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Alcohol sales allowed on City properties

By Jess Paniszczyn

During the City Council Meeting on Oct. 22, the Council voted five to three with one member abstaining to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages at the Irving Art Center, Convention Center and proposed Entertainment Venue.

"All of our competitors have the capability to allow alcohol sales including the Music Hall,

Bass Hall, the Performing Arts Center in Dallas, the Eisemann, and all those venues in our competitive market have that amenity," said Richard Huff, Executive Director of the Irving Arts Center. "Several of the arts groups have asked for the ability to serve their patrons a drink at intermission.

"Alcohol is not new to the Arts Center. During the 14 years I have been here, we have always had the

ability to give away wine, beer and Champaign. We do not have the ability to sell it.

"Under the state rules, the ability to give alcohol away means that if anybody walks in who is of age and wants a glass of wine or Champaign if it is an event where we are serving and open to the

public, we have to give them a drink. You can't have a donation jar. You can't sell a ticket for a drink.

"It is not a make or break issue. It is an amenity issue. Many times we have organizations that call and want to have a reception or cocktail party before or after an

event. In the daytime, we have corporate meetings, training meetings, sales meetings many of the clients want to have a cocktail party afterwards. We can't do that right now, which puts us at a competitive disadvantage."

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Complexities of communication taught

By Jess Paniszczyn

Hundreds of Boy Scouts flocked to the National Scouting Museum to participate in the 52nd annual Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet. The event not only allowed youngsters to fulfill requirements for merit badges, it also gave them real world experience in communication and some of the technology that makes worldwide communication possible.

Many of the Scouts anxiously awaited the day's final event, an opportunity to speak with astronauts on the International Space Station. With questions in hand, the Scouts formed an orderly line in anticipation of asking their questions personally. Unfortunately,

contact with the space station was marred by technical problems.

"The event is orchestrated by the World Scouting organization in Geneva, Switzerland," said Jim Wilson, Director of Media Services and Public Relations for the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America. "The Jamboree involves all of the Scouting organizations around the world. Typically we have about 500,000 Scouts participate in it across about 100 countries. At the museum, we had four different radio stations operating. We also had three Internet centers where chats were going on as well.

"Four to five hundred Scouts came to the museum today to see amateur radio in action and the technology around that. This event gave them the opportunity to become engaged with another activity and to see the National Scouting Museum.

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Old Irving comes tumbling down



Another building in historic, downtown Irving is demolished to make way for progress.

Stay safe on Halloween and avoid frightful fire hazards

Halloween plans typically include frightful activities, and paying attention to a few safety tips can make the difference between having a frightfully-fun experience versus a frightfully-tragic one.

Decorations were the first item ignited in an estimated average of more than 1,000 home structure fires per year during 2002-2005, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) report Home Structure Fires that Began with Decorations. More than half of these fires were started by candles.

"There are many things that parents, kids, and adults can do to make sure that Halloween remains a very safe holiday," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of communications. "Make sure costumes purchased are labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant, choose materials that will not easily ignite, and keep fire safety in

mind when decorating your home, both inside and out."

Fire safety concerns are often unique at haunted houses and other spooky venues typically visited during this time of year.

"It is important to know how to get out of a room or a building in case of emergency no matter where you are, and to teach kids to do the same," said Carli. "A haunted house is a unique venue and with other things competing for your attention, it may take a little extra effort to identify exits and plan your escape; however, if there is an actual emergency or the ghosts and goblins simply get too scary, you'll be glad you did!"

Buy only costumes, wigs and props labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant. If you are making your own costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes into contact with heat or flame. Avoid using billowing or

long trailing features. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out. Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting or as part of their costume.

Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.

It is safest to use a flashlight or battery-operated candles in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit.

When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn including trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.

Remember to keep exits clear

of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.

Tell children to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.

If your children are going to Halloween parties at others' homes, have them look for exits and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Resources:

Visit www.nfpa.org for more information and safety tips.

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POLICE & FIRE

Robberies: Irving Police are seeking assistance identifying the suspect in several recent robberies.

Over the past month there have been three robberies

involving a black male, armed with a handgun, described as being 30-35 years of age, large build, short hair, wearing a white ball cap, white or blue t-shirt, jeans and

white tennis shoes and investigators believe the same, lone suspect, is responsible for each of the three robberies listed below. The suspect described

walks to the counter to purchase a soft drink and when the clerk opens the register he displays his handgun.

Robberies took place:
09-12-09, 3:47 p.m. at 501 S. Loop 12 (Quick Track)
09-22-09, 9:51 a.m. at 305 S. Beltline (Family Dollar)
09-30-09, 7:20 p.m. at 501 S. Loop 12 (Quick Track)

Two videos are viewable on the Irving Police Department website www.irvingpd.com.

Anyone with information regarding these robberies is asked to contact the Irving Police Department Criminal Investigation Division, 972-721-2535. Case Investigators are J. Schingle and B. Wyatt.

School bullying common via computer

Internet technology has taken the age-old problem of bullying to a new and troubling level.

Long gone are the days when the school bully was just the kid who calls a bespectacled student "four eyes" or annoyingly tugs on a girl's pigtails during class.

"It used to be what happened in your school, stayed in your school," said pediatrician Dr. Gwen McIntosh. "But with electronic media such as Facebook and E-mail, something that happened at school can be splashed across the Internet, giving it national publicity. Bullying has taken on a different role, and victims are more vulnerable to a much bigger popu-

lation."

McIntosh, a pediatrician at American Family Children's Hospital and associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health says this broader exposure not only opens up more opportunities for bullies, but can amplify the damage done to the victim by embarrassing him or her in front of a virtually unlimited audience.

According to a survey by the National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center, 13 percent of students in grades six through 10 admitted they had bullied others; 11 percent said they were the

target of bullies; and six percent said they had been both bully and victim. McIntosh says often, both the bullies and their victims end up in trouble with the law.

"We have some pretty good data that shows kids who are bullies or were bullied in school are more likely to end up in prison," said McIntosh. "The perception is that their voice is not being heard, and they feel they are being victimized with no one to help them or go to bat for them. They view it as their own problem and they have to find their own way to deal with it."

That kind of outlook has been cited in tragic events such as the 1999 massacre at Columbine High School in Colorado, where 12 students were gunned down by two students who reportedly felt harassed by bullies.

McIntosh says schools should make it clear that bullying among students will not be tolerated, and those who report it should not fear backlash.

"They should explain to kids what behaviors are acceptable and which ones are going to get you a trip to the principal's office or sent home from school," she said. "Teachers and principals need to create an atmosphere where kids should be comfortable expressing their concerns about violence, aggression or threats by students."

McIntosh also encourages parents to be vigilant and monitor their children for possible signs that they are being bullied or turning into bullies.

"If parents are getting reports from the school about a child's aggressive or violent behavior, they should take that seriously," she said. "A sudden change in peer group and a marked withdrawal from activities in which they normally participate could be a sign of difficulty or conflict that might manifest in a violent way. Oftentimes, adults are the last to know of these problems, and friends and peers are more aware of them early on."

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Officer Gil White to benefit from golf tournament

Provided by Officer Travis Huckaby

The Irving Police Department is hosting a charity golf event benefiting Irving Police Officer Gil White and his family.

Beginning with a "shotgun start" at 9:00 a.m. on Nov. 17, the event will be held at the Bear Creek Golf Club, 3500 Bear Creek Court, Dallas.

The proceeds from this event will benefit Gil White and his family. Gil is currently engaged in a cancer battle that is physically and financially draining. Gil had one surgery to remove a tumor from his brain. Currently, Gil is starting his chemotherapy and radiation treatments to combat the cancer.

Gil has served with the Irving Police Department since 1987 and has been assigned to the CID divi-

sion and Patrol sections during those years. Gil is currently a Field Training Officer and has trained many of the current officers working along side him. Gil is also a Vietnam veteran and has received many different military awards. Gil is also a loving husband, father, grandfather, and a close friend to many people of the community.

People can choose to be a partner in this event by contributing as a player, as a title or hole sponsor. Additional donations or door prize contributions will also be accepted. People can also give a monetary donation by going to the North Dallas Bank and Trust in Las Colinas

Travis Huckaby is the chairman for this event (thuckaby@cityofirving.org).

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Law does not provide for a Social Security cost-of-living adjustment for 2010

With consumer prices down over the past year, monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits for more than 57 million Americans will not automatically increase in 2010. This will be the first year without an automatic Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) since they went into effect in 1975.

"Social Security is doing its job helping Americans maintain

their standard of living," Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security said. "Last year when consumer prices spiked, largely as a result of higher gas prices, beneficiaries received a 5.8 percent COLA, the largest increase since 1982. This year, in light of the human need, we need to support President Obama's call for us to make another \$250 recovery payment for 57 million Americans."

