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Krum FFA members recently participated in the Denton County Livestock Association Youth Fair held at the North Texas State Fair Grounds, bringing home loads of awards once again this year. Pictured above is Krum's Jacob Schneider, who took 1st Place, Finewool. See more photos on pages 7-13.

Krum P&Z approves new residential development

By John Callarman

Another new residential development for Krum has taken the first step toward its construction, with the owner, Brisa Properties, anticipating building 24 new homes on 9.5 acres of land between the south end of West Second Street and the C&G Electric property, located farther south.

Greg Edwards, with Gees Inc., of Ponder, representing Brisa Properties, presented the preliminary plat for the development to the Krum Planning and Zoning Commission at its April 16 meeting at City Hall.

Part of the property, including one lot that's zoned light industrial, is inside the Krum city limits. The remainder is in Krum's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

"The owner," City Planner Tom Elgin reported in a memo to the P & Z Commission, "has stated his intention to incorporate the portions of the property that are currently in the ETJ and to rezone the property in conformance with the

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City Council tackles KYSA rules, business incentives, storm sirens, and growth in lengthy meeting

By John Callarman

With several future residential developments looming, inside the Krum City limits and in its Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, the Krum City Council is busy sorting through the steps that need to be taken to gain maximum benefit for current and future residents of the city. Several actions were taken and several more discussed in the council's April 2 meeting, leading to more action expected at the May 7 meeting.

The April meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m., did not wind down until 11:43 p.m., breaking twice for executive sessions while discussing several items involving both major changes in what the city plans to do with its new Water and Wastewater Master Plan and the establishment of impact fees to be charged future developers to help pay for water and sewer lines needed to serve new developments, several residential projects in various stages of development, plus several more that are expected to be presented to the council later this year.

Items considered at the April 2 meeting include:

- Postponement of the council's decision on a \$75,000 business incentive for what's currently being called the Chamberlain Project.
- Rejection of a \$2,900 business incentive requested by Southern Crush, a downtown business located in the former Krum City Hall,

because the application was incomplete, with a suggestion that the application be refiled.

- Discussion at length about whether to consider hiring a second engineering firm to work on certain projects while retaining Freese & Nichols to work on day-to-day engineering operations, with no decision made.
- Discussion on whether to apply for a grant that would help install new storm warning sirens to cover the entire city.
- Acceptance of a revised facility use agreement with the Krum Youth Sports Association for its use of City Park West softball and baseball diamonds.
- OK'ing on a 4-1 vote increasing the speed of the Krum Public Library's Interlink service, though it might cost \$6,000 a year more if a grant is not renewed.
- Postponing a project involving a new lift station and sewer line for the library in light of future housing developments that would require redoing the line a year or two later.
- OK'ing a plat change to allowing three homes to be located on a property where two homes now lie on property on the north side of Lake Street, about 275 feet west of North Fourth Street, owned by Not Quite 4H Properties, Ltd.
- Authorization, after a brief public hearing, of a Specific Use Permit to allow applicants Perry and Shelly

Harrison to operate a snow cone stand at 100 South Jackson Street on property owned by Mel Walterscheid.

Factors that will affect developments planned throughout the city include what the Texas Department of Transportation plans to do about FM 1173 from FM 156 to Interstate 35, the possibility of shifting Krum sewerage from east of the BNSF railroad tracks that now goes to Denton's waste water treatment plant to the recently expanded treatment plant Krum owns just west of the city limits, and entering into a contract to provide an updated master plan for the city's parks.

Still unresolved, or at least no resolution made public — but discussed in executive session are specifics on hiring a city administrator and ongoing discussions between the city and the Krum Independent School District Board, acting as the Krum Young Citizens' Club's board of directors, about a city proposal to purchase property owned by KYCC.

Business Incentives — Councilmembers told Alan Chamberlain, who plans to turn the landmark former grain elevator property in downtown Krum into an event center with indoor and outdoor music and food service facilities while keeping the elevator itself as headquarters for his business enterprises, they were impressed favorably by his project, but wanted specific assurances that it would be built as shown in architects' renderings for the property.

To that end they requested Chamberlain to meet with city officials between the April council meeting and the May council meeting to specify how the requested \$75,000 grant would be spent. As Councilmember Mike Strand put it, "We don't want to invest in a project that gets halfway and then doesn't get done."

"We all would love to see a project like this," Mayor Ron Harris said. "I think that we're all happy — but we'd like to see it a little more concrete and written down as to what we're paying for."

He said the council wants "some type of agreement that if this project falls through, the city's protected as far as being able to recoup that money."

"I can appreciate that," Chamberlain assured the council. "I've owned that property for 32 months and I've driven past that property for 32 years, you guys live here, I'm here to help, I'm here to contribute. This is a long-term gig for me. This isn't buy, lease and sell."

Chamberlain's request also includes property tax abatement, 75 percent for five years, 50 percent for the next five years, and 25 percent for the final five years. The Krum Economic

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By
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WHAT IS TRUTH?

A small boy was on the witness stand in an important lawsuit. The prosecuting attorney cross-examined him, and then delivered, he thought, a crushing blow to the testimony. “Your father has been telling you how to testify, hasn’t he?” “Yes.” the lad didn’t hesitate with the answer. “Now,” said the lawyer triumphantly, “just tell us how your father told you to testify.” “Well,” the boy said modestly, “Father told me the lawyers would try to tangle me up in my testimony, but if I would just be careful to tell the truth, I would repeat the same thing every time.”

There is a sad story con-

cerning truth in John 18:37-38a, “Therefore Pilate said to Him, ‘So You are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say {correctly} that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.’ Pilate said to Him, ‘What is truth?’”

If only Pilate would have realized that Jesus was telling him practically the same thing that Jesus had taught earlier in John 14:6, “...I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

Jesus Christ is truth! The Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 2:15, “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.” To oppose us in this, Satan is in the world ready to tangle us up. We just need to always tell the truth. And if we handle accurately the word of truth, then we need never to fear that we will be tangled up by the devil!

