Colleyville, Keller merge municipal courts

Cities became first in Texas to combine operations in October

By Abigail Allen

In an effort to increase efficiency and minimize costs, the cities of Colleyville and Keller this month became the first cities in Texas to combine their municipal court operations. “We’re always looking for efficiencies where we can do things better,” Colleyville Mayor David Kelly said.

The merge was inspired by a previous arrangement between Colleyville, Southlake and Keller to combine the dispatch and jail operations, Kelly said. Those joint services have been offered since Oct. 10, 2010.

“It provided us some better services and also, by combining them, has provided for more efficiency in terms of the value provided and also the savings ... to our residents,” Kelly said. “So we kept looking [at] what are other areas that we could again improve on these efficiencies, and the courts seemed the logical next step.”

Colleyville officials said they believe this new step will not inconvenience Colleyville residents as the court functions will remain in the city.

“For all intents and purposes, nothing will change for a Colleyville citizen,” said Mona Gandy, the city’s communications and marketing director. “But because it’s a shared court and a shared partnership, we want it to work for Keller as well and for Keller citizens.”

Background and transition

This true joined municipal court is the first of its kind in Texas.

“We had to get approval by the state of Texas to do this,” Kelly said. “So our state representative, Vicki Truitt, helped us get legislation passed that would allow two or more cities to combine and keep the court open.”

The cities of Colleyville and Keller have become the first in Texas to combine their municipal court operations. The merge became official Oct. 1.

‘Robin Hood’ recapture to top $450M in GCISD

District ranks sixth in contributions to state redistribution program

By Rachel Slade

Even as area school districts consider scaling back programs and staff to account for deep budget cuts, one annual expense is unavoidable: Chapter 41 recapture.

Also known as “Robin Hood,” the state’s redistribution program that funnels money from property-wealthy school districts to property-poor districts started in 1993. And the 354 districts that qualified for Chapter 41 status last year sent roughly $1.12 billion of local tax revenue to the state for redistribution.

Altogether since Robin Hood’s inception, more than $15 billion has been recaptured, and experts anticipate the current year will be the 10th for recapture payments to exceed $1 billion. Both Grapevine-Colleyville and Carroll ISDs — which rank sixth and 25th, respectively, in total recapture paid to date — adopted deficit budgets this year. Meanwhile, about 30 percent of local tax revenue in GCISD and 27 percent in CISD will go toward recapture this year. Area districts are hoping that the next legislative session and/or a number of lawsuits that have been filed against the state that argue it is not properly funding public education will provide relief, but for now, educators say the situation is “scary.”

“That money turns into jobs, it turns into programs and it turns into impacting students, and that’s what we don’t want to happen,” GCISD spokesman Megan Overman said.

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Voters in these parts are notorious for it, and I’ve got to admit, I’m guilty, too: walking into the voting booth and pushing the one button it takes to vote straight party.

But with only days to go before early voting begins and a matter of weeks until Election Day, I invite you to educate yourself on the candidates and issues that will be put before you on Nov. 6 using our guide on Page 12.

You undoubtedly know whom you fancy for president by now, but the two stories on Page 1 of this issue are great examples of why state-level elections are so important. Without supportive House and Senate members, the cities of Colleyville and Keller would not be seeing hundreds of thousands of dollars in annual savings in the coming years by collaborating on their municipal court operations. And without strong leadership in Austin and among members of the State Board of Education, the financing of public education in Texas may never be fixed.

The decisions of our leaders will dictate which roads get built, how well businesses fare and more, and I look forward to seeing whom these communities choose to lead them into the future.

Speaking of the future, I am sorry to report these will be my final words to you all. After enjoying these cities for 20 issues, a career change has me leaving the Community Impact family. I’m happy to announce that my replacement will be the talented Grapevine resident Judy Wiley. I trust her work will be a joy to read, and I know you will all welcome her warmly. All my best to you and yours.

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2012 NNA Awards
Community Impact Newspaper earned 12 awards at the National Newspaper Association’s Annual Convention Oct. 5. The NNA is made up of more than 2,400 community newspapers. The Better Newspaper Contest and The Better Newspaper Advertising Contest recognize achievement in writing, advertising and design. This year Community Impact Newspaper was awarded:

Best Agricultural Story, first place, Georgetown/Hutto/Taylor edition
Best Business Story, first place, Northwest Houston edition
Best Business Story, honorable mention, The Woodlands edition
Best Environmental Story, honorable mention, Grapevine/Colleyville/Southlake edition
Best Feature Photo, second place, Grapevine/Colleyville/Southlake edition
Best Use of Color, first place, Northwest Houston edition
Excellence in Typography, third place, Cedar Park/Leander edition
Best Small-Page Ad, first place, Northwest Houston edition
Best Single Ad Idea Color, first place, Round Rock/Pflugerville edition
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2. **Offering art classes and a collection of antiques and knickknacks for sale, Gypsy Muse Studio** is now open at 106 E. Texas St. in Grapevine. 817-601-5005, www.gypsymusestudio.com

3. **Lone Wolf Construction** has opened an office at 607 Cheek Sparger Road, Ste. 4 in Colleyville. 817-656-4130

4. **Open for the season, Spirit Halloween** is now at 3000 Grapevine Mills Parkway, Ste. 400. 972-691-5621

5. **Residential mortgage banking lender Caliber Funding, LLC** is now open at 1500 Corporate Circle, Ste. 1., in Southlake. 817-475-0995, www.caliberfunding.com/gfranks

6. **Offering a wide variety of maternity clothing and gifts, Motherhood Maternity** recently opened at 1228 Prospect St. in Southlake Town Square. 817-442-9420, www.motherhood.com

