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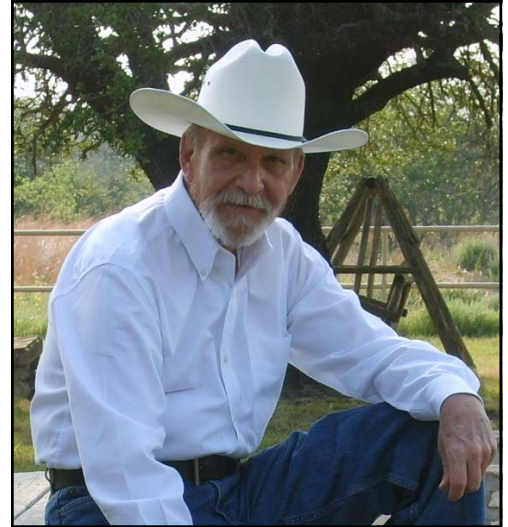
COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Have you heard about our Senior Task Force? In January we started the NETC Senior Task Force. Our mission is to identify issues that affect the lives of our senior population and look for ways to enrich their/our lives. We have been meeting monthly since February. After our first meeting, we were able to identify three major areas to explore: health and maintaining your health, transportation, and employment.

Access to quality healthcare is paramount to improving the lifestyle for all seniors. Transportation for mobility means having the ability to interact with your friends, health providers, and access to essential services for those who don't drive. The global financial crisis has eroded lifetime savings and many seniors are wishing to re-enter the workforce. These are trying times for many of our seniors. We feel that identifying these areas of concern and focusing on how we can make a difference will benefit and enhance their lives.

So, here's where you can help! You can join our monthly Task Force meeting and attend our **Empowering Seniors '09 Conference** on October 29, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This first annual conference will be held at the Richland Hills Church of Christ at 6300 NE Loop 820, in North Richland Hills. We will start the morning with a continental breakfast and then have workshops and health screening available during the morning. The workshops will include subjects such as ID Theft/Scam Awareness, Elder Law, Financial Management, Senior Isolation, Employment, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Caring for the Caregiver, and many others. Lunch will be provided along with a great speaker, door prizes, gifts and lots of fun. For information, please contact our office at 817-581-3600. We expect about 300 participants, so please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Gary Fickes



Commissioner Gary Fickes

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Gary's Coffee Shop

COFFEE WITH THE COMMISSIONER

Please join me for coffee and donuts:

Thurs., August 13th~7:30 to 9:00 am

Northeast Sub-Courthouse
645 Grapevine Highway, Ste.6
Hurst, Texas 76054

Pictures from June 26th coffee below...

Coffee with the Commissioner was a big hit... Hope you can join us 8/13!



? ? ? ? **Question of the Month** ? ? ?

Who was the Father of American Transportation?

Answer found on page 6)

Employee Spotlight



Carol Smith

NE Sub-Courthouse
Tax Office Manager

Native Texan, born and raised in Grapevine, Carol left high school early to get married. Just after learning she was pregnant with their first child, her husband was killed in a car accident. Carol returned to graduate from Grapevine High School and shortly thereafter came to work for Tarrant County, where else, but in the Tax Office here at the Northeast Sub-courthouse. She has worked at Tax Office locations in

Grapevine and Southlake before returning to the NE Sub. Carol has been with the Tax Office for 26 years and 6 months. No matter what is going on, Carol starts her day at the office with: "Good morning, family!" and that's the way she feels about her staff.

Carol is married to a Grapevine firefighter, Brian, and has a daughter Devin, a stepson, Shawn, and two phenomenal grandchildren, MaKayla who is 6, and Charlie, 3, with two more grandchildren due in February and March! What do they like to do for fun? Carol says: "Anything they want to when they're with me!"

There's also plenty of room in the Smith household for Sam, Kali, and Lexus-a white lab, a blonde cocker spaniel, and a sable cocker spaniel respec-

tively. Sam loves to play Frisbee.