KRUM CALENDAR

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

For more information about meetings or how you can join the Krum Athletic Booster Club, visit Krum-boosters.com.

KRUM PTO

The Krum Parent Teacher Organization is looking for volunteers to help with fundraisers and school activities. For more information about meetings and how you can help with the Krum PTO, please email ptokrum@gmail.com.

AA

AA book study every Saturday evening from 6-7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1001 E. McCart St., Krum. This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous and all are welcome to attend. Contact Bob M. for further details at 940-453-4073.

KRUM HERITAGE MUSEUM

Open Saturdays 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the northeast corner of FM 1173 and FM 156, and by appointment at other times. Contact 940-391-1721 or 940-482-3771 for visits by appointment.

BOBCAT BAND BOOSTERS

The Krum Bobcat Band Boosters meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the High School Band Hall. For more information e-mail krumband-boosters@gmail.com.

KRUM YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION (KYSA)

The Krum Youth Sports Association meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Early Education Center of Krum. For more information go to www.krummyouthsports.com.

KRUM BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL

Krum Bright & Beautiful meets quarterly at Krum Heritage Museum. New members welcome. For information, call 482-3771.

KRUM LIONS CLUB

Krum Lions Club meets first and third Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. at the Krum Baptist Church on Gregg Road. Information contact: 482-6659.

KRUM WRITERS GROUP

meets on the first and third Saturdays at 10:30 in the Krum Library. We share our work and inspire each other with ideas. Open to all. For more info contact Kay at

kaybranium@aol.com.

EAGLECHASE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD

The Eaglechase Homeowners Association Board of Directors meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For the meeting location and additional information go to www.eaglechase.hoospace.com. All Eaglechase residents are welcome to attend.

SOCIETY OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The Krum Society of Historic Preservation meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Krum Heritage Museum. New members are welcome. For more information call Rodney Barthold at 940-482-6659.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals on Wheels program volunteers deliver hot, nutritious meals each week-day to senior citizens 60 years or older who qualify. Meals are delivered to First United Bank each day and volunteers deliver them to recipients. For more information, call First United Bank at 482-3211.

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KRUM PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Board Chair: Kelly Ring. The public is welcome to attend meetings. 940-482-3455.

KISD BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Krum Board of Education meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Krum ISD administration building.

KRUM CITY COUNCIL

The Krum City Council meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

KRUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.

The Krum Economic Development Corporation meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

KRUM PARK BOARD

The Krum Park Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

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Who are Masons, and what do they do?

By Kathryn Dodd

Freemasonry or Masonry consists of fraternal organizations that trace their origins to the local fraternities of stonemasons, which from the end of the fourteenth century regulated the qualifications of stonemasons and their interaction with authorities and clients. (Wikipedia)

Masons are men who have joined a fraternity, and who refer to themselves as Freemasons. The main principles of Freemasonry insist that each member show tolerance, respect and kindness in his actions toward others; practices charity and care for the community as a whole; and strives to achieve high moral standards in his own personal life.

Meetings are held at the Lodge, where Lodge business and upcoming activities are discussed. They also use the Lodge buildings to train the younger members. The Lodge building is often used to hold fundraising and public relation events that are open to non-members and invited guests, like fish fries, pot luck, breakfast, etc. According to a Denton Record Chronicle article from December 1963 (see below) the Krum Lodge was formed in December of 1923.

Denton Record Chronicle
June 21, 1935

Special To The
Record Chronicle

Krum, June 21 – Ira Ross was elected worshipful master of the Krum Masonic Lodge Tuesday night. Other officers elected were: C.C. Wilkins, senior warden; C.L. Langston, junior warden; W.O. Hudgins, secretary; R.L. Cole, treasurer.

Krum Masons To Be Hosts
Denton Record Chronicle
March 29, 1959

Krum – The Krum Masonic Lodge will play host to the Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries of the 84th Masonic District Monday at 7:30 pm in the Krum lodge hall.

W.L. Murrell, Industrial Relations manager of the south division of Moore Business Forms Inc., Denton, will be the principal speaker. Murrell’s topic will be “The Importance of Human Relations.”

Murrell, who is listed in the National Public Speakers Register, is one of the National Association of Manufacturers public speakers. His responsibilities with Moore Business Forms, Inc. include all industrial public and labor relations activities of the 49 states.

The meeting is open to all master masons in good standing. It’s held six times yearly.

The 84th Masonic District is composed of eight lodges in Denton County – the lodges at Denton, Krum, Pilot Point, Sanger, Lewisville, Roanoke, Justin and Argyle. The association is set up to assist the district deputy in his duties in this jurisdiction and to further the fellowship of all Masons in this district.

Officers of the association include Paul Young, Jr. of Denton, president; W.A. Poole of Pilot Point, vice president, and Bobby Brown of Sanger, secretary treasurer.

Krum Masonic Lodge
Denton Record Chronicle
December 10, 1963

The Krum Masonic Lodge, formed in December of 1923, has observed its 40th anniversary with a brief talk by past masters and a speech by C.C. Hall, past master of the Denton Lodge.

Charter members still active in the lodge are Gus Egan and W.O. Hudgins. Present officers are C.C.



The Square and Compasses are among the traditional tools of stonemasons.

Taylor, worshipful master; Rodney Barthold, senior warden; Dalton Brown, junior warden; Harry Bryant, secretary; George Slinker, tiler; and V.E. Gibbons, treasurer. Guests from Sanger, Justin, Denton, Pilot Point and Bridgeport attended last week’s ceremony.