7. **A branch of Smart Parts, the craft supply company Catalina Treasures & Smart Parts Crafts** recently opened at 1904 Industrial Blvd., Ste. 105, in Colleyville. www.smartparts.etsy.com

8. **I.D. Floors And More** is now open at 600 W. Northwest Hwy., Ste. E, in Grapevine. 682-223-1271

9. **Providing temporary staffing, direct placement and other services, IQ Pipeline, LLC** recently opened at 1500 Corporate Circle, Ste. 16, in Southlake. 817-310-3988, www.iqpipeline.com

10. **Tint World**, offering window tinting for homes, businesses, vehicles and boats as well as car wraps, security and more, is now open at 1231 William D. Tate Ave., Ste. 100, in Grapevine. 817-659-2988, www.tintworld.com


12. **The Southlake Christian School**, offering a faith-based pre-kindergarten experience for 1- to 5-year-olds, opened this summer at 8811 Davis Blvd. on the Southlake/Keller border. 817-337-1400, www.southlakechristianschool.com

13. **The Skin Studio & Laser Boutique**, providing leg vein reduction, facial treatments, hair removal and more, has opened at 4402 Colleyville Blvd. 817-581-7546, www.skin-studio.com

14. **National closeout retail chain Big Lots** is now open at 1217 W. Hwy. 114 in Grapevine. 817-251-0140, www.biglots.com

15. **The Christmas Shoppe** is now open for...
Katie Holland recently opened Gypsy Muse Studio in Grapevine. The shop offers a variety of art classes as well as eclectic gifts and trinkets.

the season at 1450 Main St. in Southlake Town Square. 817-421-2402

16 Rugs, Floors & More is now open at 603 S. Main St., Ste. 304 in Grapevine. 817-310-3189

17 Journeys has opened at 234 State St. in Southlake Town Square. The store offers some apparel, but focuses on trendy shoes for men, women and kids. www.journeys.com

18 Specializing in feline health, Kitten to Cat Hospital is now open at 711 E. Southlake Blvd., Ste. 100. 817-488-2272, www.kittentocathospital.com

19 SkinSpaMed Medical Spa & Laser Clinic, offering Botox, facial peels, laser hair removal and more, has opened a branch at 5604 Colleyville Blvd., Ste. D. 817-281-8181, www.skinspamed.com

Coming Soon

20 Davenport Motor Company, an independent Lexus service and repair company with locations in Plano and Dallas, is expected to open around the end of the year at 6800 Colleyville Blvd. www.davenportmotorco.com

21 A new location of Fort Worth–based, East Coast–style pizza chain Mama’s Pizza is expected to open during the winter holidays at 445 W. Southlake Blvd., Ste. 100. www.mamaspizzas.net

22 The Londoner, a local chain of British pubs with locations in Dallas, Addison, Frisco and Allen, will open at 5150 Colleyville Blvd. by the end of the year. www.londonerdallas.com

23 After a Grapevine location opened over the summer, a Southlake location of Phenix Salon Suites is expected to open soon at 2750 E. Southlake Blvd., Ste. 180.

24 New England lobster and chowder house Daddy Jack’s is expected to open at 355 N. Carroll Ave. in Southlake by Thanksgiving. www.daddyjacks.org

Relocations

25 A portion of Farmers Branch–based EVP Information Services, Inc. has headquartered at 1701 John McCain Road in Colleyville. The company provides telecommunication products and services for medical uses. www.evinfo.com

26 The Dance Place, providing lessons in ballroom, Latin and country-western dancing, has moved from Main Street to 2150 W. Northwest Hwy., Ste. 113, in Grapevine. 817-329-5686, www.thedanceplacegrapevine.com

Closed

27 Your Yoga, at 2350 Hall Johnson Road in Grapevine, has closed.

28 Pasta La Vista, at 2140 E. Southlake Blvd., has closed.
October

19 ‘Psycho’
The Palace Theatre hosts a screening of the Alfred Hitchcock thriller. Bring in a same-day receipt from any Grapevinie business or restaurant and get free popcorn. 7:30 p.m.
S. The Palace Theatre, 300 S. Main St., Grapevine. 817-410-3100.
www.grapevinetexasusa.com

27 Family Movie Day
The Colleyville Public Library offers a screening of “The Pirates! Band of Misfits.” Popcorn and drinks provided. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a caregiver. 12:30-2:30 p.m. Free. Colleyville Public Library, 110 Main St. 817-503-1154.
www.colleyvillelibrary.com

Haunted Trail Fest
The Colleyville Nature Center hosts an evening of arts and crafts, games, pumpkin decorating, costume contests and stories in addition to a haunted trail walk. 7-9 p.m. Free activities; $3 trail admission. Trail becomes scarier after 7:30 p.m. Colleyville Nature Center, 100 Mill Wood Drive. 817-503-1180

Bewitched by the Barn
The Tarrant Area Guild of Storytellers presents an evening of kid-friendly spooky stories. Event includes popcorn and cider. Participants asked to bring their own flashlights, chairs and blankets. 7-9 p.m. Free. Nash Farm, 626 Ball St., Grapevine. www.tarrantguild.org

Hallo-Wine Trail
The Grapevine Wine Trail offers a Halloween-themed experience. Guests visit eight Grapevine wineries and seek to solve a murder mystery, with clues found at each winery. Costumes encouraged. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. $45 in advance; $50 at door. Ticket pickup at Cross Timbers Winery, 805 N. Main St. 817-488-6789. www.grapevinewinerytrail.com

Butterfly Flutterby
Grapevine celebrates the monarch butterfly migration from Canada to Mexico with the 15th annual Butterfly Flutterby. The day features a butterfly costume parade, butterfly exhibits, arts and crafts, and four live butterfly releases. Registration starts near City Hall at 8:45 a.m. for the costume parade, which starts at 10 a.m. at the Grapevine Library and travels down Main Street.