Carol enjoys all types of music, but when Neil Diamond comes to town, you can be sure Carol will be first in line for tickets.

On a more personal note ~

What do you do for fun? *"Ride a harley and spend time with my grandkids"*

Favorite Movie? *"The Notebook"*

Favorite Restaurant? *"Pappadeux"*

Last Book Read? *"Registration and Title Manual"*

Vacation spot? *"Maui" in the winter, "Colorado" in the summer.*

People would be surprised to know... *"I am a 4 year breast cancer survivor"*



Improving Lives in Northeast Tarrant County

United Way of Tarrant County maintains two regional offices, one in Arlington and one in Bedford. The latter serves



United Way Northeast Office

the cities and school districts of Northeast Tarrant County, partnering with individuals and organizations to advance the common good in the community. Volunteers are encouraged to give, advocate and volunteer, concentrating their efforts on solutions to issues in the areas of education, income and health. A Steering Committee of community volunteers, with assistance from local staff, oversees and participates in focused work in the region.

Recent projects have promoted school readiness and reduced social isolation among older adults. In addition, HEB

Transit has provided rides to work and to social service agencies for those with no reliable transportation option. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library has put books into the hands of preschoolers in 76040, and Little Bites Big Steps has provided nutrition education to families in Haltom City. Kids Fest in June emphasized the importance of summer activity and healthy eating to students newly out of school.



Kids Fest '09

Additional information about United Way-Northeast and United Way of

Tarrant County is available at www.unitedwaytarrant.org/uw-ne. Included there are details about this year's Report to the Community luncheon on October 7. The event will feature "News You Can Use About Northeast Tarrant County," a look at the 2009 United Way assessment of community needs and resources.

Also on the website is information about United Way's 2-1-1 information and referral service, which connects people in need to community resources, and its Area Agency on Aging of Tarrant County, which offers unique solutions to issues faced by seniors and their caregivers.

The United Way Northeast office, located at 813 Brown Trail in Bedford, is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Regional Director Faye Beaulieu, (pictured) may be reached at 817-282-1160 or faye.beaulieu@unitedwaytarrant.org.

Breakfast Burrito
Hashbrowns
Coffee or Juice
\$3.50

Precinct 3 United Way Fundraiser

Northeast Sub-Courthouse
645 Grapevine Hwy., Hurst, Texas 76054

Friday, October 9th

Breakfast 7:30 - 10:30 ~ Lunch 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Plus... an opportunity to win one of our gift baskets. Tickets available in Commissioner's Office at Northeast Sub-Courthouse or Southlake Town Hall.

Drawing to be held Nov. 2nd.. Need not be present to win.

Catfish
Hush Puppies,
Cole Slaw & Beverage
\$5.00

I smell something fishy...



TARRANT COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Bill Wessel, Specialist, Melissa Patterson, Coordinator, David Aaron, Intern

The Tarrant County Office of Emergency Management (TCOEM) led by Melissa Patterson, works daily on a multitude of public safety duties to include: disaster preparedness; emergency response and Homeland Security planning; and, facilitating partnerships to ensure county-wide readiness. The TCOEM staff plays a lead role in efforts to plan for and respond to local and State-wide events that can range from large sheltering operations for hurricane evacuations (Katrina and Ike), to severe weather monitoring and response, to county-wide resource coordination.

The TCOEM staff maintains regular contact with Tarrant County Cities, private agencies and responders for the unincorporated areas of Tarrant County to facilitate a rapid and appropriate emergency response. They utilize "ETeam", an interactive on-line incident response system, to provide real-time situational

awareness during emergencies and disasters. The office is also responsible for coordinating safety plans for Tarrant County employees and buildings. To that end, the OEM implemented an emergency notification system called Send-WordNow and acquired weather radios and backpacks for the County Safety Wardens with funds from the Homeland Security Grant Program.

