

North Texas

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Giving Bach

BEDFORD

City will be hosting ArtsFest on Saturday

Bedford will hold ArtsFest from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Boys Ranch Park, 2801 Forest Ridge Drive.

The annual event is a family and pet friendly event that celebrates the arts of North Texas. There will be musical entertainers, a Crunch & Brunch with the Easter Bunny in the morning, a Polynesian Pavilion, a West India Pavilion, a marketplace and a food court.

Admission and parking are free. For details, visit bedfordtx.gov.

Deborah Fleck

FARMERS BRANCH

Class will be held Saturday for prospective chicken owners

The first education class for prospective backyard chicken owners will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Farmers Branch Community Recreation Center, 14050 Heartside Place.

Residents must complete the education class in order to obtain a chicken permit from the city. The permit fee is \$50.

The City Council approved the provisions for backyard chickens earlier this year, allowing three to six hens, but no roosters.

Find out more or register at farmersbranchtx.gov/chickens or call 972-919-8770

Deborah Fleck

FORT WORTH

Maker Fest will be held at Museum of Science & History

The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, 1600 Gendy St., will celebrate the Maker Movement at iMake: Maker Fest from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The festival aims to celebrate the collaborative culture of the Maker Movement, which encompasses using invention, creativity and resourcefulness to bring do-it-yourself projects into one's daily life. Mouser Electronics is sponsoring the festival for the sixth time.

Details can be found at fwmuseum.org/imake.

Deborah Fleck



David Woo/Staff Photographer

SMU student chamber musicians Aaron Boyd (left) and Agata Miklavc serenaded morning commuters with some of Johann Sebastian Bach's most well-known compositions Wednesday at DART's West End Station in Downtown Dallas.

IRVING

Nimitz High is hosting Pet Care Day on Saturday

The Veterinary Medicine Department at Nimitz High School, 100 W. Oakdale Road, will host Pet Care Day 2018 from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday in the staff parking lot and in the AG Building.

Services available will be low-cost vaccines from 10 a.m. to noon, pet adoptions, grooming, a pet training station at 10 a.m. and more. Treats such as popcorn and cake pops will be sold.

Deborah Fleck

KELLER

Church to bless outdoor labyrinth at noon on Sunday

St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church, 223 S. Pearson Lane, invites the community to the bless-

ing of its outdoor labyrinth at noon Sunday.

The Rev. Scot McComas, rector of St. Martin's, will offer prayers and will bless the labyrinth with holy water.

Ronald Hitchcock will cut the ribbon as the church celebrates this outdoor spiritual space. The blessing concludes the church's Palm Sunday activities.

Find more details at stmartininthefields.org.

Deborah Fleck

LEWISVILLE

Library friends hosting spring book sale this weekend

The Friends of the Lewisville Public Library will host its Spring Book Sale from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday (which is a pre-sale for members and \$5 for others), 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The sale will be in the Glenmore

Savage Community Room at the library, 1197 W. Main St. For details, call 972-219-3570.

Deborah Fleck

MESQUITE

Self Reliance Expo will be held at Convention Center

A Self Reliance Expo will be from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive.

The event offers attendees educational opportunities with about 20 speakers discussing topics such as survival medicine, essential oils, homeopathy, disaster preparedness, emergency food preparation and storage and more.

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the door. Learn more at selfrelianceexpo.com.

Deborah Fleck

RED OAK

Masonic Lodge will hold blood drive on Saturday

Red Oak Masonic Lodge No. 461, 105 E. Ovilla Road, will host a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Brookshire's at 105 E. Ovilla Road. The Carter BloodCare bus will be on site.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Frutoso Robles at 214-604-5905.

Deborah Fleck

UPTOWN

Dallas Institute hosting annual Education Forum

The Dallas Institute, 2719 Routh St., hosts its Louise and Donald Cowan Center for Education's annual Education Forum Friday and Saturday. The forum will focus on literature and history with speakers from the University of Dallas, the University of Texas at Dallas and Southern Methodist University, among others.

A Superintendent's Salon opens the event at 7 p.m. Friday with a reception at 6:30 p.m. The sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For tickets, visit dallasinstitute.org or call 214-871-2440.

Deborah Fleck

WAXAHACHIE

Master Gardeners' expo features variety of topics

The Ellis County Master Gardeners' 18th Annual Lawn and Garden Expo will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Waxahachie Civic Center.

Thousands of plants will be for sale, along with supplies and gardening equipment.

Val Nolen, owner of Mother Herbs Garden in Cedar Hill, is the guest speaker and will discuss "Solving the Mystery of Tomatoes and Peppers." Speakers in the afternoon sessions will discuss roses and companion planting, self-watering pots, landscape design and other subjects.

Admission at the door is \$5 and children under 12 get in free. Before the expo, guests can get free tickets by visiting sponsors listed on the group's website at ECMGA.com.

Lloyd Brumfield

PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFS

ARLINGTON

Man fatally shot after confrontation at 7-Eleven

A man was shot and killed Wednesday evening after a fight at a 7-Eleven in Arlington, police said.

Officers think two men — one in his 50s and another in his 20s — had an altercation in the store that may have started in the parking lot in the 2100 block of East Abram Street, near State Highway 360.

The younger man walked away and the other reportedly went to his vehicle, got a gun, then shot the younger man as he crossed Abram at Sherry Street, Lt. Christopher Cook said.