Butterfly releases are scheduled for 10:45 and 11:45 a.m., and 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Other activities run 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Exhibits, activities and the first three butterfly releases will be in the Cotton Belt Railroad District, 705 S. Main St. The 1:30 p.m. release will take place at Nash Farm, 626 Ball St. For more information, call 817-410-3185 or check www.grapevinetexasusa.com.

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County unveils Lon Evans Corrections Center

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Construction on the 207,700-square-foot jail began in April 2010 and finished this summer. The five-story facility, anticipated to come in millions under budget at $78.6 million, features a full kitchen with a capacity of 16,500 meals per day and 444 maximum security inmate beds, including:

• 96 male medical beds
• 189 male single cells
• 96 male separation cells
• 39 female single cells
• 24 female separation cells

Evans, who died in 1992, played football for the Green Bay Packers and worked for Tarrant County in several capacities during his life.

He served as Tarrant County sheriff for an unprecedented 24 years before his retirement in 1984, and his legacy included his service to the community and his passion for youth. He founded the Youth Squad of youth meant to help deter crime and was instrumental in starting youth programs at the jail and a Junior Deputy program for inmates, literacy training for inmates, and a vocational training for inmates.

He retired from law enforcement in 1984, and his legacy included his service to the community, his passion for youth, and his dedication to making Tarrant County a safer place. He is remembered for his commitment to public safety and his love of the community he served for so many years.

Public-private partnership provides bike racks

Grapevine City Council members over the summer approved a partnership with Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine and Mad Duck Cyclery to help provide bike racks for city businesses.

The program, spearheaded by Mad Duck, will allow Grapevine business owners to pay only one-third of the cost of installing bike racks at their businesses.

The remaining two-thirds will be funded by Grapevine and Baylor Grapevine, who each approved $7,500 for the program this year, and Mad Duck will handle the installation of the racks once their locations have been approved by the city and property owners.

Bike rack costs to participating businesses:

• 2-slot rack: $210
• 4-slot rack: $240
• 6-slot rack: $280

Matching funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 817-333-3333.

Colleyville, Southlake earn Scenic City certifications

The cities of Colleyville and Southlake were two of only nine Texas cities to be awarded a Scenic City designation in September. The awards, given out by Scenic City Certification Program of Scenic Texas and Keep Texas Beautiful, are based on the city’s overall commitment to park and green space development and standards.

Colleyville, receiving Silver Certification, and Southlake, receiving Gold Certification, were particularly noted for their landscape ordinances and strict signage regulations prohibiting commercial signs in the public rights-of-way.

The other Scenic Cities were Cedar Park, Double Oak, Plano, Roanoke, South Padre Island, Pflugerville and Richardson.

Colleyville City Council
100 Main St., Colleyville
817-503-1090
Nov. 6 & 20, 7:30 p.m.
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Grapevine City Council
203 S. Main St., Grapevine
817-410-3000
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Southlake City Council
1400 Main St., Southlake
817-748-8400
Nov. 6 & 20
Public work sessions often begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a private executive session and public meeting. Forum times vary. Meetings are broadcast live on city cable channels 27 and 34. Live streams and recordings also available at www.ci.southlake.tx.us

Westlake Town Council
3 Village Circle, Westlake
www.westlake-tx.com
Oct. 22 & Nov. 26, 7 p.m.

Tarrant County Commissioners Court
100 E. Weatherford St., Fort Worth
817-884-1111, www.tarrantcounty.com
Meetings are Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
Main St. bridge faces more delay
NorthGate plans ‘to rise to the challenge’ of holiday deadline

By Rachel Slade

NorthGate Constructors is now reporting being nearly 80 percent complete with work on the $1.02 billion DFW Connector and roughly a year ahead of schedule, but one significant piece of the project has hit additional delay.

“We know Main Street is on everyone’s mind,” NorthGate spokeswoman Kristen Schropp said. “We really do want to be able to finish that north intersection, and our goal now is to complete as much of the Main Street intersection as possible by the holiday season.”

Although Main Street was the first major bridge to undergo reconstruction, the work there has been plagued by setbacks. Relocations of overhead power lines and underground third-party utilities, particularly at the north intersection between the Chevron/McDonald’s and Wells Fargo Bank, delayed the project by months, and despite the paving on the expanded bridge having been finished late last year, construction crews have continued battling drainage, grading and pavement issues.

The latest delay was caused by soil contamination discovered this spring at the north intersection that required water lines that had been laid down in the area to be redone, pushing the opening from April to this fall. Now, with pressure from Main Street merchants and the City of Grapevine itself to get traffic flowing for Christmas Capital of Texas festivities, workers are scrambling to get things open before the busy holiday shopping season.

“Unfortunately the intersections on this project, specifically Main Street, are very intricate work that require multiple hand-pours [of concrete] and also multiple traffic switches,” Schropp said. “Right now NorthGate Constructors is coming up with a plan to rise to the challenge and finish the north intersection at Main Street as safely and quickly as possible.”

Earlier this month, crews swapped traffic onto new pavement along the west side of the intersection to begin hand-pours required on the east side. Once those are finished, Schropp said, more work will need to be completed in the center of the intersection.

Additional progress
At the end of the summer, NorthGate was able to open the direct-connector carrying traffic from southbound Hwy. 121 to westbound Hwy. 114. The bridge divides traffic headed into the heart of Grapevine from traffic going to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, easing congestion on the east end of the project.