Denton Record Chronicle
July 12, 1964

The Krum Masonic Lodge No. 1207 met last week and installed new officers for 1964-65. F.W. Fowler, assisted by V.E. Gibbins, installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Rodney Barthold, worshipful master; Dalton

Brown, senior warden; Sam Rector, junior warden; V.E. Gibbins. Treasurer; Morris Ferrell, secretary; George Slinker, tiler; Ned McKinney, chaplain; Jerry Lindley, junior steward; Fowler, senior steward; C.H. Hartin, senior deacon; and Harold Handley, junior deacon.

Rodney Barthold presented an educational movie after the installation ceremonies.

Denton Record Chronicle
Sept 17, 1964

The Krum Masonic Lodge was host for the area B-5 Masonic workshop Monday at 7:30 pm. The workshop was held at the lodge building.

Krum Personals
Denton Record Chronicle
July 4, 1965

Installation of officers of the Krum Masonic Lodge No 1207 was held Thursday night.

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City Council

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Development Corporation board recommended that request also be granted at its meeting in March. Councilmembers did not balk at that request.

KYSA rules — Proposed rules for the use of softball and baseball diamonds on City Park West by the Krum Youth Sports Association became a bone of contention between the City Council and KYSA in March when the “City of Krum Facility Use Agreement for Krum Youth Sports Association” was on the council agenda. KYSA members, including Trey Willis, who is chairman of the Krum Parks Development Corporation, the body authorized by Krum voters to employ funds collected from the park sales tax, expressed their surprise that the council would consider such a document without going through KPDC.

A paragraph in the proposed Use Agreement that the city reserves the right to review and inspect KYSA’s books and financial statements, another paragraph that appeared to limit KYSA’s use of the fields to a month before the baseball and softball games began and the end the last day of the ball season, wording of a paragraph involving KYSA’s insurance policy, and the wording of the termination paragraph: “Any violation of the provisions of this agreement shall result in the termination of the agreement.”

After extensive discussion at the March council meeting, it was determined that KYSA and city officials would present a revised Use Agreement at the April meeting. That they did, but KYSA still had issues, expressed by Willis in a Citizens Agenda presentation at the start of the meeting. He said the city’s actions appeared to be an effort to take over the softball and baseball programs, both at City Park West and at the ball diamonds on land donated to the Krum Young Citizens Club more than 60 years ago.

Councilmembers and Mayor Ron Harris denied that the city wanted to run the programs.

Willis’ Citizens Agenda suggestion that Harris might want to be baseball and softball commissioner prompted Strand’s calling that suggestion “absurd.”

“I assure you the last thing any of us want to do is run the summer league.” Strand said. “I found what you said before just offen-

sive.”

The thought that the Use Agreement was something new was inaccurate, Strand said.

“It used to be,” he said. “Before [former mayor] Terri Wilson was here, there was a contract in place, a lease. And then it died out. Nobody can find it.”

As far as looking at KYSA’s books is concerned, Councilmember Toby Lawrence said, “It’s saying we have the right to request a report. We’re not going to say, ‘Hey, next month, we want to see y’all’s check register.’ We’re not going to do that.” The council, after 25 minutes of discussion, passed a motion to revise the wording of Paragraph II, as composed by City Attorney Trey Sargent, “The term of the agreement shall be for 12 months. The agreement shall automatically renew for successive 12-month terms unless written notice is given by the terminating party prior to October 1, of the current term.” Paragraph VII will read, “The Association shall deliver a copy of their annual financial report within 30 days of the Association’s receipt of the same.”

Master plan and impact fees — Freese and Nichols presented the long awaited water and waste-water master plan for the next 20 years, based upon anticipated city growth between now and 2037, estimated to rise to 9,297 residents.

The plan, presented by engineers Mezan Kawasmi and Andrew Boyle, predicted that 20 water capital improvements would be required between now and the end of 2037, 10 in the first five years, estimated at \$9,530,500 in cost; six more completed five years later, at an estimated \$8,056,500; and four more, estimated at \$4,621,500 to be completed by 2037. Included are water line replacements and new waterlines, rehabilitation of one overhead storage tank, building a new ground storage tank, a computerized Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system; and the eventual decommission of the elevated storage tank at the old fire station site. Total estimated cost of the proposed improvements would be \$22,208,500.

Twenty-four more projects are proposed in the Wastewater Capital Improvement Plan, eight in the first five years, estimated cost \$6,434,200; five more in the next five years, estimated at \$10,699,300; and 11 more in through 2037, es-

timated cost \$4,804,000, a total of \$21,937,500. Among the projects are a gravity line that would be part of the project that would move eastside wastewater that now goes to the Denton treatment plant to Krum’s Southwest Waste Water treatment plant, force mains, gravity mains, interceptors, expansion of the wastewater treatment plant a decade away and SCADA System Improvements.

After a quick public hearing, the council voted to pass an ordinance adopting the master plan.

To help pay for the long-term improvements, the council had before it an ordinance that would establish and impose new water and wastewater impact fees on new developments inside the city limits and in the city’s extraterritorial jurisdiction. A Citizens Advisory Committee that had been formed to review the impact fee study, as required by the Texas Local Government Code, prepared its recommendations, as follows:

The CAC concurs with the study’s land use assumptions projecting a 3.10 percent annual population increase, resulting in an increase of population of 1,808 persons for the 10-year period of the study (2017-2027); the CAC concurs with the study’s capital improvements plan and finds that the proposed water and wastewater capital improvements are necessary to support the increase in population for the 10-year period of the study; and the CAC concurs with the study’s calculation of maximum water and wastewater impact fees. The CAC further concurs that maximum allowable water and wastewater fees reflect the 50-percent credit as required by Chapter 395 of the Texas Local Government code.

City Planner Tom Elgin, in presenting the ordinance to the council in the required public hearing, reported that the staff recommendation was that the water impact fee match that of the city of Denton, \$6,700, or 76.5 percent of the maximum allowable fee, “an increase of \$1,200 over the corresponding \$5,500 water and sewer tap fees currently assessed to a single family home.”