The Social Security Act provides that Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits increase automatically each year if there is an increase in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) from the third quarter of the last year to the third quarter of the current year. This year there was no increase in the CPI-

W from the third quarter of 2008 to the third quarter of 2009. In addition, because there was no increase in the CPI-W this year, under the law the starting point for determinations regarding a possible 2011 COLA will remain the third quarter of 2008.

Some other changes that would normally take effect in January 2010 based on the increase in average wages also will not take

effect, even though average wages did increase. Since there is no COLA, the statute prohibits an increase in the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax as well as the retirement earnings test exempt amounts. These amounts will remain unchanged in 2010.

For additional information about the 2010 COLA, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 24 from 8 - 2pm

Garage Sale - Benefiting the ministries and outreach of Irving Baptist Fellowship in the Irving community, sale will be at 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Irving Baptist Fellowship Church, 2201 W. Shady Grove Rd., 972-313-7742 www.ibfirving.com.

October 24 at 10am

Accessible Playground - City of Irving leaders and the Irving Advisory Committee on Disabilities will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to dedicate the city's new \$2.2 million Accessible Playground and Miracle League Field. Program will begin at 10 a.m. Irving voters approved the funding of a fun, safe environment for special needs children in the 2006 bond election. This new recreational area will be the official home of the Disabled Softball League.

October 24 from 10am-8pm

Cardinal Crop - Scrapbookers, stampers, crafters, quilters, painters, and knitters are invited to attend the Cardinal Crop in the MacArthur High School Cafeteria 10:00am-8:00pm \$25. Cost includes: large cropping/crafting space for 10 hours, lunch and prizes. A silent auction with fabulous items will be available. Event benefits the Class of 2010 After

Prom Party at Speed Zone. Goal of party is to keep our students safe. Sponsored by MacArthur Senior Parents.

October 24 at 11:30am

Freedom Fund Centennial Luncheon - Join the Irving Branch NAACP at our Annual Freedom Fund Centennial Luncheon. The theme is "Then and Now: Education, Economics, Politics and Civil Rights" 11:30am in the Wyndham North Hotel, 4441 Esters Road, Irving. Cost: \$40

October 24 at 8pm

Skull and Crossbones - Join the Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra and guest pianist Valeria Vetrucchio for an ode to a pirate's life 8 p.m. in the Carpenter Performance Hall. Featuring Arthur Sullivan's Overture to the Pirates of Penzance, Vincenzo Bellini's Overture to II Pirata and Hans Zimmer's Pirates of the Caribbean. \$25-55, 972-252-2787 or www.irvingartscenter.com for tickets.

October 25 from 9am to Noon

Breakfast - VFW Post 2494 & Auxiliaries will serve breakfast from 9 AM to Noon. Breakfast includes eggs cooked to order, bacon, sausage, hash brown potatoes, biscuits and gravy at a cost of \$5 per person. All proceeds will be

placed in the Post & Auxiliaries Christmas fund to support programs for families in need during the holidays. The public is invited to attend. VFW Post 2494 is located at 3375 Belt Line Road, just south of Shady Grove. Call 972-790-1611 for directions to the Post and further information.

October 26 at 9:30am

Book Club - The Irving 20th Century Book Club will meet at the Garden & Arts building, 906 Senter Rd. at 9:30 A.M. The reviewer will be Colleen Boudreaux. The book will be "The Little Heathens" by Mildred Armstrong Kalish. Hostesses are-Glenda May, Paul Wartham, Carol Ayles, Gwen black Mary Dixon & Norma Mabry. Visitors are welcome. Call Gail Huckabay at 972-2253-4092.

October 27 Women's Network

The Irving Women's Network, a networking group for business women and community volunteers will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at the Hackberry Creek Country Club at 1901 W. Royal Lane, Irving. The program will be structured networking to facilitate a more in depth knowledge of our business and community involvement. Guests are always welcome. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program and luncheon begin at noon. The cost of the luncheon is \$17.00 inclusive with a timely reservation or \$20.00 without a timely reservation. Make reservations on or before Oct. 23 by calling Pam Knight at 972-262-2317 or e-mailing her at mgfpersonalsecretary.com

October 27 at 7pm

Lecture on Poe - Scott Peeples, noted Poe expert, will deliver a lecture on Poe's life and the significance of his works followed by a meet and great sponsored by the Friends of the Irving Public Library. The reception will be held at 7 p.m. at the National Scouting Museum, 1329 W. Walnut Hill Lane. Museum admission is free and participants are encouraged to come early. Attendees will have a chance to win a special package from the Four Seasons Hotel and Resort. Refreshments will be served.

October 29 from noon to 1 pm

Bereavement Luncheon - Dee Wadsworth, a gerontologist and director of Emeritus Ministry at the Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, will speak on "The Healing Power of Tears" at the bereavement luncheon hosted by the Vis-

iting Nurse Association. The luncheon is from noon to 1 p.m. at the Church of the Incarnation on 3966 McKinney Avenue in Dallas. There is no cost to attend the luncheon, but reservations are requested and can be made by calling 214-689-2633.

October 29 from 9am to 1pm

Job Fair - The North Lake College Career Services department will host its fall job fair on from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Gallery of the A Building on the Central Campus in Las Colinas. Job seekers will be able to present resumes and speak to recruiters from nearly 50 companies for both full- and part-time work. Positions in customer service, banking and business will be featured. In addition to these opportunities, employer representatives from the areas of office administration, financial manage-

ment, sales and marketing, and public safety will be interviewing candidates for various positions. At the top of every hour, a \$500 North Lake College scholarship drawing will be conducted. Job seekers do not have to be present to win. For more information about the job fair, please contact Crystal Larthridge, senior placement specialist at North Lake College, at 972-273-3140.

October 30 from 6:30 to 10pm

Dance - Join the Heritage Senior Center, 200 S. Jefferson St. 6:30 to 10 p.m. for a night full of "over the top" costumes! A spectacular night featuring the movin' groovin' rhythm and brass sounds of the band Canta! An evening chock full of dancing, entertainment, costumes prizes and great food. Tickets \$10 per single, \$15 per couple. Free dance lessons prior to event.

Calvary Church
 Sunday, Oct. 25
 9:30am traditional worship - (the chapel)
 9:30 & 11:15am contemporary worship - (worship center)
 1:30pm hispanic worship - (worship center) nepali worship - (the chapel)
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Irving AMBUCS Thursday at 11:30am New Panda Cafe West Hwy 183 service rd.	Yellow Rose AMBUCS Wednesday's at 6:00pm IHOP Restuarant- Beltline Rd. 1801 N. Beltline Rd.
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Organizations to re-submit their information on a monthly basis to insure that the Irving Rambler will have accurate information. Listings are limited to the Organization's name, meeting location and time. If an organization wishes to have more information than the free listing offers, we will continue to offer other advertising opportunities.

Market competition surrounds alcohol amendment

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Alcohol sales will only be allowed in the Arts Center on an event basis. It will not be readily available at all hours of the day.

"We are at a minimum of six months away from being able to sell alcohol. When you start talking about selling alcohol, the state requires a licensed vendor, which means volunteers can not do it. One of the questions we have to talk through is can we continue to allow resident arts organizations to volunteer for concessions even if they don't sell alcohol? Do we hire a concessionaire for the whole building, which means if you are going to run a concession there is a concessionaire contract, you have to use the house concessionaire?"

"I don't see alcohol sales generating a lot of money. I would be amazed if we generated over \$25,000 in a year. It is not so much about the money as it is about an amenity and a competitive position in the market place," Mr. Huff said.

"Not every event here will want to sell alcohol. Not every event here should sell alcohol. It will be the client's choice. "We are not setting up an open bar. You can't show up sometime during the day and buy a drink at the Arts Center. I don't foresee that at all. That doesn't fit our organization."

Organizers of conventions, trade shows and business meetings expect convention centers to be able to provide their clients with alcohol as the event requires.

"It was always assumed and it has been a part of the Convention Center's financial model that like any hotel and any convention center we would have a full menu of food and beverage too," Maura Gast, Executive Director of the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau said. "Conventions and companies will have the choice of breakfast, lunch, dinner and cocktail receptions. It was always assumed and expected to be part of what the building would offer."

"Much like every other convention center and our hotels we have to have that ability to sell it as well. It is expected to be about 25 percent of the building's food and beverage revenues. It is a critical part of what makes the building financially functional."

"In Irving because of the City's ordinances, the only entities authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for on premise consumption

are restaurants. We are not a restaurant and, therefore, we needed the zoning to change."

Previous to the Council's vote, any restaurant that served alcohol was required to sell at least 60 percent food, and no more than 40 percent alcohol.

