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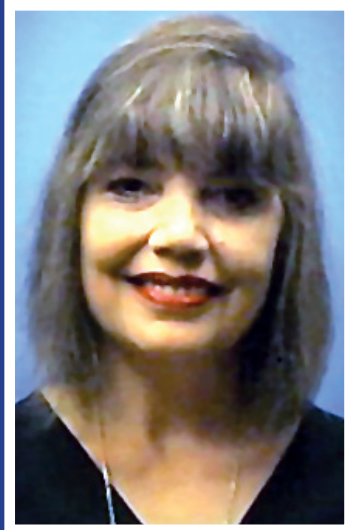
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**DENTON CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU HOSTS SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL “PLANNER’S ZONE”**

The Denton Convention & Visitors Bureau hosted over 55 vendor booths at its annual “Planner’s Zone” on Oct. 25 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Denton Convention Center. The Planner’s Zone was created under the guidance of DCVB Director of Sales Dana Lodge, CMP, to reinforce the diverse, high-quality facilities offered in Denton – usually at much more competitive prices than planners can find in larger neighboring cities.

Pictured above at the Planner’s Zone is the team behind Andy B’s Bowl Social, which will open on Dec. 11 on I-35 northbound near the Embassy Suites Denton Convention Center and newly-opened Alamo Drafthouse Cinema. The new venue offers a variety of entertainment options, including bowling, live entertainment, an extensive arcade, social games, laser tag, and virtual reality, while also providing a full-service restaurant and bar serving up modern-American eats, craft cocktails and regional brews. Pictured left to right from Andy B’s are Wade Carroll, general manager Mike Eggert, and JR Huyck. See more photos of the 2018 DCVB Planner’s Zone inside.



**JAMES AVERY JEWELRY, KURAME RAMEN COMING TO DENTON’S RAYZOR RANCH MARKETPLACE**

Construction continues to boom at Rayzor Ranch Marketplace in north Denton, near the intersection of I-35 and University Drive. James Avery Jewelry will soon occupy 2,400 square feet in Rayzor Ranch, while Kurame Ramen will lease 2,000 square feet. CareNow will occupy a stand-alone 4,000 square foot facility currently under construction on the northwest corner of W. University Dr. and Bonnie Brae St. See more about Rayzor Ranch and new businesses around Denton inside this issue.

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# County Commissioners Court honors employees

Four individuals were recognized recently in Denton County Commissioners Court for being among the top county employees.

**Julie Carriker**, a medical investigator with Denton County Public Health, received the John A. Scott Award as the 2018 Employee of the Year. In addition to her current role, Julie also represents the county on the Board of Directors for the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigations and is the chair on their Continuing Education Committee. She is a clinical director for the Medical Reserve Corps in Denton County, serves as a contractor for all county law enforcement and serves as volunteer medical staff in the Dallas 9/11 Stair Climb.

Other finalists recognized include: **LaDon Jones**, who has worked in the County Clerk's Office since August 2000; **Maryanne Lobo**, who has worked in the Technology Services Department since October 2003; and **John Williams**, who has worked for the Vehicle Maintenance Department since July 2009.

The John A. Scott Award was named after a former Denton County employee who was tragically killed in a plane crash. The award was created in 1998 to honor the former Director of Facilities Management.

"We are honored to recognize our employees' dedication and commitment as well as the memory of John A. Scott," said Denton County Judge Mary Horn. "Our 1,700-strong work force is dedicated to serving the people of Denton County."