Emergency Management, as designee for the County Judge, is responsible for timely and accurate information exchange between partnering agencies, state agencies, local leadership, and other decision makers during emergencies and disasters. The duties of the department are broad and multi-disciplinary. To ensure that planning takes an all-encompassing approach, The Tarrant County Public Safety Steering Committee, comprised of department heads, subject matter experts and elected officials, meets every other month to discuss current issues, recent events and the future needs of the OEM to adequately provide resources and services.

The Tarrant County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is on the 4th floor of the County Administration building, 100 East Weatherford in Fort Worth. The phone number is 817-884-1473 and general email messages can be sent to tcuem@tarrantcounty.com.

ONLINE RESOURCES:

Weather Hazard Information

<http://www.weather.gov/>

Local

American Red Cross Chisholm Trail Chapter:

<http://www.chisholmtrail.redcross.org>

North Central Texas Council of Governments

Emergency Preparedness:

<http://www.nctcog.org/ep/>

State

State of Texas Division of Emergency Management:

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/pages/index.htm>

Texas Homeland Security

<http://www.texas homelandsecurity.com>

Texas Department of Public Safety

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us>

Department of State Health Services Public Health Preparedness

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/preparedness>

Federal

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov>

Federal Emergency Management Agency:

<http://www.fema.gov>

National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

<http://www.noaa.gov>

US Department of Homeland Security:

<http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic>

JPS HEALTH NETWORK School-Based Clinics

New JPS School-Based Health Center

More uninsured H-E-B students will be able to receive health care for only \$5 thanks to a new school-based health center. JPS and the H-E-B school district will open a second school-based health center this fall. Approximately, 400-500 children are seen at the current school-based health center. Both school-based health centers will be located at Keys High School.

H-E-B students and their siblings, who are 18 years old and younger, can receive care at school-based health centers. CHIP and Medicaid are accepted, standard co-pays apply. "School-based health centers allow children to walk out of the classroom and into an exam room," JPS Director of School-Based Health Centers Beth McClean, RN, FNP, said.



Typical services include:
 Treatment for sore throats, colds
 Immunizations
 Assessment and treatment of minor injuries
 Physicals/checkups
 JPS has 15 school-based health centers located throughout Tarrant County, 5 of which are located in NE Tarrant County. Children are

seen by nurse practitioners. Nurse practitioners are registered nurses with additional training that allows them to diagnose and treat illnesses. They can write prescriptions if medication is needed, and provide education on how to improve your child's health.



Birdville (817-547-3046)
 8200 O'Brian Way
 N. Richland Hills, TX 76180

Grapevine/Colleyville (817-251-5751)
 3050 Timberline Drive
 Grapevine, TX 76051

Birdville (817-759-2035)
 2807 Layton Avenue
 Haltom City, TX 76117

HEB (817-399-3500)
 1100 Raider Drive
 Euless, TX 76040

In addition to the school-based clinics, JPS has two health centers in the northeast section of Tarrant County, JPS Health Center-Northeast, 837 Brown Trail, Bedford, TX 76022 (817-920-6400) and the Gertrude Tarpley JPS Health Center at Watauga, 6601 Watauga Rd., Watauga (817-702-6600)

"When the JPS School-Based Health Center-HEB opened in August 2006, we didn't know how many children would be served. In May of

this year 569 children were seen. Because of the tremendous growth, plans have been underway to open a second HEB school-based health center. The cooperative venture between JPS and the HEB ISD will result in another facility to be open this fall. A modular building has been purchased by the school district. JPS will set it up to serve as a medical clinic. We are very pleased that medical care will be available to more of the HEB students," said Georgia Kidwell, Chairman of the JPS Northeast Advisory Board.

The Value of the JPS School-Based Health Clinics

Though most children seen at the school-based health centers have common ailments, the health centers have treated some for far more serious illnesses. "We had a 17 year old boy come in with his parents. They had no insurance and didn't know where else to go," McClean said. "He was unable to use one side of his body - meaning he couldn't lift his arm or leg," she continued. "Our nurse practitioner referred the family to the emergency department where a large tumor was found in the patient's brain," she said. He eventually received surgery and is back to a normal life.

