano West's Connor Brown

Midfielder of the Year – Prosper's Osbaldo Loredo

Defender of the Year – Allen's Mason Turner

Goalkeeper of the Year – Allen's Jackson Leavitt (unanimous selection)

Sophomore of the Year – Allen's Ayden Mendoza and Boyd's Spencer Sarkissian

Utility Player of the Year – McKinney's Ethan Orozco

Coach of the Year – Allen's Kim Fullerton and Prosper's Ryan Rogers



File photo

James Stautler earned co-Offensive Player of the Year in District 9-6A.

Sachse Boys Soccer



File photo

Miguel Adoboe was the top award winner as the District 10-6A MVP.

Aboboe 10-6A MVP

By David Jenkins
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Sachse boys soccer capped off the 2020 season with all-district honors.

Miguel Adoboe led the way as the 10-6A Most Valuable Player.

Making the first team were Melvin Calderon, Ivan Gonzalez and Addison Perez.

Ethan Sampson, Jonathan Majano and Carlos Vasquez were second teamers.

The Mustang coaching staff tabbed Anthony Majano, Carlos Ramirez and Reece Spears as honorable mentions.

Prior to Spring Break, Sachse had already clinched a spot in the Class 6A Region II playoffs. They were sitting third in the district standings.

Above them were champion Rowlett, Naaman Forest and fourth was North Garland.

In the bottom half were South Garland, Lakeview Centennial, Wylie and Garland.

Sachse will remain with the Garland ISD schools and Wylie for next season and the following, this time in 9-6A.

10-6A awards

Offensive Player of the Year – Rowlett's Kevin Adolfo and Carson Prestridge

Defensive Player of the Year – Naaman Forest's Carlos Hernandez

Midfield Player of the Year – North Garland's Alex Rivas

Goalkeeper of the Year – Naaman Forest's Brian Lopez

Newcomer of the Year – Garland's Juan Zuniga and North Garland's Eric Artega

Freshman of the Year – South Garland's Ignacio Villafuerta

Coach of the Year – North Garland's Angel Mendoza and Naaman Forest's Scott Faris

Assistant Coach of the Year – Garland's Bryan King



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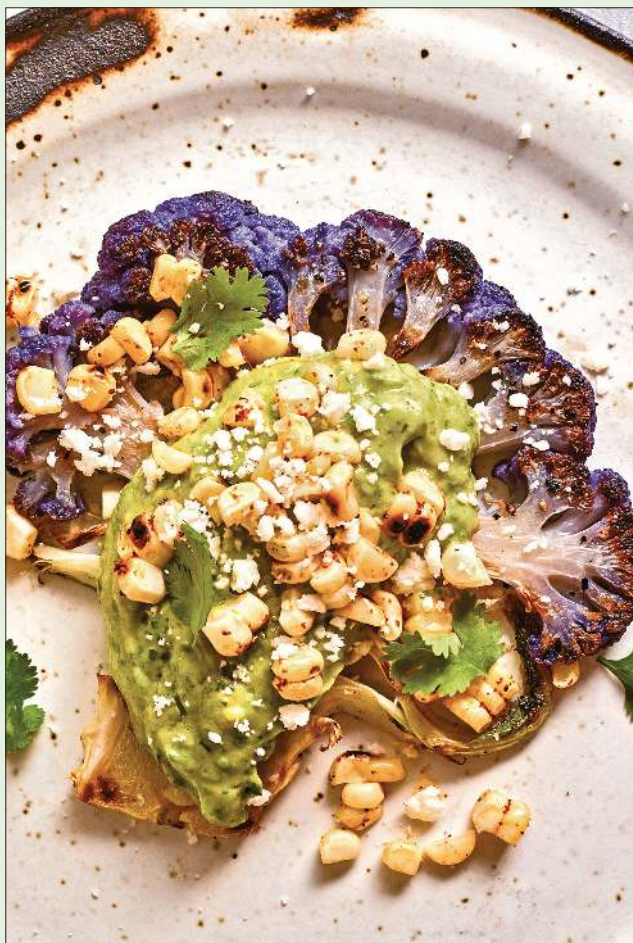
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A new twist on steak

Cauliflower steaks allow you to load on the sauce and toppings in a way that traditional florets can't. This avocado and cilantro sauce with cotija cheese is light and summery, but you could change the toppings with the seasons (see Variations). Serve these steaks alongside salmon or serve two cauliflower steaks per person for a vegetarian meal.