"The way the ordinance is structured, we are not under the 60/40 rule. That is a rule that governs restaurant sales. It probably isn't much of an issue. We are going to have breakfast, lunch, morning breaks and afternoon breaks. Business functions will probably greatly outweigh cocktail functions. The convention center will not have any bars or restaurants."

"The business that we are currently pursuing for the building assumes we have the ability to deliver alcohol sales. With maybe one exception that is mostly a youth group, every proposal we have out there expects it. Everybody we are competing with will be able to offer it."

"Having alcohol for sale allows you to control it and license it in ways that giving it away can't," Ms. Gast said. "It is a critical piece of how this building can compete, function, and do well financially."

"Right now we have 24 proposals out in the market, 23 of which we will not be able to book without alcohol sales, because it is part of what they require. Not only do they need spaces of a certain size, parking spaces, and meeting spaces, they also need full catering ability."

"Alcohol is a part of life. Taking aside personal preferences, it is not illegal. People entertain, have weddings, celebrate. Alcohol is the reason every hotel has a bar. It doesn't mean that everybody drinks, but it is expected that you have those things to offer."

Existing restaurants around the proposed Entertainment Venue will be required to continue to abide by the 60/40 rule. Restaurants and other food service operations in the Entertainment Venue will not have that restriction allowing for the possibility of bars.

The Entertainment Venue is very exciting," said Brenda McDonald, Real Estate and Development Director for the City of Irving. "We have a unique opportunity to put together an Entertainment Venue that will be unmatched in the Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico area. There may be some venues that will be able to

compete nationally, but the mix of what we hope will be a great Convention Center/Hotel and the Entertainment Venue will be a tremendous opportunity for our community."

"The Entertainment Venue will not have bars. It will have restaurants. The restaurants planned to be peripheral to the theater are steak, Moroccan, Irish and very high end Mexican restaurants. There are also taco bars, burger blues, seafood and Italian concepts as well. These are clearly not bars. The nine on the perimeter are full-service restaurants."

"Within the theater building itself, are concession areas that will not serve traditional restaurant meals. They will serve more concession type foods."

"When we drafted the ordinance, we intentionally tied this amendment to facilities funded by HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) revenues. HOT revenues can only be used for activities, programs and facilities that bring people from outside the city limits into the city. The facilities we are talking about are funded, designed and operated to be a regional draw of new customers. Not to take away from existing local patrons for existing restaurants."

"In addition, we feel these facilities are going to bring new customers to the local restaurants into town. These facilities will help existing restaurants as well."

After reading the recent amendment, many individuals fear bars will be allowed on City owned properties.

"This amendment was not about having bars. I think that is the fundamental misunderstanding in the community. This amendment was about allowing venues that are not traditional restaurant operated venues to have the ability to sell alcohol for on premise consumption."

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"The Arts Center does not have a full kitchen, full restaurant capability. But in order to compete regionally, they need to be able to sell alcohol."

"The Convention Center, while it is going to have an excellent food program and catering service, has functions that are not sit down meals where they want to be able to serve and sell alcohol."

"The Entertainment Venue is licensed by the TABC under one permit, and must have one operator. So you have a 5,000 seat theater that will operate as a concert venue. It will sell food and beverage differently than a traditional restaurant sells food and beverage. This amendment allows that venue to operate as it was designed to operate," she said.

On premise alcohol consumption often goes hand in hand with smoking. However, no currently proposed amendment would allow smoking in these City owned facilities.

"We are absolutely not considering an amendment to allow smoking in these city buildings. I have not participated in a single discussion about allowing smoking."

"At the staff level, we cannot address those residents who have a moral issue with the serving of alcohol. There is nothing we can do about that. We can, however, take steps to mitigate any risks associated with the serving of alcohol. We are 100 percent committed to mitigating any risks that are identified with regard to the serving of alcohol in these city venues," Ms. McDonald said.

Other members of the community consider this amendment to be bad for businesses and a dangerous step for the City to take.

"What we have is one of the most consequential and potentially

dangerous proposals ever to be presented to the Irving City Council," said Joe Putnam, former Irving Mayor and a practicing lawyer, in a public statement during the City Council meeting.

"This ordinance creates a new category in the City of Irving in our 5249 ordinance that totally exempts this particular class from the operation of our ordinance, which means there is no regulation. It provides by the way it is framed based on Hotel/Motel Tax funding that the Arts Center, Convention Center and Entertainment Venue, if it ever comes about, will be able to sell alcohol in unrestricted, unlimited amounts with no regulation by the City of Irving of any kind, because under our mixed beverage option, that is what the law is. They are exempted as you know from our site plan zoning application requirements."

"It creates a different class for mixed beverage permit holders. Right now, every mixed beverage permit holder in the city of Irving is in a class. This attempts to create a new class. This creates two classes: one class that is governed by ordinance and a special class out here that is not governed by any regulation."

"What this ordinance also does is break the 28 year commitment by this City Council that on premise consumption of alcohol will be held in restaurants only."

"This ordinance obviously eliminates the food service requirement that we have in our present ordinance."

"First of all, this ordinance is a prima fascia equal protection violation. On its face, because it says a few mixed beverage permit holders can sell unrestricted, unregulated, unlimited amounts of alcohol. Everybody else is restricted by

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Technology leaves Boy Scouts disappointed

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"The culminating event was the communication with the International Space Station through Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS). It was a bust. We could hear the astronaut on the space station, but he couldn't hear us. There are a lot of sources for that potential problem maybe at the space station or the ground link.

"Sometimes it works. Sometimes it doesn't. The kids invested a lot of time. They studied the questions they were going to ask the astronauts. It is unfortunate that it didn't happen.

"We hope the kids take home an understanding that we are a brotherhood of Scouting through being able to communicate with other Scouts. Some of the Scouts here communicated with Scouts in Germany via ham radio. I overheard another conversation with some Scouts in Montana," he said.

Keith Pugh, a volunteer with ARISS, indicated that other communication events with the space station had experienced technical difficulties, but rarely to the extent experienced with the Jamboree.

"The intent was for all of the kids to ask their questions," Mr. Pugh said. "But we had a problem. We don't know yet exactly where. For some reason, the astronaut was not able to hear our station in Hawaii that was making the RF contact. We could hear the astronaut, and we could hear the station in Hawaii fine.

"What happened? I don't know. They could have had a frequency knob set wrong on the space station very easily.

"Maybe the best thing the kids could get out of the experience today is that sometimes things go wrong. And the best laid plans of mice and men sometimes go astray. That is valuable information too.

"Normally we would like the kids to be inspired by math, science and technology. Unfortunately, the technology let them down today. It sometimes does.

"The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station group has done nearly 500 of these events. We have done 100 in the last year. This is the first one I know of that we have been completely blanked on," he said.



Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts stand in line to practice the correct way to ask their individual questions to astronauts on the International Space Station.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

I saw your article about the city picking up stray dogs and think it was mostly wishful thinking...or propaganda. A dog ran across Grauwlyer from the south side to the north side of the street to attack my family! About two weeks ago. The following is what I sent to Chief Boyd and Guy Henry. One of them encouraged (I believe) the return call that finally came 3 hours after I left VM. I recommend that no one walk their neighborhoods without pepper spray to protect themselves. No one has yet called me back to let me know that the dog has been picked up which I specifically requested of the animal control person who called me.

This morning our granddaughters' Nanny was walking with my granddaughters in their double stroller down the sidewalk on Grauwlyer Road between Sunnybrook and Green Oaks on the NORTH side of Grauwlyer when a dog ran across the street from the south side of Grauwlyer barking and growling at them. This was a loose dog with no human around to control it.

When the dog got closer to them, our Nanny sprayed the dog with pepper spray to keep it from attacking her or the children. This is a bad problem that has gotten serious. There was no collar or tag on the dog that could be seen so we do not know if it has had rabies shots! There are numerous dogs that are loose in the neighborhood just south of Grauwlyer and in our own neighborhood closer to the Kroger store at Grauwlyer/Story Road. Now that problem is making it dangerous for my grandchildren to walk in my neighborhood!

I called animal control and got VOICE MAIL! When people are being attacked by stray dogs, voice mail does not do any good. It has been over an hour now and animal control has not yet called me back! I suspect that the animal control department may be understaffed but there is NO excuse for not being able to talk to a live person when one calls that department, especially when

there is an emergency. I finally had a call back about three hours after I left VM. The gentleman who called said "...he thought he had called me already"! Obviously there is something wrong with their ability to keep up with the VM and this may well be low staffing! Obviously a dog attacking people should get priority to just a loose dog call.

The Nanny and granddaughters were extremely frightened and without the pepper spray could have been bitten and seriously injured. My 5 year old granddaughter has fragile health from a heart condition. Having to have rabies shots could kill her. She is having to miss kindergarten now because of the swine flu virus, as catching that could be drastic

for her as well. She should not have to be kept indoors on a nice day just because some people are dismissive of the laws regarding dogs and allow them to run loose in our neighborhoods. The one that attacked my grandchildren was a large brownish colored dog.