For a complete list of school-based health center locations, log on to www.jpshealthnet.org

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - COLLEYVILLE

While the recession has halted development in many cities, Colleyville continues to attract new residential and commercial projects. During the past year, the city also has continued to fill existing space with new businesses. The hiring of veteran economic development pro, Marty Wieder, to spearhead the city's business efforts underscores a commitment to expanding and enhancing the city's commercial base.

Colleyville's list of new builds and business additions in the past year is impressive, even more so considering the current economic climate. Since July 15, 2008, the city has added 64 single family detached homes, 28 townhomes, seven office finish-outs, 11 retail tenant finish-outs, and one commercial building—with three more under construction. The retail finish-outs include: Animal Crackers, Penny Lane and Hobbytown USA, all located along Colleyville Boulevard. The upscale Main Street Chop & Fish House and popular Milwaukee Joe's Gourmet Ice Cream recently opened in The Village at Colleyville. The German Deli on State Highway 121 and Glade Road recently relocated from Southlake.

New commercial buildings include a completed office building at 6508 Colleyville Blvd.; two more are under construction at 4603 Colleyville Blvd. A 57,000-s.f. "front door" mixed-use building at 5232 Colleyville Blvd., part of The Village at Colleyville, is currently under construction. The building includes 20,000 square feet of ground floor office/retail, with 30 residential spaces on the upper levels. It will extend the presence of The Village at Colleyville to a "front and center" position on Colleyville Boulevard, in the middle of the city's busy commercial area. And the city has issued a building permit for a new McDonald's restaurant at 5609 Colleyville Blvd.



SH 26 Mixed Use Overlay District Study Area

A mixed-use overlay zoning district along State Highway 26, between Hall Johnson Road and Little Bear Creek, is under consideration as a means to foster further economic development. BGO Consultants has been retained to study the possible overlay district, which would allow redevelopment of older and/or vacant properties into mixed-use developments, blending retail and office with townhomes—a successful strategy in many suburban communities. The study will be presented at a public input meeting tentatively scheduled this fall.


For more information please visit: www.colleyville.com or contact Marty Wieder at wiederm@ci.colleyville.tx.us or call 817-503-1060



The Village at Colleyville

Taste of Northeast
Aug 20th ~ 5:30-9:00pm
 8851 Ice House Dr, N. Richland Hills
www.artsnetc.org

DID YOU KNOW... JPS operates a van service for veterans needing transportation to and from the VA hospital in Dallas? Please call 817-927-1124 or 817-927-1131 for more information or to schedule a pickup.



also, DID YOU KNOW ... 

Volunteer: Be a Local Hero
 Join the Tarrant County Medical Reserve Corps
 Tarrant County Public health does have a response plan to help keep our community safe. But we cannot do it alone. More than 5,000 volunteers per day would be needed in the event of a disaster requiring mass medication of 1.6 million Tarrant county residents.

When you join TCMRC, you become part of a network of volunteers who know how to support the community in a coordinated response to meet public health needs.

MRC Orientation & POD training:
 Sat 8/22 from 10am-12:30 pm

For more information, please visit: www.bealocalhero.org/tarrantcounty or contact us at: mrc@tarrantcounty.com

Precinct 3 Maintenance News
 817-514-5000



The summer is our busiest time of the year since the hot temperatures are better for the asphalt paving operation. As warm as it's been, our asphalt paver is in constant operation. The paver is a prototype loaned to us for our input on the operation and maintenance of the machine.



We recently completed paving projects in Colleyville, Hurst and Keller. Projects scheduled for July and August include Interlocal Agreements with Fort Worth and Haslet and road projects throughout Precinct Three.