Grilled Cauliflower Steaks with Avocado-Cilantro Sauce

Serves 4

For the cauliflower steaks

4 cauliflower steaks cut in 1/2 inch slices, reserve any additional florets that fall from the head as you slice
3 tablespoons avocado oil
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 ear of corn, shucked
1 teaspoon smoked paprika
2 tablespoons crumbled cotija cheese
1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro leaves, for garnish

For the Avocado-Cilantro Sauce

1/4 cup (60 mL) unsweetened coconut cream
1 avocado
Juice of 1 lime
1/4 cup (10 g) fresh cilantro leaves
2 garlic cloves
1/4 teaspoon sea salt

Prepare a charcoal grill with hot coals or heat a gas grill on high while you prepare the steaks. Alternatively, heat a grill pan on the stovetop over high heat.

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Blanch 2 of the cauliflower steaks for about 40 seconds, then transfer to a baking sheet. Repeat with the remaining cauliflower steaks and any extra florets that are left after cutting the steaks. Drizzle the blanched cauliflower with

2 tablespoons of the avocado oil, and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Season the ear of corn with the remaining 1 tablespoon avocado oil, salt, pepper, and paprika.

Set a grill mat or piece of aluminum foil on the grill and place the steaks, florets, and corn on top. Grill the steaks and florets for about 5 minutes per side, until the steaks are browned and charred. Transfer to the baking sheet. Flip the corn every 3 minutes. Once it has char spots and is a brighter yellow, about 9 minutes, remove from the grill and place on the baking sheet.

While the cauliflower and corn are grilling, make the sauce: The coconut cream should be smooth; if it's not, warm it in a microwave for about 30 seconds and stir it until it appears milky. Alternatively, you can warm it in a small pot over medium heat, whisking until smooth.

Place the coconut cream, avocado, lime juice, cilantro, garlic cloves, and salt in a food processor. Process for 10 seconds. Use a rubber spatula to scrape down the sides, then process for another 5 to 10 seconds, until combined and smooth. Set aside.

Once the corn has cooled, stand the ear upright on a cutting board and use a sharp knife to cut the kernels away from the cob.

Transfer the cauliflower steaks to plates. Place a dollop of the avocado-cilantro sauce on each steak. Top with the extra florets, corn kernels, crumbled cotija, and chopped cilantro.