The city says they are picking up loose dogs but from what I see they have hundreds more to catch and pick up before we see any results. Further, they should not be released to people claiming to be owners unless the owner pays a fine, gets the dog chipped, inoculated and can show they have a humane place to keep the animal. A second infraction should create a large fine and no return of the dog.
Joyce Howard

The Letters to the Editor section is devoted to giving the people of Irving a voice. *The Irving Rambler* needs your input, letters, comments – good as well as bad, and opinions. This section can only be successful with your support. Whenever possible, people holding contrary views of a subject will be allowed to respond to critical letters.

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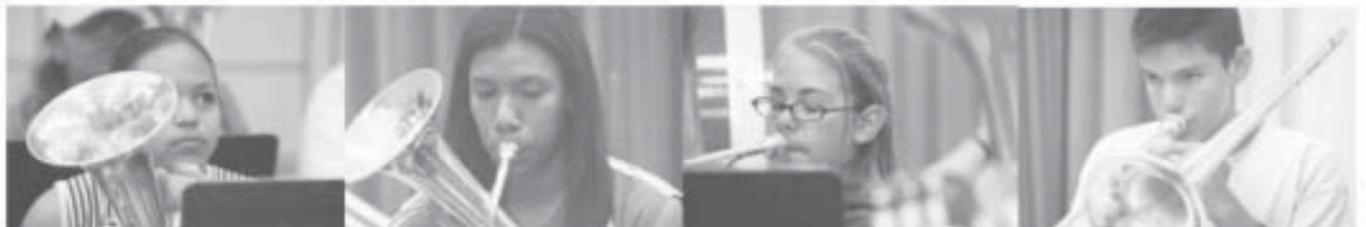
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UTI CHOOSES IRVING FOR PROGRAM EXPANSION

Phoenix-based Universal Technology Institute, Inc. (UTI), a premier provider of technician training for students, selected Irving for its "flagship" model campus to be located at 5151 Regent Boulevard. Automotive and diesel mechanics will be taught in Irving. UTI will own and occupy the 108,000 sf facility at the north side of the DFW Freeport area, adjacent to I-635. The campus will employ between 40 and 80 and have an estimated enrollment of 600-plus annually. Irving's UTI campus is expected to be operational in the spring of 2010

SHERMCO CHOOSES TO STAY IN IRVING

Shermco Industries reaffirmed their commitment to keeping their electrical and wind power business in Irving by acquiring 31 acres on Valley View at Frye Road to build its new 150,000 corporate headquarters and operations center. This site will provide the company room to expand to 250,000 sf in the future. This international company is a leading provider in the repair of wind turbine generators around the world. The company also provides training to the industry bringing students from across the globe to Irving. Shermco currently has 250 employees with plans to grow by some 50 employees in the future. The Chamber's Economic Development team was involved in the retention of this great company in the city.

KIMBERLY-CLARK ACQUIRES BAYLIS & I-FLOW

Kimberly-Clark, a Fortune 500 company with global headquarters in Irving, agreed to acquire both Baylis Medical Company, a Canadian manufacturer of high-tech medical devices for chronic pain management, and I-Flow Corporation, a health care company that develops products for post-surgical pain relief and surgery. The purchase of Baylis enhances the company's position in the minimally invasive chronic spinal pain management market. Kimberly-Clark stated that I-Flow will increase its medical device sales by more than 50 percent, add an innovative and successful technology to its growing portfolio of pain management and surgical solution products, and strengthen the depth and breadth of its sales force

NORTHMARQ ACQUIRES IRVING OFFICE BUILDINGS

Minneapolis-based NorthMarq Real Estate Services has acquired four Irving office properties from OPUS Properties Services. The Irving buildings include Opus Corporate Center Las Colinas I, an 111,795-sf office property, Opus Corporate Center Las Colinas II, an 111,831 sf office property, Regent Center I, a 98,730 sf office property, and Regent Center II, a 55,485 sf office property.

GLORY HOUSE BISTRO TO OPEN NOVEMBER 3RD

Jo Ann Goin has announced the opening of Glory House Bistro at 109 S. Main Street featuring an elegant lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday - Friday. Glory House Bistro will offer a specialty buffet with salad bar. The menu will be different each day of the month and may be viewed on line at www.gloryhousecatering.com

NORTH LAKE COLLEGE OFFERS BLACKBERRY COURSE

Through a partnership with Research In Motion, North Lake College will offer BlackBerry academic courses; it is the first BlackBerry Certification Program in the United States. The introductory course, "BlackBerry Support in a BlackBerry Enterprise Environment" begins this month and will focus on the infrastructure support of the BlackBerry device, including wireless networks, email applications and security. Visit North Lake College on line for more information at www.northlakecollege.edu

IRVING FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES RECOGNIZED

Several Irving financial companies were recently recognized by the Dallas Business Journal. Largest Credit Unions in the Metroplex included Irving-based Your Federal Credit Union, Qualtrust Credit Union, Las Colinas Federal Credit Union and Irving City Employees Federal Credit Union. MetLife Home Loans was recognized as one of the largest residential mortgage lenders in the Metroplex.

KITTY BOYLE RECOGNIZED BY ASSOC. OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES

Irving resident and community volunteer, Kitty Boyle, has been recognized by the Association of Community College Trustees as both the 2009 Western Region Trustee of the Year Award and the recipient of the 2009 M. Dale Ensign Trustee Award. Boyle has served on the DCCCD Board of Trustees for 13 years, serving as both vice chair and chair. Over that span of service, her leadership has positively impacted community colleges at the local, state and national levels.

NUMANTRA GROWS GALA AT THE 'GAIT

Numantra, the Irving based marketing think-tank, recently celebrated a successful second annual Gala with their client, ManeGait Therapeutic Horsemanship. The 2009 Gala at the 'Gait was held on October 3, 2009 at the ManeGait facility in McKinney, TX. Founded by Bill and Priscilla Darling of Darling Homes, ManeGait is now in its second year of operation. Even in a down economy, Numantra grew both fundraising and the Gala this year with 620 attendees and over \$230K in revenue. For more information, visit www.numantra.com and www.manegait.org

UNEMPLOYMENT INCHES TO 7.9 PERCENT

Irving's September unemployment rate inched up to 7.9 percent from 7.8 percent in August. This is still favorable to the State unemployment of 8.2 percent and the national unemployment rate of 9.8 percent. The overall rate for the Metroplex is 8.3 percent.

BUSINESS PHILANTHROPY

The Dallas Business Journal is seeking to identify businesses within North Texas who give back to the community and especially those where the chief executive takes a hands-on role in philanthropic efforts. Companies may go to www.dallasbusinessjournal.com, click on "Events" then "Nominations." Deadline for consideration is November 2.

NEW RESTAURANT IN HERITAGE CROSSING

La Cueva Mexican Restaurant has opened at 207 E. Second Street across from the Heritage Senior Center. The restaurant is open Monday through Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. and offers homemade Mexican food. A special luncheon menu is also available.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR IRVING HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

New board members for the Irving Healthcare Foundation include: Matthew Boyle, Craig Laird, Rakesh Patel, Brian Smith, Vail Tolbert and Mimi Tran. The Board also elected Helma Mazon to Treasurer and Lane Atkins to Secretary.

COWBOYS STILL #1

In a recent Harris Poll, the Irving-based Dallas Cowboys are still America's favorite team. Following the Cowboys are the Pittsburgh Steelers, Chicago Bears, Indianapolis Colts and the New England Patriots. This is the third consecutive year that the Cowboys have taken the top honor. Additionally, the Cowboys also received certification from Guinness World Records officials that the video board in the new stadium is the world's largest high-definition video display.

STREAM REALTY ASSUMES LEASING ASSIGNMENT OF CRESTVIEW

Stream Realty has won the right to lease the 263,000 sf Crestview Tower office building located at 105 Decker Court in Las Colinas. Various upgrades are being made to the 1983, Class A building. Stream has office spaces available from 1,500 to 38,000 sf.

SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 10, 2009

CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING

The Chamber's Annual meeting has been scheduled for November 10, and will be presented by Reliant Energy at the Dallas Marriott Las Colinas. The keynote speaker will be Roger Williams, 105th Texas Secretary of State and a champion for economic development in North Texas. To register, visit www.irvingchamber.com and click on Calendar.



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Nimitz' robotics program to compete

Students in Angela Warr's engineering class at Nimitz High School have spent the month of October, in class and on Saturdays, working toward their first trip to Dallas Boosting Engineering Science Technology (BEST) Robotics Competition, scheduled for Oct. 24 at University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) gymnasium.