The council, following a separate public hearing, voted for the ordinance, with the staff recommendation of the lower fee included in the vote.

Storm warning sirens — Following a lengthy – and occasionally argumentative – discussion, Mayor Harris directed Fire Chief Kenneth Swindle to prepare an application for a

\$25,000 grant from CoServ, to help fund one of three siren/outdoor storm warning devices. Councilmember Strand, who had asked that the item be returned to the council agenda after it had been discussed at an earlier council meeting, argued that all three sirens should be installed.

Swindle had presented a plan for three new sirens, two on city-owned property and the third on Krum Independent School District’s Early Education Center grounds, each of which would put out a more powerful signal than the current siren, located on the former Public Works Department property on Sixth Street, covering the city and known planned developments. The city locations would be at the North Point water tower site and the former fire station on Lake Street across from Hattie Dyer Elementary School.

“I’m not going to be happy with anything but all three,” Strand said. “I think we owe it to the citizens.”

Early in the lengthy debate that evolved, when Diviney asked where the city would find the funds, Strand suggested that the remainder of the estimated \$70,000 cost (\$55,000 if wood poles were used instead of steel), could come from the \$50,000 budgeted this year for the newly established policy to build a long-term source of capital improvement funds.

“We just started that,” Finance Director Shelly Neckar said.

“I really don’t care if we just started that or if it’s in there for 30 years,” Strand responded.

“I worked hard to try get you to do a capital improvement plan,” Neckar pointed out, “and I don’t think it’s fair for you to say, ‘I don’t care,’ because I care.”

She said the purpose of the capital improvement fund was “to build us a reserve for our capital improvements that need to be done.” Of Strand’s stance, she said “It’s like, ‘Mama, give me that money that I

gave you back — because it’s there.”

“I totally understand where you are coming from, Mike,” Councilmember Justin Diviney said, “but ... Shelly is correct. We have tons of capital improvement projects that we could be doing right now. We could do that plus several millions more. We just got through looking at our water and waste water master plan, and we’ve got probably \$12-to-15-million in the next five years that we probably need to be spending to just fix our water and waste-water infrastructure, and that does not even touch the streets that we know we have issues with.”

Mayor Harris took Neckar’s side in the dispute. “We need to stick to that policy,” he said. “We can budget to do this, just as Justin has said, over a period of time. Since we didn’t budget them this year, we can find the money to get part of a grant, so let’s do one.”

“I don’t think that this is the most important thing that the city needs to do,” Councilmember Toby Lawrence said. “I’m not saying that it’s not important. I’m saying that the waste water pump station there at the library is probably more important to do than a siren.”

“I’m not going to be happy without all three of them at once,” Strand repeated. “If this gets started with the Facebook Warriors – if that’s what it’s going to take — we can bring all the citizens in here next month, and you guys can discuss this when they’re sitting here and they’ve not all gone home.”

“Are you all telling me you want me to get this first grant started?” Swindle asked.

A chorus of yesses followed his question.

“That’s the only part of this I’m comfortable with at this point,” Councilmember Austin Petersen said.

“Does that have to go to a vote?” Swindle asked;

“No,” Harris replied, “I’m giving you directions.” “I got it,” Swindle said.

KRUM PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

**CHILDREN’S HOUR
MAY 8, 2018**

The Krum Public Library presents Children’s Hour on Tuesday, May 8 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Come join Katie Morris, professional children’s librarian, and help your child develop early literacy skills with read-along storytelling, songs, movement, finger play, crafts, and educational free-play time!

The target age range is 0-5, but children of all ages and their guardians are welcome.

For more information contact the library at 940-482-3455.

**BOOK CLUB
MAY 10, 2018**

The Krum Library Book Club will meet Thursday, May 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the library, 815 E. McCart St. in Krum.


Join in on this second Thursday to discuss the group’s “Pick of the Month.” The group covers a wide range of genres.

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By John Callarman

Krum City Council In Action

So many issues were addressed at the Krum City Council’s April 2 meeting, the reporter had trouble fitting them all into the council story, but the Krum Library area lift-station question, with ramifications on several other complicated issues the council currently is considering – and the Krumudgeon is using this space to go into further detail on the project that will serve, potentially, a significant number of other customers to the northwest and the east of the library.

Public Works Director Devon Kennedy, City Planner Tom Elgin and Finance Director Shelly Neckar have, to use an appropriate cliché, a lot on their plates as several residential developments are under way; others have plans in place made public in Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council meetings; and a major project on open land, some of which goes all the way from FM 1173 south to Jackson Road, between the BNSF tracks and Evans Road/Radecke Road South, may become public soon.

Councilmembers have been talking for months

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about the lift station, which sounds on the face of it like a simple project but is complicated by ... well, let me share the transcription of some of the council discussion at the April 2 meeting.

“It’s not a simple project,” Mayor Ron Harris said, referring to Freese & Nichols, the engineering firm the city uses. “It’s not just a gravity feed, it’s not using a small pump. You can look at the two scenarios and see the cost. I think with the extension of 1173 and the additional homes that may possibly be pumping up here shortly it’s not a good use for our funds right now. Doing this project would be temporary. There’s not a permanent solution here.”

Councilmember Rhonda Harrison asked Kennedy to “go over A, B, C, and D for us.”

Kennedy noted that trying to get the new library onto a separate line while connecting a proposed 10-inch sewer line to come down from West Huffman Street is a costly project, particularly since F&N said gravity flow wouldn’t work, there’d have to be a lift station. The sewer line from Huffman “feeds down through that easement between the school and the KYCC property, which will be able to pick that line up, but it also will be able to go to the south side of 1173, and, depending upon development in that area, we have options of going in a couple of different directions with a gravity line at that point.”

Further complicating the problem is the project to widen FM 1173 from FM 156 east to I-35, which will be the subject of a Texas Department of Transportation public information session May 8 at the Krum High School Cafeteria.

