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Fire, police receive awards

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The Farmersville Fire Department, which comprises a paid staff of two and a host of volunteers, has bestowed its annual awards for jobs well done to three of those volunteers.

The Firefighter of the Year is Justin Bates; the First Responder of the Year is Nathan

Hawkins; and the Rookie of the Year is Bowen McClure. All three were honored by their fellow volunteers who decided that they stood out as the best among them.

In addition, the Farmersville Police Department has announced its Police Officer of the Year. It is Officer Maggie Olvera, who was selected by the police department's supervisory

staff, according to Police Chief Mike Sullivan.

"Maggie is always available to help," Sullivan said, explaining that "because we're a small department we quite often wear more than one hat. She works a lot of charitable events for us along with the guys."

Olvera has worked for the Farmersville Police Department for four years. Prior to join-

ing the FPD, Olvera said she worked as a corrections officer in the Collin County Detention Center and prior to that she taught school in Anna. "Community service is a big part of my life," Olvera said, adding that "as a pastor's wife," she is called to serve the community in many aspects.

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Officer Maggie Olvera was named 2020 Farmersville Police Officer of the Year.

NEWS YOU NEED

New area code coming January 15

In response to the high demand for new telephone numbers in the Dallas area, the Public Utility Commission of Texas has approved an additional area code for the region currently using the 214, 469 and 972 area codes. See pg. 2A.

Boys basketball goes 1-1 in district competition

Resuming district competition this week, the Farmersville boys basketball team secured its first district win since the 2018-19 season.

After losing their district opener to Caddo Mills, the Farmers found redemption in their first game of the week, facing Sunnyvale on the road Tuesday, Jan. 5. Playing their third road game in seven days, the Farmers were able to win their second overtime game in a week, defeating the Raiders 91-86. See pg. 1B.

Coaching Conversation: Farmersville football coach Randy Barnes

Inside the office of coach Randy Barnes, pictures throughout his 40 years of coaching experience fill his workspace at the Farmersville practice facility. See pg. 1B.



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Farmersville High School freshman Tye Thompson won Champion Sr. Showmanship at the Collin County Junior Livestock Show last week.

FFA students compete in county show

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Livestock exhibitors from Farmersville ISD started the year strong last week by picking up several top awards at the Collin County Junior Livestock Show.

The event was held Jan. 2-9 at Myers Park in McKinney and drew FFA and 4-H members from throughout the county.

The Collin County show serves as a tune-up for bigger shows throughout the state, including Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio.

Top winners in the Market Swine division include; Grand Champion (Champion Cross) - Klayden Powell; Isabella Lopez - Reserve Champion White OPB; Addison Horton - Reserve Champion Hamp; Dosson Chumbley - Champion Jr. Showmanship; Klayden Powell - Reserve Champion Jr. Showmanship.

In Sheep, top winners include: Reserve Grand Champion (Reserve Champion Medium Wool) and Champion Jr. Show-

manship - Addison Horton; Reserve Champion Southdown and Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship - Carson Dillard.

Cattle top honors went to Tye Thompson for Champion Senior Showmanship; McKenna Rice - Chianna Reserve Champion, Simmental Reserve Champion and ORB; Kolten Peel - Red Angus Champion and Red Angus Reserve Champion.

Other results for FISD students were:

Swine -

1st place Black OPB - Addison Horton, Chloe Lopez, Alison Dillard; 1st Duroc - Tye Thompson; 1st Cross - Zane Thompson, Klayden Powell, Dosson Chumbley.

2nd White OPB - Paxstyn Adams; 2nd Black OPB - Carson Dillard; 2nd Duroc - Hudson Gray, Isabella Lopez; 2nd Hamp - Hudson Gray; 2nd place Cross - Dosson Chumbley.

3rd White OPB - Chloe Lopez, Black OPB - McKinzie Riley; Duroc - Avery Simpson; Joel Lopez; Hamp - Mackey

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Number two crime in country demands attention

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Since 2010, January has been recognized as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Month.

Each year, strides are being made to bring awareness to this modern-day form of slavery where youth and adult victims are controlled through force, fraud, or coercion to exploit them for forced labor, sexual exploitation or both. Domestic minor sex trafficking occurs when children, under the age of 18, are commercially sexually exploited through prostitution, pornography and/or erotic entertainment.

Now considered a growing threat to the safety of children and teens, youth are being trafficked across the country and the DFW Metroplex. A University of Texas study estimates that as many as 79,000 Texas children are victims of human trafficking.

"There are hundreds of missing kids out there at any given time in North Texas," says Dennis Ozment, private investigator and founder of 4theONE, a nonprofit dedicated to finding and recovering missing, exploited and trafficked teens.

In December 2020, Ozment said the nonprofit was on its 73rd case for the year. In the five years since 4theONE be-

gan, he said they have seen continued growth; 25 cases for the first few years jumped to 41 cases in 2019, then almost doubled in 2020.

"We've been incrementally increasing," he said. "There's hundreds more that we could be working if we had time and resources to do it."

According to Ozment, there are multiple reasons why cases are going up.

"Trafficking is constantly increasing because of all the online use," he said. "Also, we get more cases because we (4theONE) are more known and part of it is the (case) referrals."