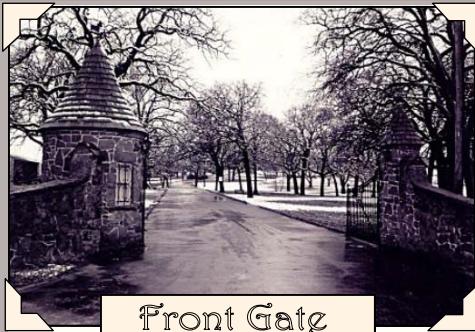
Our mowing season is in full swing and the storm water drainage ditches that need cleaning are worked into the schedule as quickly as possible. Throughout the year, we continually replace lost, stolen or damaged street and regulatory signs. Any information provided on missing signs is greatly appreciated. You can contact the Precinct 3 Maintenance Facility at 817-514-5000.

Pictured is the asphalt paver on loan to Precinct 3 from Kirby-Smith Machinery.

Neal Welch, Director of Field Operations

An Historical Moment In Time

Top O' Hill Terrace



Front Gate

Decorative wrought iron gates, flanked by native sand-stone guard towers, still lend an aura of mystery and intrigue to the property at 3001 W. Division, which was, in the 1930's and 40's, a gambling playground for the rich, adventurous, famous...and infamous! Known as Top O' Hill Terrace, it had the reputation of being one of the most elaborate and exclusive gambling establishments in the United States. When Bible Baptist Seminary, now Arlington Baptist College, purchased the property, they added several buildings to the periphery, but the original feel of the property has been retained.

The Tea-Garden, with its sandstone walls and beautiful fish pond with the exception of a fountain that has been added remain virtually the same, as does the terracing and long curved driveway edged with woodbine sandstone.



Tea Garden

The sandstone horse barn is still intact, as is the smaller sandstone stable, which was built for the famous racehorse, Royal Ford, still has his name etched beside the stable door and his own personal watering trough remains in its original location. And last, but not least, is the getaway "secret tunnel," which although closed for many years, has been reopened.

The property was located on the Bankhead Highway, (now Division Street), a transcontinental highway which stretched from Washington, D.C. to the Pacific Coast, a perfect location for a tea-room. Because of the spectacular view and 1,000 foot high elevation of the property, it became known as Top O' Hill Terrace. Overlooking Fort Worth, Texas, the Tea Garden along with surrounding property is believed to be the highest point in



Top O' Hill Terrace Sign

Tarrant County.

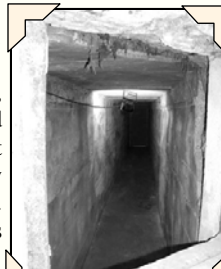
Mrs. T.P. Marshall bought the land and built a tea-room in the early 1920's. Fred and Mary Browning purchased the property in 1926. Mr. Browning was raised in Arlington was employed by his father as a plumber. In 1931, Fred Browning began construction of his casino. The home/tea-room was temporarily moved off its foundation to make way for a massive excavation. The hill was dug out and forms were put in place for the concrete foundation and walls. The wall thickness varied from fifteen to as much as twenty-four inches thick. Upon completion, the concrete structure measured approximately 50' by 60' with a ceiling height of 14-1/2'. A partially underground garage was constructed as well. This part of the building provided access to the kitchen/restaurant upstairs or the casino/bar downstairs. Between the garage and the casino was a secret room designed to hide gambling paraphernalia during a raid. From the casino side of the facility, the room was hidden by a pool-cue rack, yet pool was not the game of choice for visitors to the Top O' Hill. Nevertheless, a pool table was in place so that patrons could appear to occupy themselves with a friendly game during the many failed raids of the casino.



Fred Browning

The primary reason the raids against the Top O' Hill failed is that the element of surprise was never in favor of the officers. Unwelcome Texas Rangers were allowed access, but the guard tower to the left of the gate contained an electronic buzzer wired to the house so that the casino employees would have ample time to hide all the gambling equipment before the Rangers could reach the house. It was a flawless system that served the casino well for many years.