BEST Robotics Inc. is a non-profit, volunteer organization with a mission to inspire and motivate students to pursue careers in engineering, science, technology and math through an annual sports-like robotics competition, according to Warr. She believes that one of the best ways to teach engineering to high school students is to get them involved in engineering competitions.

To prepare for their first BEST Robotics competition, Nimitz students divided into groups to develop various elements of the robot's design. Warr said each group studied the game strategy, discussed the ideal design, and gave presentations. The students then selected the best design and started the building process. In addition to numerous classroom tests, students attended qualifications Oct. 17. Students practiced activities they may conduct again during the upcoming competition

such as collecting water, carbon dioxide, and benzene objects.

Warr said several parents and local businesses have provided invaluable support to the students in their first year of robotics. Billy James, a principal member of structural engineering firm Structural Engenuity, loaned power tools and provided design support, and Chris May, a test engineer with Lockheed Martin, provided advice and support. Warr said parents Sylvester Contreras, Monica Tidwell, and Florencio Miranda were key in helping the first-year program succeed.

Students created a YouTube video highlighting their preparation and experiences designing and building a robot. The video can be accessed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=e55SAI5s0Tc.

For more information about the Dallas BEST Robotics Competition, access www.dallas-best.org.



Students at Nimitz High School prepare their robot for the Dallas BEST Robotics competition at University of Texas at Dallas on Oct. 24.

Irving earns recognition from American heart association

The City of Irving's commitment to health and wellness earned the municipality recognition as a "Gold Level Start! Fit-Friendly Company" by the American Heart Association (AHA). The gold-level recognition was announced in *Fortune* magazine. The City of Irving is one of many organizations across the nation to receive the gold-level designation.

To earn the designation, the City of Irving met a set of requirements established by the AHA, which included the promotion and availability of employee programs that encourage walking and exercise.

"The 'I Win' (Irving Wellness Incentive Now) program played a big part in bringing this recognition to our city," said Ike Obi, benefits and risk management administrator. "In the process of apply-

ing, we discovered that the criteria to earn the gold-level recognition from the heart association had much in common with our I Win program, and we couldn't be happier."

I Win incentivizes employees by offering paid time off to those who participate in healthy behaviors such as walking and working out. I Win, which was launched in 2008, is helping city employees become healthier and is also helping to reduce health care costs to the organization. Other health initiatives endorsed by the City of Irving include annual health fairs and free flu shots for full-time staff.

In addition to being named a fit-friendly company, the city will receive an official recognition plaque from the AHA for display at City Hall.

Nutrition award

The Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD (C-FB ISD) Director of Student Nutrition, Rachelle Sherrin, was awarded a Texas Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH) Champion Award for 2009 for her department's dedication to creating healthy environments for school children in C-FB ISD. This year, six CATCH Champions will be honored at the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (TAHPERD) Convention.

The CATCH program in C-FB ISD is an integrated approach to wellness for students.

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NCH CORPORATION HONORED FOR 90 YEAR HISTORY

Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem Rose Cannaday recently presented a proclamation at the NCH Corporation's birthday celebration declaring an NCH Corporation Week in Irving. Since 1919, Irving-based NCH Corporation has been the leading global provider of industrial maintenance solutions. The company's 8,500 employees are located in 50 countries on five continents. Founded by Milton Levy, Sr., NCH Corporation is in its third generation under the Levy family leadership and has been located in Irving since 1961.

ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 3

Election Day is November 3. There are several proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution for consideration.

HESTER JOINS SHERMCO

Steve Hester has been hired by Shermco Industries to the position of Training Specialist.

WEC FALL LEADERSHIP FORUM LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 19

The Workforce Enrichment Council's Leadership Forum will present and discuss the New York Times Best Seller, *Influencer*, which provides powerful strategies to create rapid, dramatic and permanent change in one's personal and professional lives. Dr. Ilayne Geller will lead the discussion on acquiring the skills employed by some of the world's best influencers. The luncheon will be in the La Cima Club in Williams Square. Registrants will receive a copy of the book. Register on-line at www.irvingchamber.com and click "calendar." Discounted registration is available for Chamber members.

DART WINS FTA AWARD

DART's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for its Northwest Corridor, which includes the first nine miles of the new Orange Line that is under construction, recently received the Federal Transit Administration's Outstanding Achievement Award for excellence in environmental document preparation. The FTA's award recognizes exemplary efforts in preparing environmental documents that meet prevailing requirements and reduce paperwork.

NOVEMBER 7 - NORTH HILLS PREPARATORY INFORMATION SESSION

North Hills Preparatory will host an information session, Saturday, November 7, 9:00 a.m., at the school, 606 E. Royal Lane. Applications for admission for the 2010/2011 school year will be accepted from November 2 until December 1, 2009, which is the closing date for the lottery for admission.

65th Wedding Anniversary



Mary and Charles Ewing celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 21. They have lived in Irving for 42 years. They have three children: Rodney, Gary and Deb Holland. There are six grandchildren and one great granddaughter. She has sold Avon for the last 43 years. Charles is a veteran of WWII and Korea War.

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Avoid Halloween calories with strategies

When Halloween treats start to cast a spell, you can help ward off unwanted pounds with timely coping suggestions.

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- Buy treats that aren't so enticing. If chocolate is a food trigger, buy only gummy treats or small boxes of raisins to distribute to trick-or-treaters.

- Remove excess candy corn and other sweets immediately after trick-or-treat hours end. - Give treats to a food pantry, homeless shelter, or, if

needed, toss surplus candy in the garbage.

- Turn the refrigerator or pantry door into a roadblock rather than an entry point. Decorate it with a frightful image of a monster ready to terrorize a food plan, or a cute orange curtain that literally blocks the way into the vault of food.

- Remember that Halloween treats can include non-food items. Halloween fun lasts longer when kids receive:

- Stickers, colorful shoelaces, or small containers of bubbles from a party store or dollar store.

- New pencils orange or black to use at school, along with shaped erasers.

- Pennies, perhaps wrapped in appropriately "slime green" cellophane wrap.

There's no need to avoid Halloween parties. During trick-or-treat hours or at costume events, get in the spirit of the season by wearing toy

plastic "fangs." Others will love the fun, theatrical look, and the mouthpiece will keep you from overindulging in treats.

Lusty appointed director

Mollie Lusty, middle school special education coordinator, has been appointed as IISD special education program director.

Lusty began her career in 1974 as general and special education teacher with Dallas ISD at Terry El-

ementary School. She joined Irving ISD in 1985, as a special education teacher at Crockett Middle School. In 1994, Lusty became inclusion specialist for IISD, and in 1996 she was appointed to the role of middle school special education coordina-

tor.

Lusty earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Education Degrees from Texas Woman's University.

Lusty's appointment fills the place left by Ms. Teal's retirement.

How to avoid driveway and patio renovation scams

By Tony Panaccio

With Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke publicly stating that recovery is around the corner and that the recession may already be over, many homeowners are thinking now is the best time to enhance their home values with driveway and patio renovation projects. The trick, according to one expert, is to avoid the scams.

"Now is the perfect time to take advantage of pricing that is low, with news of imminent economic recovery potentially providing some forward motion for home prices," said Scott Dempsey, V.P./Chief Executive Officer of C & D Pavers, a manufacturer of a common concrete overlay system used in patio and driveway renovations. "However, as the demand rises for these services, consumers need to beware of unscrupulous contractors who will jack up prices, or even worse, take their money and not do the job."

Dempsey's company doesn't do the install work on the product they make, but rather, they supply the contractors who do, so he's very familiar with the types of con-

tractors to avoid. He recommends the following tips to avoid scammers:

Know what you're getting - There are some very expensive types of products used for re-paving, and there are some overlay systems that cost less. Make sure you know what it is you are getting, so that you aren't paying too much. A typical patio can get an overlay job done in the \$2,500 - \$3,000 range, while a traditional concrete job that looks similar to the overlay can cost thousands more. Know the differences in cost and installation time for the different products so you can make sure you don't overpay.

Company history - How long has that contractor been in business? Are they new, or have they been around a while? Is it a company with multiple locations, or a "mom and pop" business with a history and track record? Don't be afraid to look them up on the Internet. Just be prepared to take whatever you may find with a grain of salt, because you don't always know the credibility of the people posting comments online.

Licensing - All contractors who do this kind of work must have licenses to do it. Ask to see the license, or take down the company name and call the department of business regulation for the state to find out if their licenses are current.

Better Business Bureau - It's an old cliché, but it's a good place to check. The BBB keeps copious files and they are available on the Internet. Keep in mind that just because a company is listed doesn't necessarily mean it is bad, depending on the outcome of the complaint. Also keep in mind that a bad company may exist even if they are not listed. Don't use the BBB alone as your only safeguard. Combine it with other safety factors to prevent being scammed.