Workers were also able to open the first side of the newly expanded Texan Trail bridge last month, which officials say is a major step not only for the bridge’s completion, but also for the completion of Hwys. 121 and 114 running underneath.

“There's some paving work left under Texan and that’s the only thing keeping us from opening up all those lanes on the east end of the project,” Schropp said. “Once we demolish the old side of Texan Trail, we’ll be closer to moving people toward the final traffic pattern there, which is huge.”

And although manpower and attention is being shifted to Main Street, work remains on schedule for the opening of the William D. Tate Avenue bridge. Expected to open to full capacity in the coming weeks, Tate will only need a few final touches, including work on its islands and a section of the eastbound frontage road near Outback Steakhouse.
New business lands in Colleyville

City anticipates continued growth in aviation/aerospace niche

By Rachel Slade

The City of Colleyville in recent years has seen an influx of professionals in the industries of medical, finance, insurance and real estate. But a new three-story, 13,263-square-foot building that went up this summer a stone’s throw from City Hall represents a relatively new industry making a foothold in the community: aviation.

“We have a lot of pilots and airline employees and DFW International [Airport] employees who live in and around our city … so it shouldn’t come as a surprise that this niche has now risen to the surface, but we’re really excited about it,” Colleyville Economic Development Director Marty Wieder said.

Plans for Aviation Place were announced last spring after Colleyville resident Jack Prewitt decided to relocate the headquarters of his corporate aircraft sales and acquisitions company closer to home. Prewitt decided to relocate the headquarters of his corporate aircraft sales and acquisitions company closer to home.

Jack Prewitt & Associates Inc. will take over the third floor of the new building, expected to open before the end of the year, and the remainder of the space has been leased by a handful of businesses relocating from Southlake and Bedford, including Corporate Aviation Analysis & Planning, Dallas Jet International, Helicopter Exchange Limited and Aircraft Transaction Facilitators, all of whom collaborate with Prewitt and his team.

“It is my hope that the relocation of my business and four other industry leaders will spur continued aviation development in Colleyville,” Prewitt said in a written statement. “For us, the proximity to the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport is an advantage, and we expect other aviation companies to follow suit.”

The tenants of Aviation Place will join a number of other aviation and aerospace companies that opened offices in Colleyville this year, including aerospace engineering company closer to home.

Wieder points to longtime corporate resident Aviation Alliance Inc., which specializes in the sale and acquisition of Bell Helicopters, the recently relocated Helicopter Marketing Associates, LLC, which designs airport lighting and navigation systems, assists with airport design and more, as proof that Colleyville — well placed between three airports — will be the perfect new home for them all.

“I think this is going to put Colleyville on the map,” Wieder said.

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3. Dallas Jet International
4. Helicopter Exchange Limited
5. Aircraft Transaction Facilitators

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Since the inception of Robin Hood, the number of students attending Chapter 41 schools has increased from 1% to 34% of statewide enrollment.

The number of Texas school districts classified as Chapter 41 has risen drastically in recent years, more than doubling in the four years since 2007. As of the 2011–12 school year, 354 Texas school districts were eligible for recapture.

A district becomes a Chapter 41 or “Robin Hood” district if its property wealth exceeds the Equalized Wealth Level set by the state. That figure currently sits at $476,500 in local tax revenue per student. Complicated and detailed, the laws and formulas governing public education funding in Texas change often and can have huge implications for individual districts. Texas districts rely on local, state and federal funding to make ends meet, and at the local level, money is brought in by property taxes.

### FUNDING BASICS

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### MAJOR CHANGES

Before the 2006–07 tax year, school district M&O tax rates could be as high as $1.50 per $100 of valuation. During the 2005 Texas Legislative session, however, lawmakers compressed property tax rates for school districts. In most cases, districts’ tax rates were compressed to $1.00 per $100 of valuation. They were then allowed 4 cents of enrichment, so districts could set their tax rate as high as $1.04 per $100 of valuation without voter approval. To go above $1.04, a district must call a Tax Ratification Election and seek approval from residents. The amount of money subject to recapture varies within the M&O tax rate.

When lawmakers established compressed tax rates, they tied local and state funding together, meaning if local revenue went up, state revenue went down and vice versa. This means that, in general, districts do not benefit when area property values increase. That base funding level for each district is called its Target Revenue, which varies according to how much the district happened to be spending per student when funding was frozen. Property-wealthy districts with declining student populations are hit from both sides: less state funding based on Target Revenue, and higher recapture based on the Equalized Wealth Level.

### A PENNY’S WORTH

#### Silver Pennies
Silver pennies do not require voter approval, but a portion is subject to recapture.

Silver pennies (between $0 & $1.04)

- Golden pennies bring in taxpayer dollars and additional state aid as a reward for local input.

- Bronze pennies bring in taxpayer dollars, but are recaptured at a higher rate than silver pennies.

#### MAJOR RECAPTURE OPTIONS

- Consolidate with another district
- Detach property
- Purchase attendance credits from the state
- Contract to educate nonresident students from a partner district
- Consolidate tax bases with another district

Most choose Options 3 or 4, or a combination of the two. GCISD and CISD both chose Option 3 this year, which means they will purchase additional WADA — essentially paying for students who don’t exist — from the state. That money, then, completes the Robin Hood cycle by being redistributed to districts owed additional money from the state to account for low property values.