Another unique aspect was the escape tunnel. To the east of the casino a small room led to a set of double doors which hid a 50' long 4' wide, 10' high underground concrete tunnel that opened to the densely wooded country side. During a raid, the patrons could quickly exit the casino and make their way along well-groomed walkways to the Tea Garden or simply lose themselves in the underbrush. Once in the Tea-Garden, they could be found by law enforcement officers casually visiting and sipping some harmless beverage. While the patrons were making their exit, the employees busied them-



Escape Tunnel

selves with converting the casino into a pool hall. The escape tunnel remains in place today and is open for tours along with a recently discovered room from the original casino.

The casino in full swing, had eight employees and on many occasions drew 50 plus gamblers. According to Jack Poe, Fred Browning's employee, it was not at all uncommon for half of a million dollars to change hands in an average weekend on the Hill.

Fred Browning not only had an affinity for gambling, but he also operated a brothel for many years. The dilapidated building that housed the call girls was removed long ago. All that remains are a few artifacts and a cape left behind by the madam that ran the establishment.



Casino

In addition to the casino and brothel, Mr. Browning acquired and housed many race horses as well. Arlington Downs, a palatial \$2,000,000 racetrack built by W.T. Waggoner and his sons, Guy and E. Paul, was located on the Three D farm midway between Dallas and Fort Worth, just down the road from Top O' Hill on the Bankhead Highway. The track operated as a pari-mutual racetrack from 1934 to 1937. Participants from Arlington Downs also contributed greatly to the success of Top O' Hill.

One of Fred Browning's biggest and most outspoken adversaries was Dr. J. Frank Norris, founder of Fundamental Baptist Bible Institute/Bible Baptist Seminary which is now Arlington Baptist College located on the grounds of Top O' Hill Terrace. Dr. Norris was vehemently opposed to alcohol, gambling, and prostitution. At the height of Mr. Browning's empire, Dr. Norris stated from the pulpit while holding a "tent-meeting" in Arlington, Texas, "Top O' Hill Terrace is a blight on Tarrant County. One of these days we are going to own the place."



Dr. J. Frank Norris

Dr. Norris' son, J. Frank Jr., spoke in chapel in the mid-seventies. He told of a raid that his father conducted on Top O' Hill in 1933. He said, "My father had me bust through the front gates with my car." A cassette recording of a "Sermon on Gambling" by Dr. Norris has recently been found. On the recording he recounts getting a search warrant to raid the Top O' Hill Terrace.

The beginning of the end for the Top O' Hill

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Birdville Independent School District

These are exciting days in Birdville ISD. During the 2008-09 school year, BISD students continued to show improvements on the state's TAKS test. The district anticipates having more exemplary and recognized campuses this year than any other time under the TAKS test. BISD saw a record 31 students qualify for recognition in the National Merit Program. And, students who took the SAT had an average composite score of 1,020. This continues to be higher than the state and national averages. In addition to academic successes, the district's fine arts, athletics and career and technology programs continue to excel, receiving local, state and national recognition. These are great honors for our students as well as BISD.



Richland High School

With school beginning on Monday, August 24, BISD will celebrate the opening of a new Richland High School, a new Birdville Center of Technology and Advanced Learning and a major expansion/renovation at Haltom High School. Construction has been in full force at these locations for more than a year. As these

projects near completion, the district is excited as plans are finalized to dedicate these facilities. Dedications and open houses are planned for the Birdville Center of Technology and Advanced Learning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 18; Haltom High



Birdville Center of Technology

School at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20; and Richland High School at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 23.

The public is invited to be a part of these special events. The support of the BISD community for our students made these projects possible.

The dedication of these new facilities complete each of the projects promised to voters in the 2006 bond program. They were:

- Build replacement campuses at Stowe and Binion elementaries;
- Renovate and expand locker rooms and add four-lane tracks at each of the

- district's seven middle schools;
- Renovate and expand Haltom High School;
- Build replacement campus at Richland High School; and,
- Build a new Career and Technology Center.

All of this work has been done on time and within budget.

BISD offers a special word of appreciation to the citizen's oversight committee who met each month to review the progress of each project as well as the financial reports. They are: Tom Lombard, chair; Nelda Stroder, vice chair; Bette Bronstad; Bill Fenimore; Bill Mapston; Angela McCants and Tom Harris. These dedicated individuals committed more than two years to the oversight of this bond program.