“We still don’t know where those boundaries are

going to fall, especially on that curve, so putting something in right now, it may have to be relocated later again,” Kennedy said. “My recommendation is that we look at what it’s going to take to get the sewer line into the gravity line from West Huffman to pick up all those homes to the south side of the road instead of spending this money in this aspect. It’s more a postponement solution because with this force main we’d have to have a lift station put in right next to the library, which would, in turn, when that sewer line does get developed to the south side, would have to be pulled out and redone.”

“So the estimates go from \$39,000 to \$77,000?” Harrison asked.

“The highest one was just over 80,” Kennedy said, “but that also takes into account no-permitting from TxDOT because we don’t know what they will require from us. Being a force main, they’re probably going to require a casing underneath the road and that would have to be installed also and we just don’t have those numbers yet.”

“There’s some potential things in the works that I can’t discuss openly right now in that area that would potentially change some of this,” Kennedy said in response to a question from Councilmember Austin Petersen, “and I’m afraid that within two to three years, we would be redoing this line again. The \$40-to \$80-thousand dollars I don’t feel [good about] – my recommendation is we find another solution for this right now. I have some possible temporary solutions in the works.”

“So we wait,” Petersen summarized the status of the lift station and sewer line work.

“They’re pushing pretty

hard on some of these projects,” Kennedy said, “so I’m a little leery about spending \$40-to-80,000 of taxpayer money for two years and have to come up with another ‘whatever’ to actually fund the actual improvements when I think I can come up with a solution that would be less than that.

“And your timeline for when you could present those solutions to us would be what?” Petersen asked.

“I should have the information within the next week or two,” Kennedy responded. “At the next meeting I will have that information for you.”

Weather warning sirens — The debate was covered in detail in the Krumudgeon’s City Council story, but a comment from Councilmember Mike Strand, early in the discussion, brought back memories.

“Kathy, my wife, was on the City Council when we fought this battle last time, 2003 and 2004, to get the new one, and here we are, 14 years later, and we’ve been discussing this for two years. My first month on council two years ago, I wanted to see sirens. I don’t think you can do it one at a time. I think you need to do it and do it right, and then maintain it, and not wait for 20 years of development to come in and catch us with not being covered again.”

I didn’t start writing City Council stories until May 2003, but I do recall Kathy Strand’s pushing for the establishment of the city’s first weather warning siren, in late 2002 or early 2003. She couldn’t get the council to take action, and did not run for re-election in 2003. Going back into my files to augment my memory of how that first siren was finally installed, my memory was accurate. It was apparently authorized 14 years ago, at the April 22, 2004 council meeting, as the council debated what to do about \$48,000 that had been

collected from the city’s first sales tax, which the council in 2002 had intended to go for street work but the wording on the ballot resulted in a sales tax that couldn’t be used for streets.

Jan Farris was mayor at the April 22, 2004 meeting, and a past-and-future mayor, Larry Lamonica, was Farris’ harshest critic.

Lamonica had been part of a battle earlier that year to abolish the first sales tax, then let the voters decide on a new sales tax that would cover street repairs.

Readers who might think the April 2, 2018 meeting got wild and woolly — and that two years is a long time to implement a decision — might enjoy this story I wrote of the April 22, 2004 council session.

Crazy. Hypocritical. Unbelievable.

City Councilman Brad Andrus used those words to describe Councilman Larry Lamonica’s proposal at the Krum City Council’s regular meeting Monday night to use most of the money collected under a controversial sales tax to buy a storm warning siren system for the city.

In a debate punctuated by laughter from some of the council members and the audience, the council rehashed its past arguments, then voted for two motions — to use about \$40,000 for the sirens and to authorize Mayor Jan Farris to seek bids on the warning system.

The background — Voters in 2002 OK’d a half-cent sales tax that a previous council had believed would fund street repairs, only to learn more than a year later that the actual wording of a Section 4B sales tax required the city to establish an Economic Development Corp., which would be responsible for recommending economic development projects before the \$48,000 that was collected could be used.

In late February, Councilman Brad Andrus proposed an ordinance, articles of incorporation and seven nominees to establish the required corporation. The nominees for the proposed board, all involved in banking, real estate and developments, raised Lamonica’s hackles. So did the fact that Section 4B of Article 5190.6 of the Development Corporation Act of 1979 only allowed the sales tax to fund projects related to business or industrial development, and residential street repairs did not qualify.

When the council learned that it could establish an EDC, then dissolve it and put the money that had been collected into the general fund for use on any city project, Lamonica urged the council decide to do just that. At a special council meeting on March 19, the council established the EDC, named a different, broad-based slate of citizens to it, then dissolved it.

Andrus attempted to keep the new commission alive. Lamonica conceded the potential benefits, but argued that retention of the public trust required that the council use the sales tax money for the purpose identified by the passed council and the voters.

Monday night’s debate — Lamonica proposed using the bulk of the money for a storm warning system.

“You’re talking about using it on something other than streets, Larry?” Andrus asked. “You crazy?”

“That’s been a known fact for years,” Lamonica laughed. He said two ladies were encouraging him to use the funds for storm sirens, “and I think they’re right.”

“You wanted to get rid of the 4B Sales Tax which we actually could use —”

“You could use it for si-

rens,” City Attorney Tiffany Haertling interjected.

“You complained that we weren’t using it for the streets,” Andrus addressed Lamonica. “Now you’re proposing that we use it for something else.

“I’m saying, What was it passed for?” Andrus continued. “I’m playing your card now.”

“This won’t take but a minute,” Lamonica said. “I love playing these debate games.”

“Why don’t you run ’em through me,” Mayor Jan Farris suggested, “so you won’t be arguing with each other.

“The complaint was,” Farris continued, “that the creation of the 4B sales tax was not clear to the people that voted it in.