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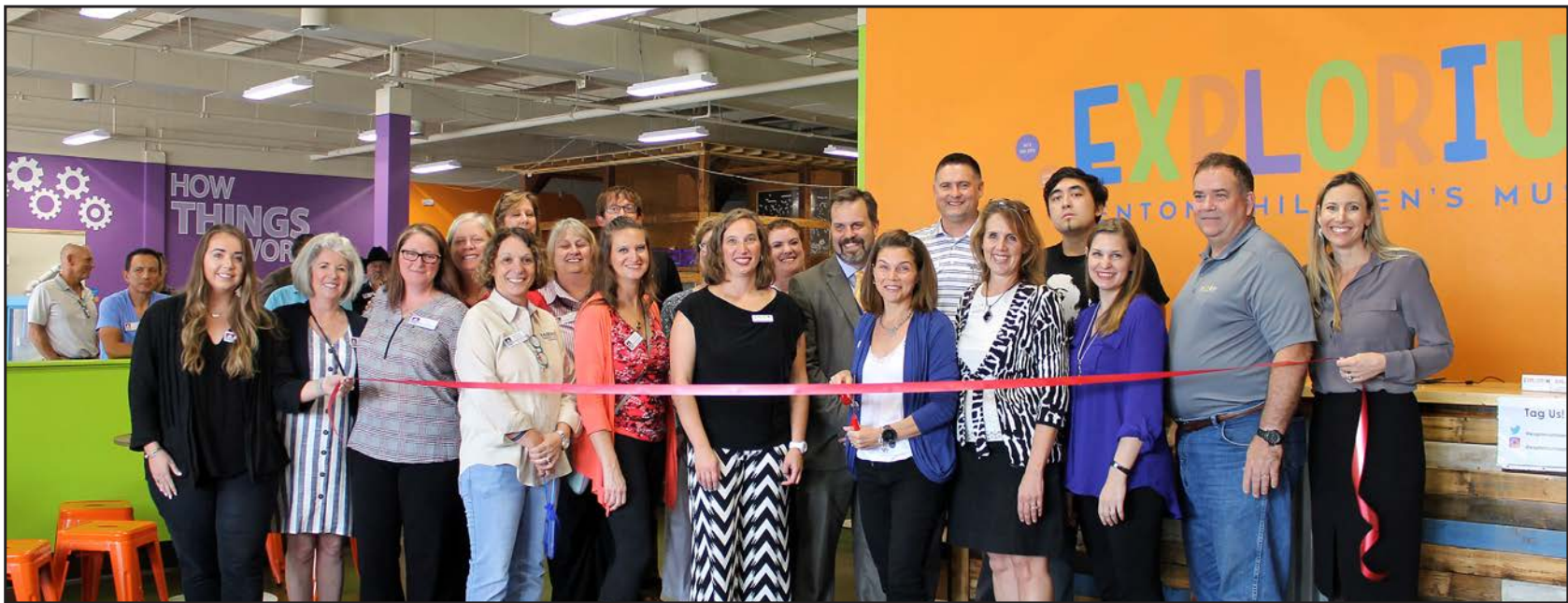


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## Denton Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Membership Luncheon is Friday, Dec. 7

The next Denton Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Membership Luncheon will be held on Friday, Dec. 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Spring Hill Suites, 1434 Centre Place Dr., Denton.

To date, Event Sponsors are SERVPRO of Denton; Hayes, Berry, White & Vanzant Law Firm; UNT Athletics, First United Bank, DATCU, and James Wood Autopark. Table Sponsors are AccessBank Texas and Medical City Denton.

Luncheon tickets are \$35 per person or \$450 as a Table Sponsor, which includes eight tickets. Registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 30.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit [denton-chamber.org](http://denton-chamber.org).



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## United Way of Denton County welcomes new Volunteer Board Members

United Way of Denton County (UWDC) announces the addition of two new faces to its board of directors.

Joining the UWDC Board of Directors are Dr. O. John Maduko with North Central Texas College (NCTC) and Mr. Cardell Velez with Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital at Denton.

"We are beyond excited to have both Mr. Velez and Dr. Maduko as a part of the United Way Board of Directors," said Gary Henderson, President and CEO of United Way of Denton County. "They are two very dedicated men that I know will do great work within the Denton county community."

Dr. O. John Maduko is a first-generation American of Nigerian descent who currently serves as the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at NCTC. Prior to his career in higher education, he was a physician by trade. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from California State Polytechnic University Pomona and a Doctor of Medicine degree from St. Matthew's University. He resides in Frisco with his wife and three children.

Cardell Velez is a U.S. Air Force Veteran who started his career in Medical Imaging when he enlisted after high school. Mr. Velez serves as the Director of Medical and Women's Imaging Services at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital at Denton. He holds a Bachelor in Radiologic Technology from Wayland Baptist University and a Master in Business Administration from Southern Methodist University Cox School of Business. He is the proud father of two sons.

Pictured left to right – Cardell Velez of Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton, Dr. John O. Maduko of NCTC, and United Way of Denton County President and CEO Gary Henderson.