Cash - Contractors that demand a significant cash payment up front should automatically throw up a red flag. Asking for reasonable deposits on large jobs is common and expected in the industry, but asking for the entire fee up front, or specifying cash, is a sign that you may not be dealing with a reputable contractor.

Materials - Reputable contractors use good materials with brand names and some level of warranty. If you're told you have to pay extra for a basic warranty, chances are that you're being scammed.

Writing - Everything regarding your job, including the cost estimate, time estimate and materials being used should be communicated to you in writing. If your contractor refuses to do so, it's a sign you may want to look else-

where.

"Real estate agents we deal with have all said that upgrading your home with brick pavers in this market is one of the best things that a seller can do that will get them closer to their asking price as well as reduce the number of days on the market," Dempsey said. "With that kind of upside in the face of a market getting ready to rebound, people should temper their enthusiasm with caution to ensure they are getting what they paid for."

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ANN ELAINE GOLDMAN

Ann Elaine Goldman, of Irving, went to be with her Lord on October 17, 2009 at the age of 67 after a long illness. She was born December 5, 1941. Ms. Goldman was preceded in death by her parents, Alfred and Bertha Goldman and a sister, Marie Bufe. She is survived by a brother-in-law, Lee Roy Bufe; nieces LeAnn Bishop and husband Danny; Karen Francis and husband Willie; great nieces Amy Bishop, Ashley Bishop and Karina Francis; and great nephew Kyle Francis. Funeral service was held Tuesday at 11 AM, October 20, 2009, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Irving with Pastor Eloy Gonzalez officiating. Interment

followed at Bluebonnet Hills Cemetery in Colleyville. The family received friends on Monday, October 19, 2009 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home in Irving.

GENE GRIMES

Gene Grimes, age 83, a resident of Rowlett, TX, died Thursday, October 15, 2009 in Garland. He was born July 5, 1926 in Dallas. A private memorial service will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Assoc. Arrangements by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

JACK L. COLE

Jack L. Cole, of Irving, passed away Wednesday, October 14, 2009. He was born August 5, 1919

in Garber, Oklahoma. A private burial was held at 11 AM Monday, October 19, 2009 at Garber Cemetery. Arrangements made by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

JOE L. STUBBLEFIELD

Joe L. Stubblefield, of Irving, passed away Wednesday, October 14, 2009. He was born August 3, 1931 in Dallas.

Survivors include his wife Barbara Stubblefield; children Mickey Joe Stubblefield and wife Linda, Ronnie Stubblefield, and Carrie



Dearmond and husband Leon; stepchildren William Trull and wife Shirley, and Becky Murray and husband Richard; sister Emma Stubblefield; special cousins Doris and David Thorpe; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Memorial services will be held at 11 AM Saturday, October 24, 2009 at Brown's Memorial Chapel.

MARA BETH ELLIS GRIMES

Mara Beth Ellis Grimes, age 82, formerly of Irving, died Sept. 16, 2009 in Rowlett. She was born Jan. 12, 1927 in New Sutherland, TX. Service 10:30 am, Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009 at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Irving. Inurnment at Bishop Mason Center Mausoleum, Flower Mound.

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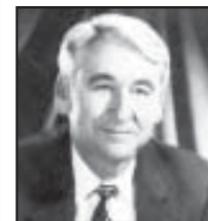
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Five low-cost ways to prevent cancer

In today's troubled economy, saving money is a hot topic. No matter what gets cut from your budget, however, experts at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center believe that healthy choices to prevent cancer shouldn't be on the list.

"Cancer is a disease that is cheaper to prevent than treat," said Michele Forman, Ph.D., a professor in M. D. Anderson's Department of Epidemiology. "If we eat healthier meals and increase daily exercise, we could avoid about one-third or 186,000 cancer deaths this year."

Five budget friendly activities that can reduce your chances of getting cancer are:

1. Exercise daily.

Forman suggests you do at least 30 minutes of low to high-intensity exercise on five or more days a week, depending on your fitness level. Forty-five to 60 minutes of exercise is even better. Children and teens should do at least 60 minutes a day of moderate to high-intensity exercise at least five days a week.

"It's okay to gradually increase your exercise to 30 minutes a day if you currently aren't exercising," Forman said.

Can't afford a gym membership? Look at these low cost exercise options:

Local city parks and recreation centers offer a variety of cost-friendly options to keep you fit. This includes free or low cost gym memberships and sports programs for adults and kids. Parks also are a great place to go hiking, running, walking, or to play family sports. Contact your local parks and recreation center to learn about what is available in your area.

Health and fitness organizations often offer many free or low-cost programs to get you moving. Check out www.fitness.gov to find a program in your area.

2. Eat more fruits and veggies.

Vegetables and fruits have lots of vitamins, minerals and fiber found to help prevent cancer. Eating five fruit and vegetable servings every day also is a great way to keep a healthy weight. Remember to include a colorful variety in your weekly menu.

Buying enough fruits and vegetables to meet your five-a-day serving can get costly. Below are some cost-friendly tips to help you on your next trip to the store.

Your local farmer not only offers some of the freshest produce in town, but he or she also has some of the cheapest prices too. Search online or ask family and friends about farms in your area that sell seasonal fruits and vegetables.

Your local farmer's market also may offer fresh produce at a cheaper price. You can find a listing of farmer's markets at www.usda.gov.

Nutrition assistance programs provide children and adults in need with food and a healthful diet. Visit www.fns.usda.gov to see if one of these programs can help you or your family.

3. Avoid tobacco.

Tobacco use is the single largest preventable cause of death in the United States. Each year, it causes about 169,000 cancer-related deaths, according to the American Cancer Society. Another great reason to quit is that you could save up to \$4,000 a year.

Here are some free resources to help you quit.

M. D. Anderson smoking cessation studies help people quit tobacco through treatment methods. Learn about these free programs at www.mdanderson.org/preventionstudy.

The National Cancer Institute offers free information and support to help you quit. Learn about their services at www.smokfree.gov.

The American Cancer Society Quitline provides tailored support, and the tools and steps to help you become smoke-free. Learn about their services at www.yesquit.com.

4. Practice sun-safety.

More than one million cases of skin cancer are expected in 2009. Unprotected exposure to too much ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun is the number one cause of skin cancer.

Staying safe in the sun can get costly. Below are some suggestions to get the most out of your dollar.

Sun-Protection Factor (SPF) 15 sunscreen is just as good as SPF 70, if applied and reapplied properly, and it is usually more affordable. The protection an SPF offers does not increase with the SPF number. SPF 15 absorbs 93% of the sun's burning rays, while SPF 70 absorbs about 98%.

Sunglasses are a must to protect the eyes. You don't have to buy costly, designer shades to get good ultraviolet (UV) protection. When shopping for a new pair of sunglasses, look for ones that have broad UV protection that absorb at least 99% of UV rays.

5. Get regular check-ups.

Wellness exams, or cancer screening exams, are medical tests done when you are healthy, and you don't have any signs of illness. They make sure that cancer is found at its earliest, most treatable stages. The chances of surviving colorectal, breast and cervical cancers are higher if found early. In

addition to finding cancer early, screening exams for colorectal and cervical cancers also can remove abnormal cells that may turn into cancer. Doing this prevents cancer altogether.

Many states and counties offer free or low-cost screening exams for men and women who qualify. To learn about what your state offers, call the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER.

For additional information, visit www.mdanderson.org/focused.

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Newly passed amendment may allow bars, nightclubs in Irving

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ordinance. That is clearly a violation of the requirements of the Equal Protection clause that everybody has to be treated alike. It discriminates against the other permit holders. They have to abide by the 60/40. The people in the new areas don't. That is unequal treatment.

"It permits bars, because when you remove any establishment, any permit holder from the confines of 5246A there is no regulation and no limit to the amount of alcohol that can be served. That permits bars.

"Certainly it violates the purpose and intent of our RAB ordinance that has been honored for 28 years.

"Worst of all, at least most significant, the City itself is the chief violator of its own ordinance that was promised to the citizens of Irving. It opens the door to unlimited sales in other parts of Irving.

"It exposes the City to a certain lawsuit. I can assure you there will be a lawsuit," he said.

Some existing restaurant owners feel the amendment gives an advantage to food and beverage sellers operating on City property.

"When we, a Champps,

Cheesecake Factory, Cool River, decide to invest in a community, our investment in a property is going to be in the range of \$3 million plus," said Brian James, Managing Partner for Champps America. "One of the things, that makes a restaurant and bar so expensive to build, is the kitchen.

"With \$3.5 million build-out on restaurant, you are looking at about \$1.5 to \$2 million being kitchen and equipment related to the kitchen.