“That was part ... part ... part of the complaint,” Andrus responded. “What I heard when we talked about it before was that the citizens passed this to go to streets. I heard this over and over and over again — that’s what they intended to use it for.

“That’s fine,” he continued, “but I was under the impression that if we wanted to use it for these types of things (the warning siren), the best thing to do was leave it in 4B sales. Why would we stop the money going.”

Lamonica called Andrus’ argument “convoluted, as Jan would say.”

“Larry, this is so hypocritical, I can’t believe it,” Andrus said. “It wasn’t but a month ago you were saying, ‘We’ve got to use it for the streets.’”

“There’s another way to go about it, if you want to do federal government-style creative financing,” Lamonica countered. “And that is — I don’t care where the \$40,000 comes from. We can take \$40,000 from the general fund, and you can replace it with the \$40,000 — (Lamonica heard Andrus sigh) — huh? You’re not going to do that?

“Unbelievable,” Andrus said. “Unbelievable. Larry Lamonica —”

“Never predict what I’m going to do,” Lamonica interrupted.

“Brad. Larry. Just a minute,” Councilman Ed Smith jumped in. “Here’s the biggest complaint, I understand here. Follow me.” He went back to the October 2002 election that the council at the time believed was to adopt a sales tax to fund street repairs. “How many people voted for that?”

“We can’t use that argument now,” Andrus jumped right back. “We should have used it before.”

“Wait a minute,” Smith said. “Nineteen, I think it was. How many people voted against it? How many voted against it? Seven.” (Actually, the vote was 39 yes, 7 no.)

“Most of them were right out here,” Andrus pointed to a handful of citizens in the audience.

On went the debate — and toward the end of that meeting, the council did vote to go seek bids on the siren. But that was April 2004. On the first council meeting in May, the council voted to place two sales tax issues on the September 2004 ballot, one for streets, the other to form a real KEDC – and both passed, but there was no mention of a siren contract.

The Krumudgeon hasn’t found the council story covering when bids were received and a contract awarded, but, like so many City Council actions over the years, the Sixth Street siren did not get installed until July 2005.

I suppose the current on-going question is: “When will the Welcome to Krum sign be installed?

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FINANCIAL FOCUS



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SAVING FOR COLLEGE? CONSIDER A 529 PLAN

May 29 (5/29) is National 529 College Savings Plan Day. If you are not familiar with 529 plans, you are not alone – although these plans have been

around since 1996, many people are still unaware of their existence. And that’s unfortunate, because a 529 savings plan can be a valuable tool for anyone wanting to help a child, grandchild, friend or other family member save for education.

Here are some of the key benefits of a 529 plan:

- **Potential tax advantages** – A 529 plan’s earnings are not subject to federal income taxes, as long as withdrawals are used for qualified education expenses of the designated beneficiary, such as your child or grandchild. (You will be subject to ordinary income taxes, plus a 10 percent federal penalty, on the earnings portion of withdrawals not used for qualified education expenses.)

- **High contribution limits** – Contribution limits are generally quite high for most states’ 529 plans. However, you could possibly incur gift tax consequences if your contributions, plus any other gifts, to a particular beneficiary exceed \$15,000 during a single year.

- **Ability to switch beneficiaries** – As the old song goes, “the future is not ours to see.” You might name a particular child or grandchild as a beneficiary of a 529 plan, only to see him or her decide not to go to college after all – but as the owner of the plan, you generally may be able to switch beneficiaries whenever you like, right up to the point when you start taking withdrawals. (However, to make this switch non-taxable and penalty free, you must designate a new beneficiary who is a member of the same family as the original beneficiary.)

- **Freedom to invest in any state’s plan** – You can invest in the 529 plan offered by any state, regardless of where you live. But if you invest in your own state’s plan, you might receive some type of state tax benefit, such as a deduction or credit. Additional benefits may also be available.

- **Flexibility in changing investments** – You can switch investment options in your 529 plan up to twice a year. Or, if you’d rather take a more hands-off approach, you could select an automatic age-based option that starts out with a heavier emphasis on growth-oriented investments and shifts toward less risky, fixed-income vehicles as the beneficiary approaches college

age.

While a 529 plan clearly offers some benefits, it also raises some issues of which you should be aware. For example, when colleges compute financial aid packages, they may count assets in a 529 plan as parental assets, assuming the parents are the plan owners. To clarify the impact of 529 plans on potential financial aid awards, you might want to consult with a college’s financial aid officer.

One final note: In previous years, 529 plans were limited to eligible colleges, universities and trade schools, but starting in 2018, you can also use up to \$10,000 per year, per beneficiary, from a 529 plan to pay for tuition expenses at public, private or religious elementary and secondary schools.

Education is a great investment in a child’s future. And to make that education more affordable, you might want to make your own investment in a 529 plan.