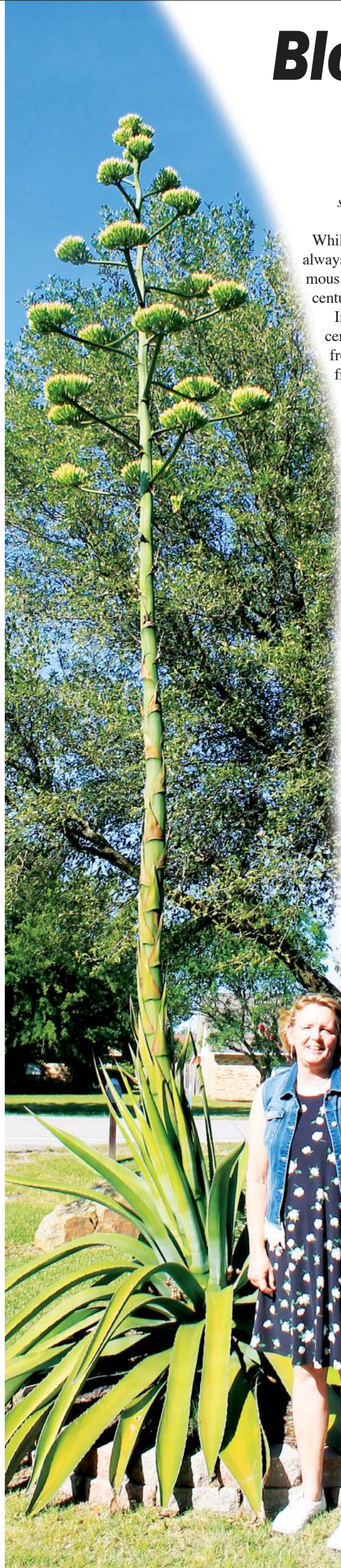
Variations

In fall, top cauliflower steaks with pumpkin spice pecan topping (process 1 cup raw pecans, 1/4 cup refined coconut oil, 2 tablespoons agave nectar, 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin spice, and 1/4 teaspoon sea salt in a food processor for about 30 seconds until combined and smooth), toasted pepitas, and dried cranberries.

In colder weather, try the steaks with melted Gruyère cheese, fried prosciutto, toasted hazelnuts, and chopped fresh sage.

For a spring side, top steaks with Sun-Dried Tomato Pesto, sliced avocado, toasted pine nuts, and Smoked Chickpea Croutons.

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Bloom of the century

Wylie gardener's cactus captures attention

By Sonia Duggan
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While a century is a long time, it's not always accurate when it comes to the infamous Agave Americana, also known as the century plant.

In less than 10 years, Candy Watson's century plant, located in a berm 150 ft from the road in her front yard, went from a "pup" she transplanted to a massive plant that recently grew an almost 15-18 ft. tall flowered spire that commands attention to her 2-acre lot in Wylie.

Some people think century plants live – or take – 100 years to bloom, but that's simply not the case. They mature much faster and can often take around eight to 30 years to flower, depending on the climate, say experts at the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida.

"Here we are 7-8 years later and it's blooming," she said.

The plant is, however, considered monocarpic, meaning it blooms once in its lifetime. There are over 200 species of agave, and experts say they vary greatly in size and color.

When Watson was asked if she ever anticipated the plant blooming while living at her home in Wylie, she said "I already knew in theory I may not see it bloom."

Watson, an avid gardener, eagerly took a pup from a friend who had a century plant. She planted it in a smaller flowerbed near her house that is also home to a red yucca plant and a prickly pear cactus, then when one of the pups came up, she decided to plant it in the berm.

The original plant in the flowerbed is not nearly as big, said Watson, as the one she transplanted in the berm.

"It seems to grow to whatever size (space) you have," she said.

The gardener says she was warned the plant can be invasive. She added, "You have to have the time and desire to take care of it."

Horticulturalists say to be careful where planting or transplanting the century plant, because when they grow up, they can hurt passersby with their thick and spiky leaves and eventually become difficult and dangerous to move.

Century plants do best in an area that receives at least a half-day of sun and the soil drains well, ideally in a garden or a large pot. The cacti can become enormous – 6 to 8 feet tall or more with a rosette of 20 to 40 leaves that can be up to 12 ft. across. The huge leaves can be nearly a foot wide, and are smooth and rigid, with sharp teeth along the margins. The colors vary from anywhere from gray-green to gray-blue and also can be in variegated forms.

In Watson's case, her transplanted agave became very large. She said new growth normally comes out of the middle of the plant and lays open. It will eventually rot so she usually cuts it out with an ax. When her plant began the blooming process in January, she noticed an unusual obelisk-looking growth coming out of the center that caught her attention.

"This time I knew it was different," she said. "When I first saw it come up, I thought it was pretty cool. I knew it wasn't just another set of leaves."

Over a period of the next four months, the centerpiece continued to grow.

"It got 8 ft, then 10 ft, now it's probably 15-18 ft. tall," she said. "Our flagpole is 20 ft. tall."