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### Denton Chamber Mixer is Tuesday, Dec. 11

The next Denton Chamber of Commerce Membership Mixer will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The December mixer is being hosted by PointBank, 1700 N. Carroll Blvd., Denton. The theme for the event will be "Ugly Christmas Sweater Mixer!"

For more information, visit [denton-chamber.org](http://denton-chamber.org).

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CareNow will soon open at 4,000 square foot facility at the corner of University Dr. and Bonnie Brae, in front of Academy Sports and next door to Starbucks in Rayzor Ranch Marketplace. CareNow offers more than 112 urgent care clinics across the United States and is open seven days a week, serving mostly walk-in patients. CareNow offers a wide range of primary and urgent care services, from regular check-ups to flu treatments, injuries, immunizations, sports physicals and general wellness panels, sprains and strains, and many other ailments.



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You've probably already noticed, but the sprawling center known as Buc-ee's opened in Denton on I-35E southbound on Oct. 29, bringing – among many, many other things – much lower gas prices to the south side of town. Buc-ee's offers 122 gas pumps outside of its 55,000 square foot store, which is filled with such a variety of foods, gift items, and souvenirs that there isn't enough room here to even begin a listing. Buc-ee's also features a car wash, and for those concerned about a truck-stop atmosphere, there are actually no 18-wheelers allowed.

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Chance Allen

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Prior to joining AccessBank Texas, Chance was the High School Principal for 10 years with Ponder ISD before being promoted to Assistant Superintendent in 2008.

His fiscal skills as Chief Financial Director aided in the transition to a loan officer.

Originally from Pilot Point, he completed his bachelor's in education from Southeastern Oklahoma State University and his master's in educational leadership from the University of North Texas in 1991.

Chance volunteers as a Deacon and serves on the Finance Committee for First Baptist Church of Ponder and currently resides in Ponder with his wife of 30 years, Sherry. They have two daughters, Lindsey and Kaylee.

## UNT to unveil athletic complex to Denton Chamber membership Dec. 7

UNT Vice President and Director of Athletics Wren Baker recently announced that the University of North Texas is launching the largest facilities project in school history.

The details of this major expansion and improvement venture will be discussed by Wren during the Denton Chamber of Commerce's membership luncheon on Friday, December 7 at the Springhill Suites.

The project will span 20 years, and touch all 16 student athletic programs, including a natatorium, indoor tennis facilities, baseball stadium and new arenas for basketball and volley ball. All of the projects ultimately connect to the present



Wren Baker

athletic complex, Mean Green Village, on I-35 and Bonnie Brae.

Chamber Board Chair Erik Clark will deliver an update on chamber activities, including efforts to name a new president. The membership luncheon is being sponsored by Servpro of Denton.

Contact the Denton Chamber office, info@denton-chamber.org, 940/382-9693 to make reservations and purchase tickets.

## UWDC promotes Leah Jordan to Senior Director of Community Impact

United Way of Denton County (UWDC) has announced the promotion of long-time staffer Leah Jordan to the position of Senior Director of Community Impact.

As Senior Director of Community Impact, Jordan will lead UWDC's team of initiative and program directors who develop collaborative projects across UWDC's strategic focus areas defined by key findings in the most recent Community Needs Assessment: to help Children & Families succeed, to guide and serve Veterans and their families, to advocate



Leah Jordan

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## Commissioners Court hires Dawn Cobb as Community Relations Director



Dawn Cobb

Denton County Commissioners Court recently announced the hiring of Dawn Cobb as Director of Community Relations.

Dawn, who joined the team on Oct. 1, brings 36 years of writing experience, including 24 years in management. She has worked with local newspapers including the Denton Record-Chronicle, Lewisville News and The Cross Timbers Gazette. Dawn most recently worked with CoServ, an electric cooperative based in Corinth.

She has served on numerous organizations including as past chair of United Way of Denton County in addition to board service with Health Services of North Texas, Keep Lewisville Beautiful and Salvation Army, among others. Dawn is also a graduate of both Leadership Denton and Leadership Lewisville.

"It is exciting to be part of a county-wide organization dedicated to providing top notch service to residents," Dawn said. "We look forward to promoting local organizations and entities across the

county and making connections with each of our communities.