### CHAPTER 41 DISTRICTS HAVE FIVE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THEM FOR PAYING RECAPTURE

1. **Consolidate with another district**
2. **Detach property**
3. **Purchase attendance credits from the state**
4. **Contract to educate nonresident students from a partner district**
5. **Consolidate tax bases with another district**

Sources: Texas Education Agency, GCISD, CISD
November Election

Presidential and vice presidential candidates

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U.S. Senate
Ted Cruz, R  
Paul Sadler, D  
John Jay Myers, L  
David B. Collins, G

Charles E. Waterbury  
Tim Rusk  
John Devine  
Supreme Court, Place 4

John Gomez, L  

Tarrant County
Colleyville City Hall, 100 Main St., Colleyville  
Grapevine Community Activities Center, 1175 Municipal Way, Grapevine  
Southlake Town Hall, 1400 Main St., Southlake

A complete list of locations may be found at www.tarrantcounty.com/evote.

Denton County
Svore Municipal Building, 100 Municipal Drive, Trophy Club*  
First Baptist Church Roanoke, 209 N. Pine St., Roanoke*  

*Open only specific hours/day. A complete list of Denton County polling locations may be found at elections.dentoncounty.com.

Election Day voting locations
On Election Day, Nov. 6, residents must vote at their precinct’s polling location. Precinct numbers are printed on the voter registration card.

Tarrant County
3035, 3542 Grapevine Church of Christ, 525 N. Park Blvd., Grapevine  
3038 Timblire Elementary School, 3220 Timblire Drive, Grapevine  
3039 Lonesome Dove Church, 2380 Lonesome Dove Road, Southlake  
3114 Grapevine Community Activities Center, 1175 Municipal Way, Grapevine  
3183, 3321, 3421, 3502 1st Baptist Church Colleyville, 3320 Colleyville Blvd., Colleyville  
3321, 3361 St. Francis Catholic Church, 861 Wildwood Lane, Grapevine  
3330, 3510 Colleyville Assembly of God Church, 4309 Colleyville Blvd., Colleyville  
3331 Crown of Life Lutheran Church, 6805 Pleasant Run Road, Colleyville  
3384 Dove Elementary School, 1932 Dove Road, Grapevine  
3385, 3390, 3530 Covenant Church, 3508 Gates Drive, Colleyville  
3396 Grapevine Elementary School, 1801 Hall Johnson Road, Grapevine  
3469 Dancing River Assisted Living Center, 3735 E. A.W. Ave, Grapevine  
3470, 3526, 3558 Southlake Town Hall, 1400 Main St., Southlake  
3529, 3545 Southlake Assembly of God Church, 101 E. Highland St., Southlake  
3559, 3530 Carroll Senior High School, 1501 W. Southlake Blvd., Southlake

Complete list at www.tarrantcounty.com/evote. Our Denton County readers may visit elections.dentoncounty.com for a complete list of polling locations.

Area early voting locations
Oct. 22–Nov. 2

Denton County
Texas District 26  
Michael Burgess*, R  
David Sanchez, D  
Mark Boler, G

Statewide
Railroad Commissioner  
Christi Craddock, R  
Dale Henry, D  
Vivekananda (Vik) Wall, L  
Chris Kennedy, G

Railroad Commissioner, Unexpired Term
Barry Smitherman*, R  
Jaime Perez, L  
Josh Weldon, D

Supreme Court, Place 2
Don Willett*, R  
RS Roberto Koelsch, L

Supreme Court, Place 4
John Devine, R  
Tom Oxford, L  
Charles E. Waterbury, G

Texas Senate
District 9  
Supreme Court, Place 6  
Nathan Hecht*, R  
Michele Petti, D  
Mark Ash, L  
Jim Chisholm, G

Court of Criminal Appeals, Presiding Judge
Sharon Keller*, R  
Keith Hampton, D  
Lance Stott, L

Texas House
District 63  
Tan Parker*, R  
Bruce Hermann, L  

District 92  
Jonathan Stickland, R  
Sean Fatzinger, L

Tarrant County
Sheriff  
Dee Anderson*, R  
Roberto C. Gracia, D

Tax Assessor-Collector  
Ron Wright*, R  
Ken Stanford II, L

Commissioner, Precinct 3
Gary Fickes*, R  
Norm Lyons, D  

Denton County
Tax Assessor-Collector  
Michelle French, R  

Unopposed Offices
Statewide  
2nd Appeals Court
Place 4  
Rob McCory*, R  

Place 6  
LeeAnn Campbell  
Daughnix*, R

Tarrant County
Precinct 3 Constable  
Darrell Huffman, R  
District Judges  
17th Melody Wilkinson*, R  
40th David Evans*, R  
67th Don Cosby*, R  
96th R.H. Wallace Jr.*, R  
153rd Susan McCoy, R  
213th Louis E. Stursa*, R  
342nd Wade Brodwell*, R  
348th Bonnie Suddarth*, R  
396th George Gallagher*, R  

Criminal Court No. 2
Wayne Salvattar*, R  
360th Family Court
Mike Sinha*, R

Denton County
Sheriff  
William B. Travis, R  
Precinct 4 Constable  
Tim Burch, R  

District Judges  
16th Sherry Shipman, R  
362nd Bruce McFarling*, R  
431st Jonathan Bailey*, R

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Grapevine propositions

The November ballot for Grapevine residents will include two local propositions that, if passed, would renovate and improve the city’s Community Activities Center, and build a new public safety headquarters without raising taxes for residents.