"When you say an establishment can serve 90 percent liquor and 10 percent food, companies build a nominal or non-existent kitchen. They may not need to put a hood system or dish machine in. They might serve things on paper. So their investment goes way down, which enables them to do things we can't do as far as marketing their business or spending their money elsewhere.

"The first thing you've done is unlevel the playing field. Being required to sell 60 percent food is a heck of an investment for a res-

taurateur-bar operator from the initial capital investment to the research and development, menu, plates, training of staff, to everything. There is a much higher level dollar commitment."

The new amendment may encourage companies to come to Irving with less commitment to the community and the people who live here.

"Here at Champps we have 100 plus employees. A typical bar might have 10. It is hard to understand where the City is coming from," Mr. James said. "Because looking at employing people in the area and increasing the tax revenue through payroll taxes, it is hard to understand why the City would allow a business that spends less money, makes a smaller investment and has less to lose to open on City property, because basically when these businesses fail they say 'see you later' and walk away.

"The more money you have in the game, the more serious you are going to be about being an operator as well as about everything

from health standards to the responsibility of the serving of alcohol.

"If the City were to do away with the 60/40 rule, it would chase away major restaurant investment. There are substantial dollar investments made by companies like Champps, Cool River, P.F. Chang's. When you open that up, basically what you are doing is saying 15 to 35 percent of your business, you are going to have to compete with a guy who has one tenth the overhead you have. How attractive of an investment is that to you?

"Most of the major restaurant companies want 60/40 rules. Because literally to open up a bar, you put in a three compartment sink, get the beer companies to give you a bunch of neons, and you are in business.

"You are a lot better off long term bringing in restaurant bars. I'm not afraid of competition. I would like for it to be on the same playing field. At this point in time, I don't fear a night club."

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Parent information night scheduled

The IISD Special Education Department will sponsor its annual parent information night from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 5 at MacArthur High School cafeteria.

The event is designed to make families aware of the various agencies and community resources available in the Irving area. Rep-

resentatives from area agencies will also be available to answer questions. Agencies represented include: Dallas Metro Care, ARC of Dallas, North Lake College and Dallas County Community Colleges, Department of Assistive & Rehabilitative Services (DARS), and Special Care & Career Ser-

vices.

Several concurrent information seminars will also be presented in two sessions throughout the evening: guardianship, supplemental security income, DARS-

transitioning into the workforce, and parents and the transition process. Most sessions run in 30-minute periods from 6:15-6:45 p.m. and from 7-7:30 p.m., with the guardianship session running

from 6:15-7 p.m. and again at 7:15-8 p.m.

MacArthur cafeteria is located at 3700 N. MacArthur Blvd. Child care and refreshments will be provided.

Mungles on Movies

By Matt Mungle
Title: *Zombieland*
Rated: R

Cameos, comedy and carnage. That is the essence of the new film *Zombieland* from first time director Ruben Fleischer in which the living dead outnumber the living-

living. Zombie films are always a cult hit. People dress up to go see them, and cheer the flesh eaters on like a sports franchise. But there is an art and balance to making the genre not only palatable for the diehards, but also enjoyable movie going for the mainstream. Fleischer and his team defiantly have the right recipe in this one.

Zombieland follows a group of the living as they trek across the US in search of a Zombie free area. Not an easy task since most of the population has been over ran. In fact they seem to be the only non infected people remaining. Led by Tallahassee (Woody Harrelson) who is a shoot first and forget the questions kind of guy the entourage includes a geeky, rule making survivor (Jesse Eisenberg) and a pair of conniving females (Emma Stone/Abigail Breslin). They are all heading to California in search of a rumored zombie free compound.

This film was non stop fun from beginning to end. I give full credit to the writing team of Rhett Reese and Paul Wernick who took a much used backdrop like zombies and created this inventive, unique and hilarious ride. And I think the ultimate key to their success is simplicity. There are just four characters in this film yet they each have a depth of humor and styling that carry the story. The film plays like a zombie survival guide with tips and lessons on how to outsmart and stay one step ahead of zombies should they ever attack. The rules are simple, yet creative and funny enough that I am already seeing them pop up on social status updates and in regular conversation. This film definitely has the makings of a cultish phenomenon.

The cast too, for the most part, deliver the goods. Harrelson is lovable as this gun toting good old boy who has found his calling in life; namely zombie killing. He seems to be having a blast with his character which is contagious to the audience. You find yourself having as much fun as he is. Breslin shakes off her Kit Kittredge image in this one and you see her start to come into her own.

The only (one and this is just a side note) that bothered me was the performance by *Adventureland* star Jesse Eisenberg. I felt like I was watching Michael Cera. Jesse's voice, delivery, mannerisms and acting were straight from the Cera catalogue; which by the way is not a thick manual. Don't get me wrong, I am a fan of Cera,

Rule #1: Prepare to laugh a lot

but not when someone else is being him. This fact in no way took away from the film I just found it personally distracting.

Zombieland is rated R for horror violence/gore and language. The violence is certainly in that campy, comic book, zombie manner. Lots of blood and guts but all in the styling's that you would see in a neighborhood haunted house. The language is not rampant either and other than a few splatterings here and there it is tame by today's standards. I have talked to a few parents who took their 12 and 13 year olds and had a blast watching this film. There isn't one scene that contains an openly awkward moment. It all goes back to knowing

your child and their maturity level. I give *Zombieland* 5 out of 5 snowballs in hell. Laugh out loud humor, fun characters and lots of action make this a must see. So says Matt Mungle.

Matt is a member of the North Texas Film Critics Association (NTFCA) and hosts the weekly syndicated Indie Rock Radio Show Spin 180. Plus with his wife Cindy they do a weekly radio feature, The Mungles on Movies. For additional reviews and interview clips visit www.mungleshow.com.

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- ◆ Irving Independent School District
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to provide to kids participating in their music programs. We will accept any band or orchestra equipment including drum sticks, saxophones, guitars, violins, recorders, etc.

Irving Independent School District

Due to the unexpected increase of students entering band and orchestra, the Irving Independent School district has a temporary shortfall of instruments for students. As of Sep. 9, Lamar Middle School was short about 30 instruments while the other the middle schools were short about a dozen instruments each. After the article ran in the Sep. 12th issue of *The Irving Rambler*, a clarinet and a recorder were donated. Please look in your closets, and donate your old instruments that are collecting dust, so child can receive the instrument and enjoy the opportunity to develop musically.

Salvation Army School of Performing Arts

The need for musical instruments has also impacted The Salvation Army Irving's School of Performing Arts (SPA). During the past three years, SPA has provided instruction for children learning to play piano, drum, and guitar. Donations of keyboards, drums, and guitars. will allow students to take them home to practice during the week.

If you have a band, orchestra or other musical instrument you would like to donate to a music program, call 972-870-1992 to arrange for someone to pick up the instrument, or drop it off at The Salvation Army Irving, 250 E. Grauwlyer Rd, Irving. You can also bring the instrument to The Irving Rambler, 625 S. Rogers, Irving.