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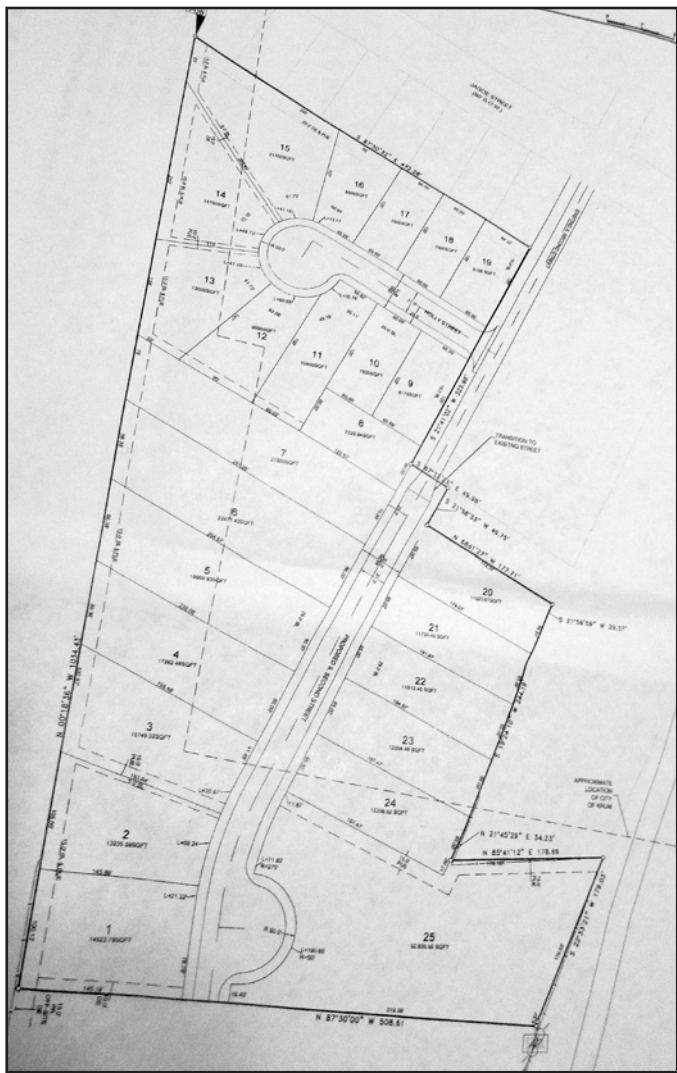
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P&Z approves new residential development



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preliminary plat."

Under the plat submitted to P&Z, the minimum lot size is 7,500 square feet and the average lot size is approximately 12,900 square feet.

The plat shows that West Second Street will be extended south to the C&G Electric property, also owned by Brisa Properties, providing access to the light industrial property, just to the north of C&G, also zoned light industrial. Brisa Properties plans to develop the lot for office space.

Elgin reported the applicant also submitted preliminary civil engineering plans for the project. Both documents, Elgin wrote, "have been reviewed by Krum's public works director, fire marshal, contract city engineer and city planner, and review comments have been forwarded to the applicant for clarification, additional information, and/or to be corrected."

Elgin recommended approval subject to staff approval of the civil engineering plans.

The P&Z board sent a favorable recommendation to the City Council, and it's expected the plat will be presented at the council's May 7 meeting.



TxDOT to unveil plans for FM 1173 widening at May 6 meeting in Krum

The Texas Department of Transportation will unveil plans for the widening of FM 1173 from Krum to U.S. 77, just north of the new Love's Truck Stop, on May 6, between 5 and 7 p.m., at the Krum High School Cafeteria, school officials told the Krum News. Earlier this year, Mayor Ron Harris reported to the Krum City Council that TxDOT was considering widening the roadway east from the city, changing its configuration beyond Masch Branch Road to move northwest to connect with U.S. 77 just north of the new Love's Truck Stop.

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OPENING APRIL 29: HOME GOODS

Off-price home décor retailer, HomeGoods, will open a new store in Denton on Sunday, April 29th at 8:00 a.m. The 26,013 square-foot store is located in Denton Crossing at 1800 South Loop 288 in space formerly occupied by Sports Authority. The new Denton location will be the 10th in the Dallas market.

“HomeGoods offers high-quality merchandise at unbelievable values—with prices significantly less than department and specialty stores,” a spokesman from the store said. “From top brands and designers to unique finds from all over the world, HomeGoods offers an inspiring selection in countless styles for every room of the house.”

“Our shopping experience is unlike any other retailer; our amazing values, designer brands and unique assortment make HomeGoods an exciting destination for shoppers,” said John Ricciuti, President of HomeGoods. “Our stores help make houses feel like home. Our high-quality merchandise at incredible prices allows shoppers to express themselves through their décor and create a home that truly reflects who they are for less than they expect. We are thrilled to provide Denton shoppers with this exhilarating shopping experience.”

A HomeGoods representative said the store will support the Denton community by hiring store management and associates from the local area. The Denton store is expected to fill approximately 65 full and part-time positions.

HomeGoods merchandise departments include furniture, rugs, lighting, decorative accessories, gourmet kitchen and dining, bedding, bath, kid’s décor and toys, outdoor living, pet accessories, storage, workspace and more. HomeGoods offers shoppers inspiration via their blog Design Happy found on Homegoods.com, their app, The Goods, Facebook , Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram and Tumblr.

Regular store hours are Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Special Grand Opening Day hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For additional HomeGoods locations, please visit Homegoods.com.



COMING SOON: TJ MAXX

Construction has begun on Denton’s second TJ Maxx, this one located in Rayzor Ranch on University Drive, next door to Academy Sports. Original plans had a Tuesday Morning coming to the space, replaced now by TJ Maxx.

The store offers a variety of selections of brand name and designer fashions at prices generally 20%-60% below department and specialty store regular prices, on comparable merchandise.