Prop 1

Public Safety Building
Cost: $38.6 million
The proposed 100,000-square-foot public safety building would house police, fire administration, the jail and the municipal court, and would accommodate the needs of those departments for the next 25 years. Plans include:
- Emergency Operations Center equipped with technology and equipment needed to deal with a localized or regional emergency
- Larger detention center
- Increased training space for police and firefighters
- State-of-the-art dispatch center
- Larger and more secure property and evidence room
- More sophisticated crime lab
- Separate juvenile holding area
- Larger and more technologically current Municipal Court with more public parking

Prop 2

Community Activities Center Expansion
Cost: $30.1 million
The expansion of the Community Activities Center would more than double the size of the facility, to 108,000 square feet, and accommodate Grapevine’s anticipated build-out population of 55,000. In addition to combining with the Senior Activities Center, which would have its own wing, the project would include:
- Larger fitness room
- Indoor Family Aquatics Center (lap lanes, slides/interactive play features, lazy river)
- Additional multi-purpose rooms
- Added facilities and equipment for all ages and abilities
- Enhancements to the walking/jogging track
- Expanded locker rooms
- Expanded child care

No changes expected before Election Day for voter ID requirements

By Emile Boening

Unless the U.S. Supreme Court issues a decision before Nov. 6, Texas voters will not have to present photo identification at the polls this fall. In August, a three-judge panel in Washington, D.C., struck down Senate Bill 14, which requires Texas voters to present a photo ID to cast a ballot. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott vowed to continue pursuing a lawsuit that challenges Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act, which states the U.S. Department of Justice must approve changes to voting qualifications or prerequisites in states with a history of racial discrimination. However, Abbott said the timing makes it unlikely the Supreme Court will reverse the panel’s decision before Election Day.

In lieu of a voter registration card, a voter can present:
- A driver’s license or ID card issued by the Texas Department of Safety or a similar document issued by another state, even if it is expired
- A photo ID
- United States citizenship papers or passport
- Mail, check or document addressed to the voter and sent by a governmental entity
- Copy of a current utility bill, bank statement or paycheck

Political job descriptions

Railroad commissioner
Three commissioners are elected to six-year terms. They have policy- and rule-making responsibilities for the commission, which, despite its name, no longer oversees Texas railroads. The commission regulates:
- Exploration and production of oil and natural gas
- Compressed natural gas safety
- Pipeline safety
- Surface mining
- Gas utilities
- Liquefied petroleum gas
- Liquefied natural gas
- Propane marketing

Source: Railroad Commission of Texas

State Board of Education

Fifteen commissioners are elected from population-based districts and serve four-year terms. The SBOE governs policy and curriculum standards, serving as the leadership for the state’s public school system.

Source: Texas Education Agency

Supreme Court of Texas

Nine justices are elected to six-year terms. The Supreme Court of Texas is the highest court for civil litigation statewide. Additional duties include administrative control over the State Bar of Texas and licensing attorneys, as well as appointing members to the Board of Law Examiners, which gives the bar examination.

Source: Supreme Court of Texas

Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

Nine justices are elected to six-year terms. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals hears cases appealed from trial courts and cases that are punishable by the death penalty. The court also has the authority to grant habeas corpus to defendants found guilty of felony crimes. Additional duties include promoting rules of evidence and appellate procedure for criminal case trials and administering public funds for education of state judges and lawyers.

Source: Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

Term limits in Grapevine?

By Rachel Slade

Though it will not appear on the November ballot, Grapevine residents may soon be voting on whether to place term limits on the mayor and members of the City Council. Resident Kathleen Thompson submitted a petition carrying 1,555 signatures to the city secretary’s office in September, and if those signatures are confirmed, the item would likely appear on the May 2013 ballot.

Those who signed the petition support a three-term — nine-year — limit. The ballot item would read:

“Each person duly elected to the position of Mayor or Council Member shall be allowed to hold any one position for a limit of three (3) consecutive, full three-year terms per position. This provision shall apply to all elections held subsequent to the adoption of this Charter Amendment.”

If the city charter amendment were approved:
- Current members of the council could be re-elected to serve three more terms each
- An elected official could serve three terms as a council member and three more, consecutively, as mayor
- An elected official could serve unlimited terms as long as they did them in three-term sets with a term off in-between

Texas’ voter turnout*

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Source: Texas Secretary of State’s Office
have a combined court.”

That legislation was House Bill 984, which allows municipalities or cities that share a border to establish concurrent jurisdiction of the municipal courts.

The bill also specifies that the combined court can only hear cases that result from "an offense committed or conduct that occurs on or after" the date the municipalities agree upon. For Colleyville and Keller, that date was Oct. 1. However, Keller will not have any court dates at the newly consolidated court until late November, Gandy said.

Although the court was combined Oct. 1, the decision and groundwork for combining the courts have been a work in progress since the legislation was approved on May 19, 2011.

"It’s the behind-the-scenes stuff that’s taken a year to work out, and I think in the last two months, the two staffs have met every week just to make sure — you have to be so certain the [it’s right] when you consolidate these things, and then you’ve got to be sure all aspects of that fit work out through the process," Gandy said. "It’s much more than just having people go to a different building."

**How it works**

Judge Michael Newman will preside over the combined court.

"He’ll hold court for Colleyville residents at certain times and hold ... separate court for Keller residents at certain times," Kelly said. "But it will just be in one facility, which will be the Colleyville Justice Center."

For people who have received a ticket in Keller after Sept. 28 who want to contest their ticket, they must come before Newman in Colleyville.

However, if they want to pay off the ticket instead, they can either pay online, in person at the municipal court or send in a payment. Eventually there will be a 24-hour option in Keller for paying fines or citations as well. "There’ll be facilities still to pay it in Keller if you’re a Keller resident — a kiosk there," Kelly said.

**A penny saved**

Because the new joint court system requires only one staff and one building as well as using one judge for the case load, the money is saved in staff and operational costs. "It saves ... dollars for both Keller and Colleyville," Kelly said.