Haltom High School

The work will soon be done and school bells ringing, signifying the beginning of another school year.

For more info: www.birdvilleschools.net

Top O' Hill Terrace continued...



Historical Landmark

Terrace was on August 11, 1947. Texas Ranger Captain M. T. Gonazullas, who was well aware of the history and difficulties in raiding Top O' Hills, planned a bold nighttime raid. He along with three other Rangers, R. A. Crowder, R.L. Badgett, and Special Investigator Dub Naylor, crawled several hundred yards on their stomachs through the brush covered hillside. Three of the Rangers hid near the rear entrance, until it opened to allow a customer to enter; then, the Rangers rushed the door and caught the operation in "full swing." The fourth Ranger waited at the end of the escape tunnel to catch those making a quick exit. The accounts of the raid published in the newspapers all agree that there was no resistance, and no one put up a fight.

This property has gone from being a place to nourish the body...to one that nourished the soul.

With the prediction of J. Frank Norris coming true, "One of these days we are going to own the place," the Bible Baptist Seminary now Arlington Baptist College has been turning out "servants for the Lord." From "the Hill" have come over 1,700 trained Christian workers: pastors, missionaries, teachers, etc.

For more information: www.abconline.edu

Article from the Heritage Collection of the Arlington Baptist College

Answer to Question of the Month

Question: Who was the Father of American Transportation?

Answer: President John Quincy Adams, Sixth President of the U.S. (1825-1829).

During Adams presidency, the Erie Canal opened, as did 5 other major canals. The Erie Canal opened trade from the Great Lakes area to the harbor at New York City. The use of steamboats flourished during this time as did the beginning of the railroad industry. Adams also extended the National Road from Wheeling to Zanesville and also from Charleston to New Orleans. Adams also signed legislation for improvements of the nation's harbors from Maine to Louisiana. It's too bad he didn't have time to work on I -35 North!

If you had the ability to save someone's life... would you?

For organ donation information, please visit: www.donatelifetexas.org



Back To School Roundup



- Did you know:**
- *11.3% of families with children under 18 are living in poverty
 - *28.2% of families with a female single parent with children under 18 are living in poverty
 - *Approximately 65,000 elementary school children are eligible for free or reduced cost meals

What: A countywide collaboration, called the Back to School Roundup, a 501(c) 3, is underway to dramatically reduce the number of children who are in danger of starting the new school year without school supplies and other preparation critical to educational success.

When: 8 am – 2 pm **August 20, 2009**

Where: Will Roger Memorial Center, Amon Carter Exhibits Hall, 3401 W. Lancaster Ave. Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Who: Eligible children living in and attending school in Tarrant County, entering K-5th grade when school starts in August and meet income eligibility

What do the children receive? After receiving vital information from over 25 social service providers, the students will receive at **no cost** backpacks filled with basic school supplies, new shoes, socks and haircuts.

What can I do? Become a sponsor ... the cost to provide so much is about **\$25/child** – a very reasonable investment in our future. Every \$25 dollars collected gears up one child for school.

Vision: To provide assistance to 8,000 Tarrant County children with plans to increase that number in the future. *The number of children served is only limited by the amount raised.*

Desired Outcome: That all the children assisted will march off to school that first day filled with eagerness, not embarrassment; coming home after that first day feeling apart of, not apart from the rest.

Pre- Registration is encouraged. For more information go to our website at www.backtoschoolroundup.org or call 211.

WHAT CAN I DO? Sponsor a child's backpack for \$25.00... a very reasonable investment in our future.