Officers arrived about 6:30 p.m. and detained a suspect. His identity hadn't been released, but he was to be booked into the Arlington jail on a murder charge.

It was unclear how the men knew each other, Cook said.

Claire Z. Cardona

BEDFORD

Boy who's accused of killing girl will move to adult jail

The 16-year-old boy accused of killing a 14-year-old Bedford girl last year and leaving her body in a dumpster will be moved to the adult jail system next week.

Jordin Leesean Roache, who police say beat Kaytlynn Cargill to death with a hammer over a drug deal, was certified in December to stand trial as an adult. He will be moved out of juvenile detention on March 30, his 17th birthday, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* reported.

Roache was arrested Sept. 1, more than two months after the Central Junior High School student's disappearance. He was indicted this month on charges of murder and tampering with or

fabricating physical evidence.

Tom Steele

DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Maintenance worker struck, killed by Skylink train car

A 54-year-old maintenance worker at DFW International Airport was struck and killed by a Skylink train car early Wednesday morning, an airport spokesman said.

Kenneth Wade of Hutchins was transported to Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine after he was struck shortly after 1 a.m.

Wade was an employee of Bombardier, which built and maintains the Skylink system that connects the airport's five terminals.

Airport spokesman David Magaña said airport police were investigating, and the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration was also expected to conduct a review.

The train system was taken out of service for two hours Wednesday morning, Magaña said.

Conor Shine

FAR NORTH DALLAS

Man arrested in killing of 81-year-old woman

Police have arrested a suspect in the slaying of a woman in Far North Dallas earlier this week.

On Tuesday, Plano police were in the 4500 block of Pear Ridge Drive monitoring Billy Kipkorir Chemirmir regarding an offense in that city when they saw him toss items into a dumpster.

The officers arrested Chemirmir, 45, on an unrelated outstanding warrant and found money and jewelry in his possession, as well as a jewelry box containing additional

jewelry in the dumpster.

A name on the jewelry box was found to be associated with a Dallas address in the 6600 block of Warm Breeze Lane, where Dallas police conducted a welfare check and found Lu Thi Harris, 81, dead of homicidal violence.

Chemirmir was taken to Dallas police headquarters and interviewed, while other items found in his possession were found to belong to the victim.

Chemirmir was charged with capital murder and booked into Dallas County Jail in lieu of \$1 million bail.

Marc Ramirez

LAKE HIGHLANDS

Mother, grandmother, 7 kids escape fire; 2 firefighters hurt

Two firefighters were injured after responding to a blaze Wednesday afternoon in Lake Highlands, officials said.

Fire was coming from the back of a home and through the roof when crews arrived about 3:40 p.m. in the 9100 block of Larchwood Drive, not far from Lake Highlands Elementary School.

Seven children ages 1 to 11, their 41-year-old mother and their 93-year-old grandmother were all inside, Dallas Fire-Rescue spokesman Jason Evans said.

Three people doing landscaping work across the street noticed the fire and helped the family get out safely, he said.

The grandmother was taken to a hospital to be evaluated as a precaution.

The two firefighters were taken to a hospital for evaluation for injuries unrelated to the fire. Both were later released.

The fire was brought under control but significantly damaged

the home. The cause had not been determined, Evans said.

Claire Z. Cardona

RED BIRD

Motel shooting kills 1 person, wounds another

A 28-year-old man was shot to death and another person was wounded Thursday morning at a Red Bird motel, Dallas police said.

The shooting was reported shortly before 2:30 a.m. at the Delux Inn in the 2900 block of Camp Wisdom Road, where officers found two people who had been shot.

Christopher James was dead in a motel room, while the other person was taken to a hospital with wounds that were not considered life-threatening, police said.

The name of the wounded man had not been released. Police said no suspects were in custody.

Last fall, a man survived a gunshot wound to the head at the same motel.

Lloyd Brumfield

SOUTHEAST DALLAS

Truck hits overhead sign, spills gravel and rocks across I-20

Traffic was backed up for several miles Thursday morning on eastbound Interstate 20 in southeast Dallas after a truck carrying gravel spilled its load across the road.

The truck hit an overhead sign near South St. Augustine Drive just before 9:30 a.m. The crash caused the truck to turn on its side and spill gravel and rocks across the eastbound lanes.

No injuries were reported, according to the Dallas County Sheriff's Department. It was unclear what caused the crash.

Lloyd Brumfield

FLU SEASON

Worst is over; risks remain

The worst of a deadly flu season is over in Texas, but that doesn't mean an end to the risks.

Flu activity peaked in late January, and in the last month, the number of people with influenza or flulike illness has "come down pretty dramatically," said Lara Anton, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The flu is still out there, though, and will be for several weeks.

Though people can get the flu year round, the season officially runs from the first week of October to the third week of May.

It's still too early to tell how this year's flu season will rank for deadliness, but it definitely saw more influenza-like illness than the last four years, Anton said.

More than 130 people died across Dallas-Fort Worth, and 6,006 pneumonia and influenza deaths were reported statewide between Oct. 1 and March 16. That number is probably several weeks behind the actual total because numbers are gathered from death certificates.

Flu remains prevalent in Dallas County, and an 8-year-old's death was announced Wednesday. The child had a high-risk health condition and died after complications from the flu.

Claire Z. Cardona