The merger also saves Keller the expense of constructing a new municipal court building. Keller expects to save $146,000 in annual costs, according to a news release by the two cities.

"They were going to have to – because they were going to have to [build] a new court facility," Kelly said. "They had just run out of room, and they had just run out of room, and we have a very nice court facility we built." For Colleyville, the amount saved—which will go back into the general fund—will be nearly $53,000 annually, Gandy said.

"It helps us keep providing city services without increasing costs to taxpayers," Gandy said. "So they may see … a trail come online sooner because of this. They may see different programs available in the library or better technology that suits them, that lets us better serve them."

For more or to pay a bill online, visit www.colleyville.com/municipalcourt.html.
Mac’s Steak and Seafood
New owner blends existing menu, personal touches

By Abigail Allen

Although Rena Frost has been involved with Mac’s Steaks and Seafood from its start 12 years ago, now that she’s owner, she gets to really put her stamp on the place.

Her brother worked for Mike McMahon, the former owner, in the early ’90s. McMahon offered her a job in 1992 in Midland. She became general manager of the Arlington location, Mac’s Bar & Grill, in 1993. Then she changed to director of operations four years later.

As director of operations, Frost had an influence on the design of the Colleyville restaurant. Last March, she and husband Howard Frost purchased the Arlington and Colleyville restaurants.

“It had always been my dream to buy Mike out or open another restaurant on my own,” Frost said. “I’m so comfortable with Mac’s; it’s got my heart in it. You know, my whole family has worked here.”

One of her brothers is the general manager at Mac’s Steaks and Seafood and another does the IT work for Frost. Her children, mother and oldest grandson have also worked in the restaurant. Her husband, whom she describes as her “great, supportive business partner,” handles the advertising and marketing.

She still keeps in contact with former staff who worked at the Arlington location 20 years ago, and she gets to know everyone who works for her. Frost said she thinks the tie of working in the food industry binds people together more than an office setting, and the regulars begin to feel like family, too.

“We have the best regulars in the whole world at both restaurants,” Frost said. “Loyal and sweet, and send birthday cards to staff members. … They’ll send wedding invitations when their kids get married.”

One Mac’s regular is Charles “Chuck” Reinhardt, a Bedford resident who, he said, visits Mac’s in Colleyville with his wife about 40 times a year. They often take visitors to Mac’s before any other area restaurant, and Mac’s catered their daughter’s 50th birthday party.

“I enjoy the service, and the variety of the menu,” he said. “It’s a simple menu as far as I’m concerned, and my wife absolutely loves the filet [mignon].”

Frost speaks highly of McMahon, her teacher.

“Mike, when he owned the restaurants, he was a great mentor, taught me a lot, but let me try new things,” Frost said.

Frost plans to use that experience along with the love of cooking she got from watching her mother to create menu items and specials that infuse her vision into the current menu. She said she wants to add Korean-inspired dishes, in honor of her heritage, and dishes based on her travels.

“But the roots of the restaurant will stay the same,” Frost said.

Frost worked as an accountant before breaking into the restaurant business, but says she loves the restaurant environment.

“I love seeing the day-to-day,” Frost said. “And the day-to-day to me is seeing all the customers … they just make it really great, and knowing that we’re, a lot of times, a second home to them, that’s nice.”

Mac’s Steak and Seafood
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Monday-Friday Lunch 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Dinner 3 p.m.–10 p.m.
Saturday Brunch 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Dinner 3 p.m.–10 p.m.
Sunday Brunch 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Dinner 3 p.m.–10 p.m.

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Owner Recommendations

File Gumbo – Homemade daily with fresh seafood (cup $4.85, bowl $5.85, bowl with unlimited salad $9.25)

Etoufée – Crawfish or shrimp, over white rice (small $14, large $18)

Prime Rib – Slow roasted, carved to order, wild rice or baked potato (8 oz. $19.75, 12 oz. $25.95, 22 oz. bone in $30.75)

Scottish Salmon – Honey and chile glazed, with roasted corn vinaigrette and basil mash potatoes ($16.50)

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The Palace Theatre, seen here in 1976, was for years synonymous with the Grapevine Opry.

HISTORY

Palace Theatre
Film house, Opry home story stretches to 1940

By Rachel Slade

Hundreds of area residents and visitors pack into the Palace Theatre on Main Street every week for movie screenings, benefit concerts and Grapevine Opry performances, but if it weren’t for a series of impassioned owners, the historic landmark might have been destroyed decades ago.

The Palace Theatre opened as a movie theater in November 1940 and was used exclusively by silver screen patrons until 1973, when “Serpico” was the final selection to grace its screen. When the movie house closed, the Palace was used as a storage space and hay barn until a city dance instructor took interest. Chisai Childs had big dreams for the building as a performance venue, and she and partner Johnny High soon found a steady stream of support.

“They had cleaned it out, brought in folding chairs, and at their first recital, [Chisai’s] rich aunt Susie Slaughter came in, sat down, and the chair collapsed,” Grapevine Opry Producer Rocky Gribble said. “I’ve heard that within the week following that, Aunt Susie went out and bought new theater seats for the building.”

After that, the building evolved along with the show; the Grapevine Opry was born and the oil baroness R.L. Slaughter ("Aunt Susie") put more than $1 million toward renovating the Palace Theatre. The Opry's grand reopening came Sept. 13, 1973, on Slaughter’s birthday; performers gave an impromptu outdoor concert on the Opry’s balcony overlooking Main Street; Slaughter cut pieces from a 180-pound birthday cake, and drawing prizes for attendees included a customized ’65 Chevy Corvair. The Opry, a country music and variety show, drew crowds from near and far, and even served as a set for the 1983 film “Tender Mercies.” But fighting between Childs and High eventually soured Slaughter’s support.