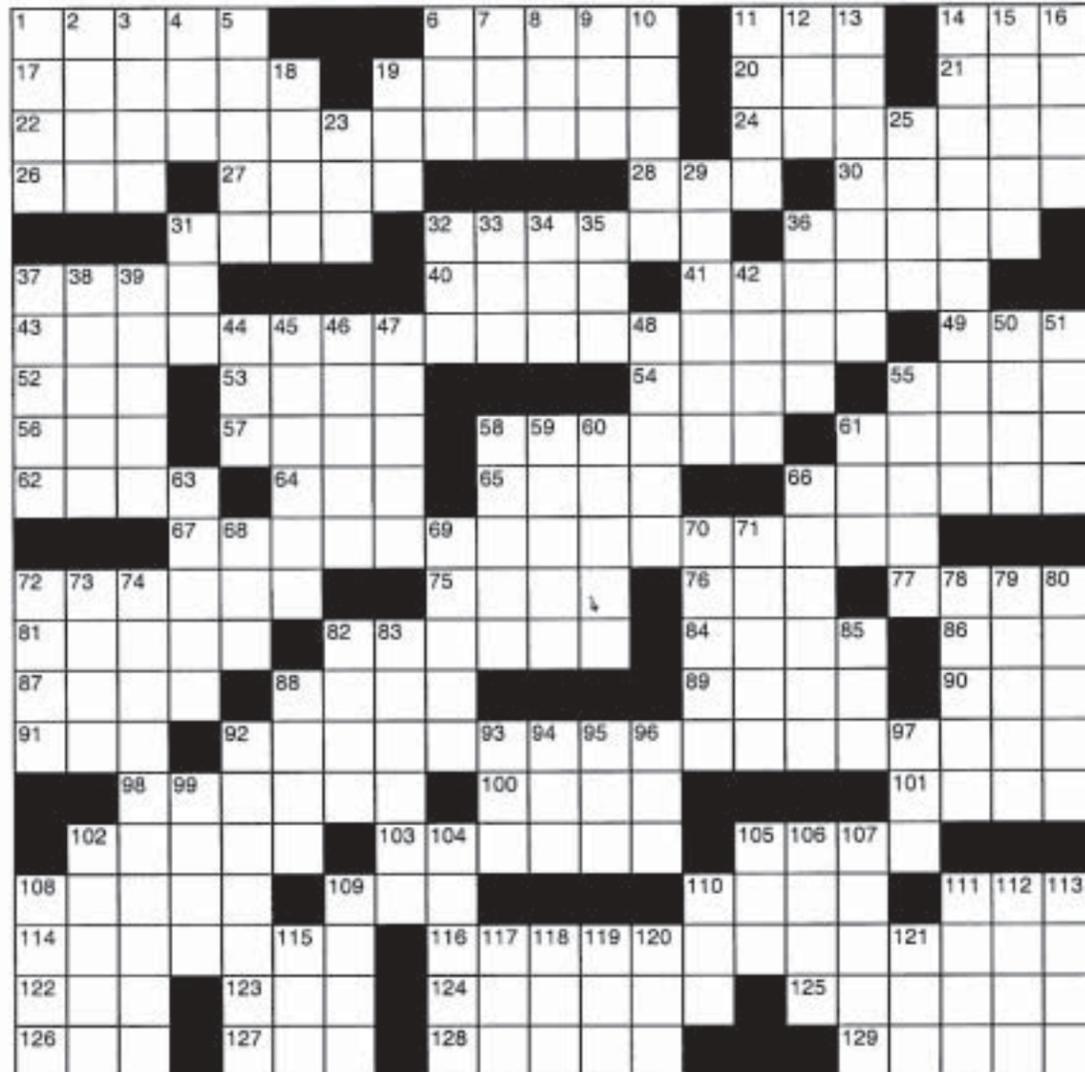
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 - 24 Unexpected success
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 - 30 Street talk
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 - 32 Salad veggie
 - 36 Zoo attraction
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 - 41 Fancy fabric
 - 43 Clint Eastwood movie
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 - 53 To boot
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 - 56 Gumshoe
 - 57 Strained
 - 58 Hogan's home
 - 61 Asian capital
 - 62 Ornerly Olympian
 - 64 Gangster's gun
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 - 104 It makes rye high
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 - 106 — Romeo
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 - 111 Rope fiber
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 - 119 Pitches
 - 120 Cpl.'s superior
 - 121 Tear



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ComParrot by Bonnie J. Malcolm

Can you spot 12 differences between these pictures?



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Solution: 1. The above scarecrow's shoe is missing. 2. Tuft of girl's hair is hidden. 3. Curl behind pumpkin is missing. 4. Nose on pumpkin is missing. 5. Silt roof is colored in. 6. Bush behind barn is colored in. 7. Pocket on shirt is colored in. 8. Sten on pumpkin is different. 9. Curl behind pumpkin has moved. 10. Flower on hat is different. 11. Pole is longer. 12. Scarecrow is smiling.

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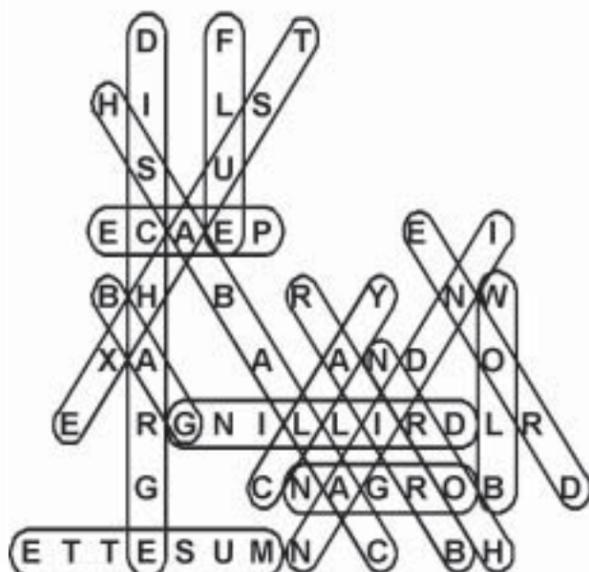
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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- Boneyard
- Bumble Bee
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- Chloride
- Floss
- Goobertown
- Goodyear
- Many Farms
- Show Low
- Strong
- Surprise
- Tuba City
- Two Guns
- Why

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Resident to be honored as Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy



Provided by Elizabeth Lenart

The Greater Dallas Chapter of Association of Fundraising Professionals, with presenting partner Communities Foundation of Texas, will honor Matthew Willis of Irving as Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy at the 24th Annual National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon, Hyatt Regency Dallas at Reunion on Nov. 10.

Between the ages of 9-14, Matthew Willis raised more than \$71,000 in the "Links Fore Leukemia" Golf Tournament sponsored by the North Texas Chapter of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The tournament was co-founded by Jim Willis, Matthew's dad, who lost his battle with cancer 45 days after the inaugural tournament, when Matthew was two years old.

"This tournament has given me a wonderful opportunity to connect with my father, whom I can only remember through pictures and stories shared by my family and friends," said Matthew Willis. "Through 'Links Fore Leukemia,' I can continue my dad's dream of helping others who may be diagnosed with blood cancer, and I can also honor his memory."

Willis is currently heading up the newest addition to the 'Links Fore Leukemia' Tournament, serving as the president of the junior

golf committee, currently in its first year.

"I'm excited about this new committee and involving more youth in this important cause," added Willis. "The junior golf committee will serve as a wonderful way to recruit new supporters who will hopefully stay involved for many years to come."

Willis has also been honored by the LLS Society with the Spirit of Tom Landry Character Award, an award that honors a youth with

courage, integrity, dignity and dauntless spirit, who has battled blood cancer through personal experience or who has volunteered extensively on behalf of others who suffer from blood cancer. Additionally he has been honored by Representative Linda Harper Brown at the Capitol before the Texas House of Representatives and by Kohl's Department Stores as a "Kids Who Care" Store level winner. A sophomore at the Parish Episcopal School, Willis is

active in his church and in Boy Scouts of America, where he is currently working to become an Eagle Scout.

In addition to Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy, six other awards will be presented at the luncheon to those in the community who exemplify commitment, dedication, and talent toward helping their neighbors.

"The Association of Fundraising Professionals, Greater

Dallas Chapter is proud to present and pay tribute to these outstanding individuals who have exhibited such incredible civic and charitable stewardship," said Cheryl Reynolds, National Philanthropy Day Chair. "Without question, such philanthropic efforts play a critical role in our society, providing much needed funds every year, encouraging civic participation, and improving the quality of life for all people."

We all scream for Halloween



One of many races in this year's annual Pumpkin Dash starts off with high energy and spirits early on the morning of Oct. 17.

Irving pastor conducts vigil on the roof top

Provided by Marilyn K. Wolford

Senior Pastor Dennis Webb, of the Bear Creek Community Church, ascended to the top of the Church Building on Oct. 20. The 24-hour camp-out fulfilled the pastor's promise to a local Food Drive campaign challenge, and fund raising drive to raise money for school uniforms in Kenya, Africa.

In response to a dwindling food supply in St. Christopher's Food Pantry, Bear Creek Church's community food assistance program, Pastor Webb, challenged the church members to raise \$1000 in a four week period, and pledged to spend 24 hours, outside, on top of the church building, if the goal was reached. The Congregation met the challenge.

Pastor Webb, who is also a firefighter for Grand Prairie, was scheduled to come down at 6:00 p.m. on Oct. 21 just in time for

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, which he planned to attend.

"I plan to attend Wednesday evening services," Pastor Webb said prior to his ascent. "So, if you want me to smell 'fresh,' it would benefit the Wednesday night church attendees to buy as many hours as possible, so I will have time to go home and bathe before service begins."

However, the 24-hours were lessened by sympathetic donors. The congregation allowed time to be purchased for \$50 per hour, to decrease Pastor Webb's time on the roof. Through the hour purchase plan, the pastor was able to descend from the roof at 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 21.

"This is the Great Commission," said Pastor Webb. "We are given a charge to serve locally and throughout the world. I am proud that the Bear Creek Community Church congregation is not bound

by the walls of the church building."

All proceeds from time purchased will be used to buy new school uniforms for the Butere Miracle Center in Kenya, Africa,

an international ministry partner of Bear Creek Church. Pastor Webb will personally deliver the school uniforms when he attends the Nairobi Kenya conference, Nov. 30 - Dec. 7 as the keynote Speaker.



Getting closer to God, Pastor Webb shows off his temporary home away from home on the roof of his church.

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