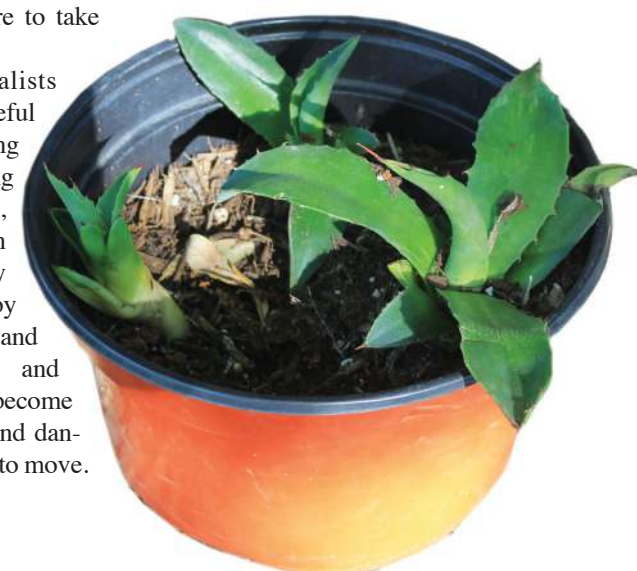
Watson said her neighbors had started noticing it, then her grown son sent a message to her on Easter saying, "Apparently you have got a plant that is the talk of the neighborhood."

Out of curiosity, she googled the plant and saw other century plants featured that were smaller, and most likely cousins, of her giant Agave Americana.

The flowers are a bit unusual in their appearance. According to wildflower.org, "The upward-facing yellow flowers grow in clusters at the end of horizontal branches near the top of a tall stalk that emerges from a thick basal rosette of gray-green leaves. The flower resembles a candelabrum and sits atop a stalk that may be 10 to 25 feet tall."

After blooming, the century plant dies back, but off-shoots around its base usually leave more plants. Watson has saved some pups and she already has another century plant growing in the same area.

While there's really nothing this Wylie gardener can do to stop the dying process, she's enjoying the rare blooming event thanks to a bit of hard work, dedication, dry soil and luck.



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Wylie resident and avid gardener Candy Watson stands beside her 15-18 ft. tall Agave Americana, also known as a century plant, which has become the talk of the neighborhood. Inset, Watson planted the century plant in 2012 which began as a small pup or offshoot similar to the ones shown here.

Getting to know succulents

Succulents can be just what indoor or outdoor gardens need. Even though succulents are becoming more popular, there are still some people who are unaware of their attributes. By learning more about succulents, people may become devotees of these unique plants.

The word "succulent" brings to mind juicy, savory foods. But succulents aren't meant to be consumed. In fact, they get their mouth-watering name from their uncanny ability to store water in fleshy stems or leaves. That means they do not require frequent watering like other plants might. Succulents also may prove more durable in the face of drought and are a handy plant for forgetful gardeners or those who travel often and want something more hands-off in their gardens.

According to the succulents resource Succulents and Sunshine, most succulents prefer warm temperatures and are not very cold-tolerant. However, there are some varieties that can survive freezing temperatures. Still, for most succulents,



Courtesy photo

Succulent plants can enhance gardens, and they require minimal care and water.

it's best if they are kept in warm, moderately sunny conditions. The DIY Network says succulents grow best in bright light,

but not always in full, hot sun.

Succulents also may attract gardeners thanks to their diverse looks. Better Homes & Gardens says that color variations of succulents are quite varied and include green, yellow, burgundy, white, blue-green, pink, red, and variegated combinations. Their shapes can be just as diverse, with many having pointy, rounded, spiky, or ruffled leaves.

People may be particularly familiar with one type of succulent: cacti. These traditional desert-dwellers are prized for their water-retention abilities, but some seem downright scary with their prickly exteriors. While all cacti are succulents, it's important to note that not all succulents are cacti. Less needle-like succulents include aloe, jade, snake plant, and agave. Hens and chicks (sempervivum) and wax plant (hoya) are other succulents to consider.

Searching for succulents online is another great way for gardeners to discover these wonderful plants.

Virtual activities on tap for summer

Even though in-person events have been suspended for the time being, your Smith Library has a full slate of activities planned for early summer.