Honorary Chairs:

Tarrant County Commissioners Court

- B. Glen Whitley, County Judge
- Roy C. Brooks, Commissioner, Pct. 1
- Marti VanRavenswaay, Commissioner, Pct. 2
- Gary Fickes, Commissioner, Pct. 3
- J. D. Johnson, Commissioner, Pct. 4

Please sponsor a child TODAY!



www.backtoschoolroundup.org

Presenting Sponsors:



Presented by Commissioner Gary Fickes, Precinct 3 ~ Northeast Senior Task Force



Empowering Seniors '09

Northeast Tarrant County Senior Conference

Thursday, October 29, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Richland Hills Church of Christ, 6300 NE Loop 820, North Richland Hills, Texas 76180



Tarrant County Senior Task Force cares about YOU. We are here to bring awareness to services and opportunities available to the senior citizens of Northeast Tarrant County.

Please join us for a continental breakfast, educational workshops, health screenings, and lunch with a keynote speaker. We have limited seating, so get your registration in early.

Contact Commissioner's Office at 817-581-3600 or email: mrike@tarrantcounty.com.



Tarrant County

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(To be a sponsor, please contact the Commissioner's Office at 817-581-3600)

BULLETIN BOARD

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO COUNTY SERVICES
 Texas Association of Counties recently has a website focused specifically on Texas County government and how to get county services. Check out www.texascounties4u.org to view a series of "how to" videos.

Tarrant County Veterans Services Administration Benefit Outreach
 Assistance free of charge.
 Call for appointment
 817-531-5645

Senior Task Force Committee Meeting
 August 21st from 8:30-10:30 am
 Richland Hills Church of Christ
 6300 NE Loop 820
 N. Richland Hills, TX 76180
OPEN TO PUBLIC



TxDOT PUBLIC HEARING

North Tarrant Express
 SH 121/183 "Airport Freeway"
 Tuesday, Aug. 25th at 7 pm
 First Baptist Church Campus West Facility
 1000 Airport Freeway, Euless

For more information on North Tarrant Express:
www.txdot.gov



Labor Day Holiday~Sept. 7th

All Tarrant County Offices Closed



Pct. 3 NE Sub-Courthouse serves breakfast & lunch Oct 2nd... see page 2



Columbus Day October 12th

Empowering Seniors '09 Oct. 29th... see pg 7



Tarrant County Commissioners Court
 Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
 100 E Weatherford Fort Worth, TX
 Unless otherwise stated

August 4, 11 & 18th

September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29th

October 6, 13, 20, & 27th

Transportation

- Tarrant County Transportation Department www.tarrantcounty.com
- Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition www.trtcmobility.org
- Fort Worth Transportation Authority www.the-t.com
- North Central Texas Council of Governments www.nctcog.org
- North Texas Tollway Authority www.ntta.org
- Texas Department of Transportation www.txdot.gov
- Texas High Speed Rail Transportation Corporation... www.thsrctc.com

Helpful links to what's going on with transportation in and around Precinct 3.

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Please feel free to email any comments, questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you and have a great day!

817-884-1470  www.tarrantcu.org

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 645 Grapevine Highway #6
 Hurst TX 76054
 817-581-3600

Southlake Town Hall
 1400 Main St #410
 Southlake TX 76092
 817-481-8234

NE Tarrant County Contacts		
	NE Sub-Courthouse	Southlake Town Hall
Constable Pct. 3	817-581-3610	817-481-8059
County Clerk	817-581-3604	817-481-8179
Passport Office	_____	817-481-8190
Justice of the Peace Pct. 3	817-581-3625	817-481-8132
Juvenile Services	817-581-3645	_____
Travel - Pub. Health	_____	817-321-4707
Tax Office	817-581-3636	817-481-8141
Maintenance Center	817-514-5000	
Constable Pct. 1	817-884-1385	Serve a section of Haltom City, Hurst, Fort Worth, Richland Hills, North Richland Hills, and Watauga.
Justice of the Peace Pct. 1	817-884-1395	
Public Health Centers		
NE Public Health Ctr. 813 Brown Trail #6, Bedford, TX 76022		817-285-4155
Watauga Public Health Ctr. 6601 Watauga Rd, Watauga, TX 76148		817-702-6600
Tarrant County Website: www.tarrantcounty.com		