"With the fast growth and ongoing development, it is a great time to be in Denton County."

Dawn, who will be based on the second floor of the Courthouse on the Square, can be reached at [dawn.cobb@dentoncounty.com](mailto:dawn.cobb@dentoncounty.com) or 940-349-4672.

## Denton Affordable Housing Corporation selects Rudolph Garza as new Executive Director



Rudy Garza

The Board of Directors of the Denton Affordable Housing Corporation (DAHC) is pleased to announce that Rudolph (Rudy) Garza has assumed the role of Executive Director of the 28-year old local nonprofit.

"We are very fortunate to have been able to hire someone of Mr. Garza's caliber to lead our organization. He comes to us with over 25 years of executive level non-profit and community development experience," said Barbara Rodman, DAHC Board President. "Garza has been described as a strategic thinker, problem solver, and a hard worker. We hope he will

put those skills to work helping carry forward the Board's mission and vision."

During his career, Mr. Garza has served as Executive Director of the Galveston Community Development Corporation, San Diego Housing Federation, Temple Area Builders Association, and the Texas Masonry Council. As the Executive Director of the Galveston Community Development Corporation, Mr. Garza was instrumental in helping rebuild Galveston by acquiring deteriorated homes, restoring them, and then selling them to low-to-moderate income families, thus restoring them to the City's tax rolls, according to former Galveston Mayor Roger Quiroga.

"We are hopeful that the Denton Community will welcome Rudy to Denton and we are excited about the future of DAHC under his leadership," said Ms. Rodman.

Denton Affordable Housing Corporation is a non-profit 501-C-3 organization that owns and manages 91 units of affordable housing in Denton, Texas.

For more information please contact Barbara Rodman, President DAHC.

## Bette Sherman honored as National "Difference Maker"



Bette Sherman

Bette Sherman, Chairman and Co-Founder of Denton Animal Support Foundation (DASF), was named a TIAA Difference Maker 100 Honoree, TIAA officials announced.

The Fortune 100 financial services organization is celebrating 100 years of service by donating \$1 million to "honor people making a difference and help them continue the impactful work they are doing." Over 4,000 nominations were received from across the USA; 100 individuals were selected. The nonprofits designated by the honorees will each receive a \$10,000 donation.

Sherman co-founded DASF in 2006 to raise funds for the old Denton animal shelter and other local animal initiatives. She formed a public-private partnership with the City of Denton to build a new animal shelter and then led the DASF board's capital campaign, which raised over \$2 million for shelter construction and equipment. The Linda McNatt Animal Care and Adoption Center, named for the lead donor, opened in January 2015 and has since made a difference for thousands of shelter animals.

Dr. Jerry and Shirley Watson, DASF donors and supporters, nominated Sherman for this prestigious honor.

"In founding and leading DASF, Bette Sherman has transformed the treatment and outcome of shelter pets," they said. "The new shelter is a real community resource and has the support of all Denton animal lovers. This is a truly dramatic turnaround from before the founding of DASF."

Sherman's submission included written responses and a short video in which Sherman states: "DASF has proven that the national trend of euthanizing millions of animals per year can be reversed at the local level with creative solutions. The new Denton shelter reflects the care and generosity of our community and is a model for how public-private partnerships can solve community needs."

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# Jordan

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for overall Mental Health, and to make Homelessness rare, brief & nonrecurring. Jordan will continue to oversee UWDC's network of nonprofit partners, lead the community needs assessment studies, and guide the Project Blueprint board training. "I am excited to place our community impact team under Leah's direction," said Gary Henderson, UWDC President & CEO. "In her 16 years with United Way of Denton County, she has witnessed tremendous changes in Denton County – both in the complexity of community needs, as well as the growing number of people in crisis. Her experience and passion for im-

proving lives will positively impact Denton County for years to come." Jordan joined United Way of Denton County in 2002 as Marketing and Campaign Associate after managing an insurance agency for five years. Her 16-year resume at UWDC speaks to Jordan's dedication, serving in various capacities including Directors of Marketing & Communications, Resource Development, and Community Impact. Jordan is a graduate of Texas Woman's University with a degree in Mass Communications with a focus in Public Relations. She lives in Denton with her husband and three sons. Leah Jordan, Senior Director of Community Impact, can be reached via email [Leah@UnitedWayDenton.org](mailto:Leah@UnitedWayDenton.org) or phone (940) 566-5851 extension 105.