AT THE LIBRARY



By Rachel Orozco, Smith Library Director

The Fourth of July is just around the corner, and we will have Independence Day Crafts Monday, June 29, at 2 p.m. Get creative and patriotic with some fun ideas for red, white, and blue crafts.

Virtual storytimes will begin on Facebook starting June 2. You and your kids can watch the live stream or enjoy the post later. Visit WylieTexas.gov/library for a complete list of times and age groups.

Imagine Your Story @ Home Scavenger Hunt will be Monday, June 1, at 10 a.m.; find all the items on the list and post pictures of your success in the comments.

Virtual Narwhal and Jelly Party, Monday, June 8, at 2 p.m. Enjoy a story, games, and crafts based on these beloved characters created by Ben Clanton.

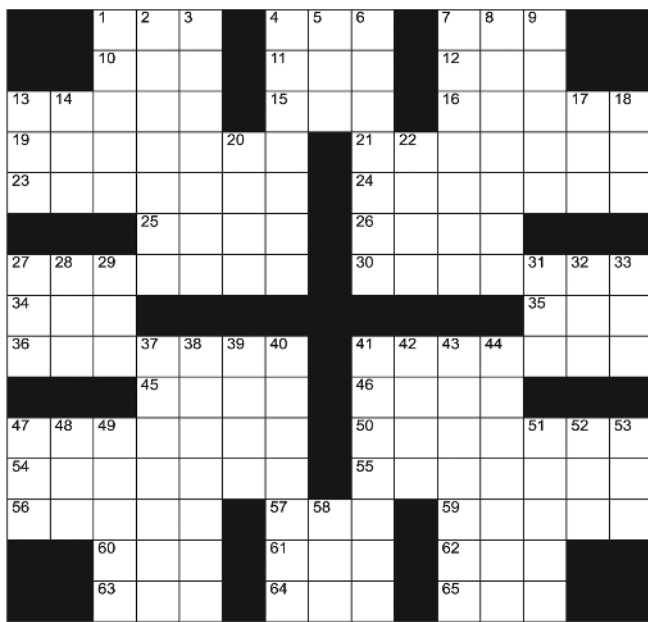
Ask Gerald! Mondays, June 15, July 6, and July 20 at 2 p.m. If you have a question only a tiger can answer, visit the Kids Page to submit a question for Gerald. He gives questionable advice on everything from what book to read next to how to look your best!

On Monday, June 22, at 2 p.m., get your boogie on and join the staff (virtually) as we dance throughout the library! Post pics of your best moves in the comments. Let's see who can out-groove the staff at the Library Dance Party.

In the Local Art Ramble on select Thursdays in June and July, we'll lead you to explore, interact and learn, as we check out Wylie's public art installations. Weekly challenges will be posted on Facebook; share your results in the comments.

And finally, mark your calendars; we always enjoy celebrating Harry Potter's birthday in July; this year's celebration will be virtual but no less exciting. On Facebook @SmithPublicLibrary, there will be daily posts at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. from Monday, July 27, through Friday, July 31. Celebrate the birthday of the Boy Who Lived with a week of special posts. Activities will include a sorting hat quiz, wand-making workshop, Hogwarts classes, an escape room, a costume contest, magic and more.

Those are only a few of the upcoming activities. We're still here, and we're still inventing new ways to stay in touch. Visit our Facebook page or call 972-516-6250 for more information.