Ozment advises parents to be aware "that if your kid's online, your kid's online with the entire world." Allowing a child to be online and not knowing for sure who they are communicating with, he says, "is like taking your child to a park in downtown Dallas and just dropping them off."

Human trafficking is now

the second largest criminal industry - tied with the illegal arms industry - in the world according to the U.S. Dept. of Human Services. Trafficking rates are highest in California, with Texas ranked second, followed by Florida and New York.

In the last 20 years, efforts to recognize human trafficking as a crime have been made at the national and local level.

On the 20th anniversary of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA), a Federal law enacted to protect victims of trafficking and to prosecute their traffickers, President Trump signed an Executive Order on Combating Human Trafficking and Online Child Exploitation in the United States. Through the order, the White House website states the president created the first-ever White House position focused solely on combatting human trafficking to recognize

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Statistics show grim reality

4.5 million people worldwide are victims of forced sexual exploitation
99 billion per year is made from sex trafficking
51 billion per year is made from forced labor
21 million people worldwide are now victims of forced labor
1 in 6 endangered runaways reported in the US are likely to become sex trafficking victims.

Source: U.S Department of Defense

Collins files for re-election to Place 8

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Founding board member J. Robert 'Bob' Collins will seek re-election to Place 8 of the Collin College Board of Trustees.

Collins serves as chair of the board of trustees and is seeking his seventh term. He announced his intention to file on Monday. Filing began Wednesday, Jan 13.

A Farmersville resident, Collins has stated he is committed to continuing to build an outstanding higher education system in the county. He said it's important that the educational opportunities at Collin are second to none.

Collins was first elected to the board in 1985 and has been involved in the growth of the college since its inception.

He cites the county's future educational needs as paramount and has been part of the steps that address the long-term vision of Collin College.

Collins pointed to the recent campus openings in McKinney and Wylie, as well as soon to open Farmersville and Celina campuses, as part of those steps.

"We have addressed key needs for higher education in Collin County with our new campuses," said Collins. "Over the next five to 10 years we will need to implement a new vision for serving the entire county as it grows to a population of near 2 million."

"We will continue to carefully



J. Robert Collins

incorporate technology to enhance instructional delivery and improve student access."

During his tenure, Collins has seen the district grow to 58,000 students, build seven campuses and facilities, with two more under construction, and become one of the largest community college districts in the state.

He said he is proud the district is among the lowest in the state in terms of tuition and tax rate.

Collins has served as chairman of the city of Plano planning and zoning committee and was elected to Plano city council as well, serving as mayor pro-tem.

He was also a founding director and chairman of the Collin Central Appraisal District and was recently named to the Economic Recovery Task Force for Collin County.

Collins earned a BS in mathematics from Lamar University and a Master's in engineering from Texas A&M. He also holds an MBA from the University of Dallas and

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Normal - 492
492.47 ft
as of 1/12/20
Lake Jim Chapman
Normal 440 -
Current 438.87 ft
Source: US Army Corps of Engineers

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Addison Horton won Reserve Champion Market Lamb at the Collin County Junior Livestock Show last week.

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Students earn honors at show

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Cox; Cross - Addison Adams. 4th Hamp - Blake Berumen, Cross - Erin Blackburn, Zane Thompson.

5th WOPB - Addison Adams; BOPB - Madison Baker; Duroc - Joel Lopez; Hamp - Alison Dillard.

6th BOPB - Brooklyn Nerwich; Hamp - Madison Baker.

Sheep -

Class Winners - Medium Wool - Addison Horton, Carson Dillard; Southdown - Alison Dil-

lard.

2nd place Medium Wool - Alison Dillard; 3rd place Medium Wool and Southdown - Elle Liebert.

Cattle-

Exotic Steer - 1st place Tye Thompson, 2nd place British Steer - Tye Thompson; 4th place British Steer - Morgan Picket; 6th place Exotic Steer - Morgan Picket.

Rabbit -

6th place Holland Lop Sr. Doe Division - Morgan Adams.



Two happy FFA students, Klayden Powell, left, with his award for Reserve Champion Jr. Showmanship and Dosson Chumbley with his award Champion Jr. Showmanship.

Courtesy photo



Klayden Powell is all smiles after winning Grand Champion in the Swine Division at this year's Junior Livestock Show.

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Addison Horton, left, with her Champion Jr. Showmanship buckle and Carson Dillard with his Reserve Jr. Showmanship buckle.

Courtesy photo



Habitat for Humanity of Collin County Homeownership Program will be OPEN February 1-26, 2021 to all interested applicants. Please contact us to receive a mortgage questionnaire.

Qualified applicants must have the following:

- A housing need.
- Show an ability to pay an affordable mortgage.
- Be willing to partner with Habitat by working sweat equity hours.
- Must live or work in Collin County for at least 1 year.

For a full list of qualifications, please check our website <https://habitatcollincounty.org/>

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Collins to run for college board

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a doctorate in electrical engineering from Texas A&M.

He is an adjunct professor of management in the College of Business at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Collins is a former vice-president for E-Systems and held various board positions in both private and public sectors.

He was named a Distinguished Engineering Alumni of Texas A&M in 1996.

He is a member of the Farmersville Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. Collins and his wife, Claude Ann, are active in First Baptist Church-Farmersville, where he serves as a deacon and Sunday school teacher.



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