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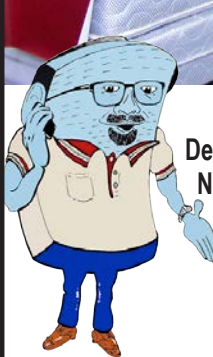
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# Serve Denton announces plans to close \$9.5M deal, bringing \$2M of additional outside capital to the community

Serve Denton has finalized \$9.5 million in financing for an expansion that includes a new health clinic, children's advocacy center and food distribution facility in what will become the second largest health and human services center in Texas.

Serve Denton hosted a ceremonial groundbreaking last month to celebrate Health Services of North Texas, Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County and Denton Community Food Center becoming partner agencies at the Serve Denton Center. A reception followed the groundbreaking.

Serve Denton joined with Capital Impact Partners to combine New Markets Tax Credits (NMTC), donated funds and private-sector financing. While this investment is significant, \$2 million in philanthropy is still needed to fund a real estate purchase for the project.

"The Serve Denton Center has been a dream in the making since the 1970s for our community. Having a centralized social service center will allow Denton County non-profits to expand, serve more people and work together more comprehensively. Those in need in our community will be impacted through better access to services and a safe place to receive help. We are close to finishing this project, but still, need financial support to finish out the last \$2 million of this \$9.5 million project. We are asking the community to help by giving sacrificially to impact thousands of lives each year," said Carlie Kuban, Executive Director of Serve Denton.

In development for the past 17 months, this transaction will be the first New Markets Tax Credit project completed in Denton County. Capital Impact Partners contributed the tax credits for the project and U.S. Bancorp Community Development Corporation (USBCDC), a subsidiary of U.S. Bank, provided a \$100,000 donation to the effort.

"Serve Denton is doing impressive work filling the gaps between people and opportunity in multiple areas. We appreciate their holistic approach to social services across such a wide array of needs," said Andrew Hammond, Assistant Vice President of USBCDC.

The project includes the construction of a 7,500-square-foot health clinic for Health Services of North Texas, a 13,800-square-foot facility for Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County, and a 10,500-square-foot food distribution center for Denton Community Food Center.

When completed, the Serve Denton Center will be the second largest health and human services center in the state of Texas, second to Haven for Hope in San Antonio, Texas, and will fill more than 48,000 square feet of space on 4.8 acres. Once the Serve Denton Center is at full capacity, it is projected that 16,414 people will be served in the first year.

Children's Advocacy Center will be able to provide 13 full-time therapists in the new facility, tripling the capacity the organization currently has in Denton. Health Services of North Texas will add three primary providers and a total of 18 staff to operate the clinic. More importantly, it will put affordable medical care in the same neighborhood as the majority of their clients—reducing another barrier to medical care. Denton Community Food Center will be able to distribute over 300 tons of food through the efficiencies gained in this new facility. This amount of food represents a 15 percent increase over the amount given in 2017. In other words, they will be able to give away over 20,000 grocery bags worth of food to families in need—and those families will be able to choose the food they want.

Serve Denton hired Jennifer Veal, President and CEO of Community Inspired Capital Development, as its NMTC consultant who played an instrumental role in making this deal possible. Michael Bates from Bates & Martin Architects is the Architect of Record, Lee Allison of Allison Engineering Group is the Civil Engineer and Virgil Strange of Axiom Commercial Company, Ltd. is the Construction Manager.

For more information about Serve Denton, contact Executive Director Carlie Kuban at [ckuban@servedenton.org](mailto:ckuban@servedenton.org) or visit [www.servedenton.org](http://www.servedenton.org).

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## OPENING SOON: TUESDAY MORNING

Tuesday Morning will open soon in Denton's Rayzor Ranch Marketplace, next door to the new Marshalls near Academy Sports.

The store offers off-price domestic and international, designer and name-brand closeout merchandise, in a casual, self-serve atmosphere.

Tuesday Morning carries a wide variety of ever-changing items, including home decor, linens and bedding, gifts, toys, crafts, seasonal items, furniture, garden and outdoor supplies, small appliances, luggage, pet items, dining and kitchenware, bath and body supplies, and gourmet food.