Childs closed the Grapevine Opry’s doors and filed for bankruptcy in 1982. The Opry — then synonymous with the Palace — was saved for a time by Slaughter, but then sold to now-Congressman Kenny Marchant, who teamed up with Colleyville businessman Nelson Thibodeaux to take the Opry in a new direction. The Opry stage was attracting Nashville stars during that period, and Thibodeaux had plans to turn an adjacent building into a country restaurant and entertainment facility. The savings & loan crisis stopped those plans, however.

The Palace faced closure again in 1986, when the pilot light on a space heater mixed with the fumes of a freshly varnished stage set a fire that took out much of the stage, seating and ceiling. Marchant decided to renovate and push forward with the Opry, which came under the management of Gribble in 1987, but in 1989 he sold the building to an Arlington attorney who later filed for bankruptcy.

In 1991, when the theater faced demolition, Grapevine stepped in. City leaders feared the prominent and historical space would be sold to the highest bidder and destroyed, so the city purchased the property for $174,000 with the understanding that the Grapevine Opry would stay on as an anchor tenant. After closing for a $3.8 million restoration in 2000, the Palace and next-door property Lancaster Theatre reopened May 1, 2001, as the Palace Arts Center. Today, the Palace still features the Grapevine Opry almost every Saturday.

Born and educated in St. Petersburg, Russia, Elena Tsvetkova's first concert was presented on Soviet national television when she was 10 years old. Elena has performed throughout the world and this November, she will be featured in concerts in San Paulo, Brazil.
The Gatehouse at Grapevine
Project HandUp to open abused women’s shelter

By Rachel Slade

As soon as Christmas of 2013, two dozen women escaping domestic abuse could be moving into new homes with their children in Grapevine, ready to start a journey of physical, emotional and spiritual healing. The Gatehouse at Grapevine, approved by the City Council this summer, will be the first women’s shelter of its kind in the area. And at build-out, it will provide a home for as long as two and a half years for up to 96 women.

“This has been a dream for so long,” founder Lisa Rose said. “The Gatehouse will be a passageway to a new beginning for these women — a safe, guarded, protected way.”

Rose and 11 other founders of the nonprofit Project HandUp began dreaming of The Gatehouse in 2006, when they began meeting weekly to discuss the needs of women in the community. By September 2007, the founders began bringing hundreds more into the fold when they launched First Friday, a monthly speaker series focused on women’s issues. But they still wanted to do more.

“The seed was planted then, but it was too big,” Rose said. “Looking back, it just wasn’t time.”

About five years later, timing would finally be on their side; Rose was contacted by Deborah Lyons, who had recently resigned after 11 years leading the transitional housing program at GRACE. With a master’s degree in psychology, Lyons had spent decades helping those in need in the U.S. and overseas, but for years she had been interested in being part of a venture that existed without the constraints of government funding.

She heard of Project HandUp’s ambitions to build a privately funded women’s shelter through a mutual friend and put a call in to Rose, hoping it would be the answer she was looking for.

“When I was with GRACE, we received 30–35 calls a week from women needing safe housing, and we couldn’t provide it because we didn’t have the room. It was a gut-wrenching feeling,” said Lyons, who will serve as The Gatehouse’s executive director. “Poverty and abuse are just around the corner from this place right here; it’s well-hidden, but you don’t have to look hard or far to find it.”

After Rose and Lyons found each other, they found the perfect location: a wooded 58-acre plot of land off Stone Myers Parkway. With $11 million already committed to the venture and a green light from the City Council, the first phase of construction is expected to finish by next winter with the first 24 apartments and a community resource center. Build-out plans include three additional phases of 24 apartments each, for a total of 96 one-, two- and three-bedroom homes.

The Gatehouse’s residents will work with counselors on everything from budgeting and parenting to job and household management skills, and will receive not only assistance with legal, medical and child care needs, but also time for personal growth and healing. Allowing residents to stay on for as long as two and a half years, Rose and Lyons say, will offer a solid foundation for women to restart their lives and a chance to break the cycles of poverty and abuse.

“Every single person has a purpose and every single person has possibilities, they just need to see them,” Rose said. “If we start in the family, then the culture has a chance to change. This is a beginning.”
REAL ESTATE

Woodland Hills
Colleyville – 76034

Overview

Build-out year: 1997
Number of homes (estimated): 476
Average square footage: 3,347
Home values: $97-$144 (prices per square foot)
HOA dues (estimated): $534/year
Amenities: park, playground
Nearby attractions: Southlake Town Center, Colleyville Town Center, Grapevine Main Street, DFW Airport, Lake Grapevine, Gaylord Texan.

Property taxes:
- City of Colleyville: 0.3559
- Tarrant County: 0.2640
- Tarrant County College: 0.1490
- Tarrant County Hospital: 0.2279
- Grapevine–Colleyville ISD: 1.3100

Total (per $100 value) 2.3068

Grapevine–Colleyville ISD Schools:
- Heritage Elementary School
- Colleyville Middle School
- Colleyville Heritage High School

Market Data

Grapevine, Colleyville, Southlake

On the market (as of Sept. 30, 2012)

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Featured homes

- 3100 Queensbury Way Court: $499,900
- 3300 Lakeview Ridge: $254,900
- 3401 Bowden Hill Lane N.: $337,500
- 4407 Eaton Circle: $429,500

On the market (as of Oct. 11th)

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Monthly home sales

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