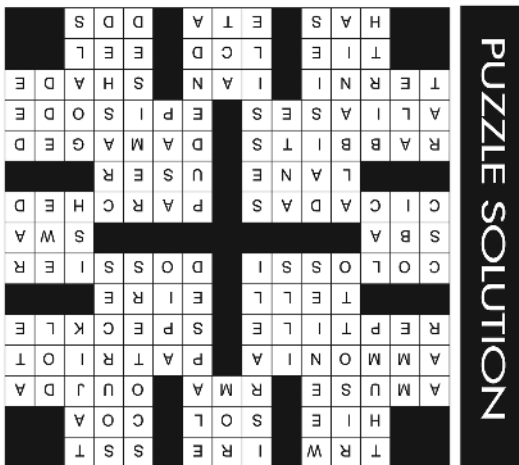


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. It's now called Experian
- 4. You can draw it
- 7. Very fast aircraft
- 10. Go quickly
- 11. Fifth note of a major scale
- 12. Biochemical abbreviation
- 13. Make somebody laugh
- 15. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 16. City in NE Morocco
- 19. Colorless gas
- 21. NE football player
- 23. A snake is one
- 24. Small spot
- 25. Inform
- 26. Republic of Ireland
- 27. Large statues
- 30. Documents about an individual
- 34. Helps little firms
- 35. Namibia's former name
- 36. Large insects
- 41. Thirsty
- 45. A well-defined track or path
- 46. One who utilizes
- 47. Plant-eating mammals
- 50. Not in tip-top shape
- 54. Alternate names
- 55. A part of a broadcast serial
- 56. City in central Italy
- 57. LOTR actor McKellen
- 59. Trees provide it
- 60. Men's fashion accessory
- 61. Type of screen
- 62. Snakelike fish
- 63. Possesses
- 64. When you aim to get there
- 65. Tooth caregiver

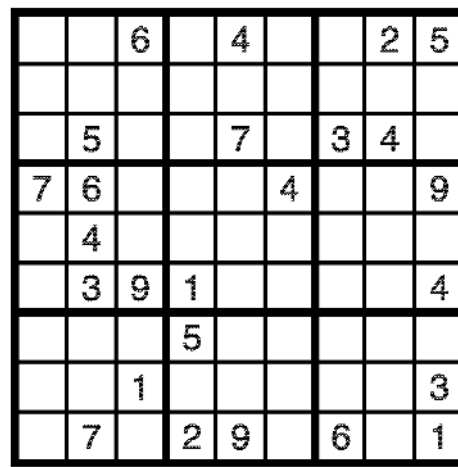
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Hit heavily
- 2. Italian rice dish
- 3. Some are cocktail
- 4. A citizen of Israel
- 5. Read-only memory
- 6. Passed by
- 7. Northern diving ducks
- 8. References
- 9. Iranian language
- 13. Swiss river
- 14. Woman (French)
- 17. Gov't department (abbr.)
- 18. Consumed
- 20. Ailments
- 22. Balkan Jewish appetizer
- 27. Reciprocal of a sine
- 28. Skywalker mentor -Wan
- 29. Resinous secretion of insects
- 31. Similar
- 32. Female sheep
- 33. Cool!
- 37. Borders the Adriatic Sea
- 38. Flowers
- 39. It's sometimes upped
- 40. Immobile
- 41. Female body parts
- 42. Common request
- 43. Made a second thrust
- 44. Fell into deep sleep
- 47. Subway resident
- 48. Brew
- 49. The event of being born
- 51. Aspirations
- 52. Doctor of Education
- 53. Punk musician - Dee Ramone
- 58. A subdivision of a play



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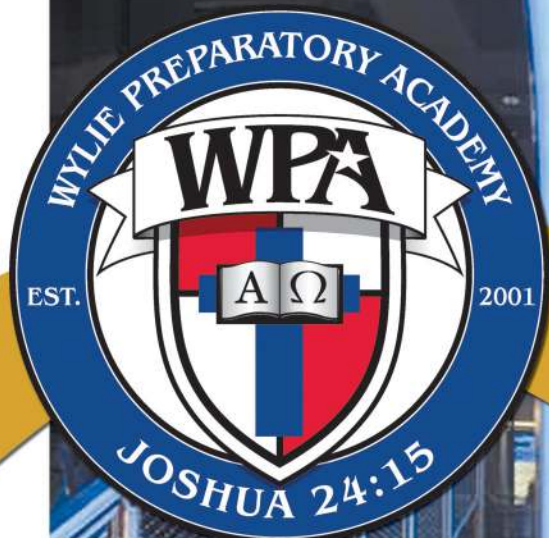
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