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Aubrey	52,854.97	50,213.57	5.26%	224,974.20	206,789.70	8.79%
Bartonville	31,525.88	26,558.34	18.70%	204,132.03	181,400.77	12.53%
Copper Canyon	3,299.03	9,063.80	-63.60%	20,071.51	31,183.83	-35.63%
Corinth	180,723.79	165,015.48	9.51%	850,417.89	788,735.88	7.82%
Cross Roads	134,855.54	134,667.76	0.13%	639,489.29	614,378.63	4.08%
Denton	2,526,112.78	2,442,743.38	3.41%	11,638,943.93	11,487,262.43	1.32%
Dish	4,247.78	2,438.21	74.21%	21,341.01	13,799.49	54.65%
Double Oak	22,143.86	14,606.89	51.59%	110,628.08	68,808.70	60.77%
Flower Mound	1,161,678.05	1,208,941.18	-3.90%	5,792,249.63	5,801,089.58	-0.15%
Hackberry	5,842.62	7,927.12	-26.29%	31,980.86	35,297.40	-9.39%
Hebron	4,160.39	3,564.03	16.73%	22,464.61	14,392.90	56.08%
Hickory Creek	97,937.67	98,571.62	-0.64%	497,365.62	483,959.11	2.77%
Highland Village	250,706.92	253,855.61	-1.24%	1,317,853.78	1,234,164.67	6.78%
Justin	85,867.04	73,899.80	16.19%	370,391.50	351,906.75	5.25%
Krugerville	27,603.59	25,500.33	8.24%	131,587.23	95,277.45	38.10%
Krum	35,183.93	36,682.95	-4.08%	165,759.05	153,650.64	7.88%
Lake Dallas	86,565.37	106,893.68	-19.01%	403,507.24	692,924.89	-41.76%
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Pilot Point	71,577.97	76,327.75	-6.22%	324,248.22	320,076.97	1.30%
Ponder	14,253.14	32,692.66	-56.40%	70,360.84	108,812.13	-35.33%
Providence Vlg	10,902.92	11,037.60	-1.22%	57,068.73	51,666.42	10.45%
Roanoke	1,668,069.10	1,213,835.28	37.42%	5,379,011.40	4,889,959.09	10.00%
Sanger	101,426.25	105,481.95	-3.84%	529,932.90	506,994.93	4.52%
Shady Shores	5,956.84	4,897.54	21.62%	29,640.18	26,780.17	10.67%
The Colony	2,707,693.14	1,766,825.55	53.25%	9,710,419.68	8,460,112.77	14.77%
Trophy Club	110,053.23	104,320.42	5.49%	473,084.12	509,425.67	-7.13%

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Farm To Market Road 1173 from Farm to Market Road 156 to Interstate Highway 35

Denton County, Texas

CSJ No. 1059-01-047

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Meeting for the purpose of soliciting public comments on proposed feasibility study of Farm to Market Road (FM) 1173 from FM 156 (S. 1st Street) to Interstate Highway (IH) 35, a distance of approximately 3.6 miles. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at the Krum High School Cafeteria, located at 700 Bobcat Blvd, Krum, TX 76249.**

The Public Meeting will be an Open House format with no formal presentation from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The purpose of the meeting is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project. Representatives from TxDOT and project consultants will be available to answer questions about the proposed project.

The proposed study consists of the reconstruction and widening of FM 1173 from FM 156 in Krum, to IH 35 in Denton, TX. The improvements would include the expansion of the current 2-lane rural roadway to a 6-lane urban roadway. Expansion would consist of one 12-foot wide travel lane and one 14-foot wide outside shared-use lane in each direction, a proposed median, and sidewalks located along the outside of both the eastbound and westbound lanes. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width is 80 feet and will increase with the proposed project. The proposed ROW is anticipated to acquire approximately 43 acres to expand the roadway, based on this preliminary level of design.

Maps showing the proposed project's location and geometric design will be available for viewing at the public meeting. This information will also be on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150 and the TxDOT Denton County Area Office located at 2624 W. Prairie Street, Denton, TX 76201. Project information also will be available online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearings/Meetings.

All interested persons are invited to attend this Public Meeting. Written comments from the public are requested and will be accepted for a period of 15 calendar days following the meeting. Written comments may be submitted either in person at the public meeting, by mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Attention: Mr. Nelson Underwood, P.E., 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, TX 75150-6643, or by email addressed to nelson.underwood@txdot.gov. **Written comments must be postmarked by May 23, 2018, to be included in the Public Meeting Summary.**

Persons interested in attending this meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480 at least two working days prior to the meeting. Because the Public Meeting will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two (2) days prior to the Public Meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT.

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1. Price tracking tools:
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Of course, that's a little tougher to do when you're shopping online. You can't easily find a customer service rep. Fortunately, there are loads of price-tracking tools online, like CamelCamelCamel and Keepa.

CamelCamelCamel works in much the same way as Keepa. When you're shopping on Amazon, you can go to CamelCamelCamel to get a price history on that specific product. You may discover that the deep discount you think you're getting isn't a discount at all.

Or, better yet, set up an alert for something you want to buy. CamelCamelCamel and other price trackers will let you know when the price drops.

2. Spot fake reviews:
Amazon reviews are tricky because it's so easy to post a fake one. When you find deep discounts, these positive remarks can push you over the edge.

You think to yourself, "Wow, I can get that whole set of power tools for \$40! And people are raving about them!" But when those power tools arrive, they're a shoddy product that easily wears out. Your bargain has turned into a complete waste of time and money.

But how can you possibly distinguish a real review from a fake one? As it turns out, there are websites to help spot a fake review, namely ReviewMeta or FakeSpot.

To sift through the reviews, these sites scan Amazon for words and phrases that fake customers often use. They'll also scan for bad grammar that may suggest that someone who speaks a different language is getting paid to write positive reviews. It isn't an exact science, but you'll probably get a more accurate picture of what actual customers think about a given product.

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3. Automatically apply coupons:
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This year's dates and times are: Friday, April 27th, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, April 28th, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, April 29th, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. This year's attendance is expected to top 225,000 at the event held in Quakertown Park, 321 E. McKinney St., Denton (two blocks northeast of the downtown square).

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In the early 1970s, Randy performed live with many prominent artists including Larry Coryell's Eleventh House, Stevie Wonder and Billy Cobham. He also recorded several classic albums with his brother under the leadership of the great pianist/composer Hal Galper.

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In 2007, Randy was awarded his fourth Grammy for "Randy Brecker Live with the WDR Big Band" (Telarc/BHM), the live recording (also available in DVD format) of his performance with Michael at the Leverkusener Jazz Fest in 2004.

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Back cushions are filled with polyester fiber that is blown carefully into a dual-chambered bag to prevent fiber from settling.

2. ARM TOPS

Rounded arm tops built from durable polyurethane are cut to retain perfect shape over time, and are reinforced for comfort the same way the seat cushions are - with added foam and fiber to ensure maximum luxury.



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Lifetime WARRANTY

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