## OPENING NOV. 15: MARSHALLS

Marshalls will open its second location in Denton on Nov. 15, this one in Rayzor Ranch at University Drive and Bonnie Brae. Marshalls is an off-price retailer offering brand name and designer fashions that are 20%-60% less than department and specialty store regular prices on comparable merchandise.

The store will be open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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**COMING SOON: COTTON PATCH CAFE**

Cotton Patch Cafe will open soon in Denton's Rayzor Ranch Town Center, located on West University Drive near I-35. Cotton Patch Cafe currently has local locations in Flower Mound, Lewisville, Frisco, and Grapevine.

The casual restaurant offers a variety of menu options, including entree salads, grilled meats and steaks, sandwiches, burgers, and baskets, lighter plates, desserts, and an "Express Lunch" menu.

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Opening soon near Torchy's Tacos at the corner of W. University Dr. and Bonnie Brae, where Catfish King was formerly located, will be Hau'oli Poke Teppan and Sharetea.

Hau'oli Poke Teppan is a poke bowl and poke burrito restaurant where patrons can build their own bowl, choosing a base (burrito, bowl, or salad), proteins, vegetable and/or fruit mix-ins, sauce, toppings, and a "crunch." Protein choices include Ahi Tuna, Salmon, Spicy Salmon, Shrimp, Shrimp Tempura, Chicken, Scallop, Eel or Tofu.

Sharetea will open soon just next door to Hau'oli Poke Teppan. Established in 1992, Sharetea started off business with to-go black tea and pearl milk tea drinks in Taipei, Taiwan. Since then Sharetea has opened many branches and franchises in 18 countries such as United States, Canada, UK, Australia, Singapore, Indonesia and over 450 stores.

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## NOW OPEN: THE DIVE BAR & RESTAURANT

The Dive Bar & Restaurant just opened at 3350 Unicorn Lake Blvd. in Denton, and is owned and operated by the longtime owner of Denton's Rockin' Rodeo, Lloyd Banks.

Rockin' Rodeo closed recently as the property in which it was located was demolished.

The Dive Bar & Restaurant's menu can be found in PDF format at [thedivetexas.com](http://thedivetexas.com). The restaurant is open Sunday through Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

In addition to a monster menu of specialty cocktails, drafts, and bottled beers, the menu features an array of appetizers, burgers, salads, and sandwiches, plus "The Dive Favorites," which each includes two sides – Chicken Fried Steak, Margarita Chicken, Fish-N-Chips, Pork Chops, Meat Loaf, Chicken Fried Chicken, Smothered Chicken, Pork Wings, and Blackened Salmon.



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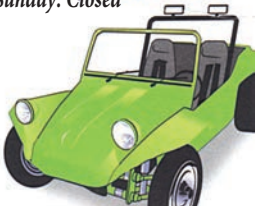


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# Elizabeth Smart to speak at Serve Denton's 2019 Celebration

Serve Denton's Seventh-Annual Celebration will take place on Saturday, March 30 at Embassy Suites by Hilton Denton Convention Center, located at 3100 Town Center Trail, Denton, TX 76201. The featured speaker for the event is Elizabeth Smart, an American child safety activist who was abducted at the age of 14 from her home in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The abduction of Elizabeth Smart was one of the most followed child abduction cases of our time. Elizabeth was abducted on June 5, 2002, and her captors controlled her by threatening to kill her and her family if she tried to escape. Fortunately, the police safely returned Elizabeth back to her family on March 12, 2003 after she had been held prisoner for nine grueling months.

Through this traumatic experience, Elizabeth has become an advocate for change related to child abduction, recovery programs and national legislation. Elizabeth triumphantly testified before her captors and the world about the very private nightmare she suffered during her abduction, which led to her captors' conviction.

The Founder of the "Elizabeth Smart Foundation," Elizabeth has also helped promote The National AMBER Alert, The Adam Walsh Child Protection & Safety Act and other safety legislation to help prevent abductions.



Elizabeth Smart

Elizabeth has chronicled her experiences in the New York Times Best-Seller book, "My Story." In addition, she and other abduction survivors worked with the Department of Justice to create a survivors guide, entitled, "You're Not Alone: The Journey From Abduction to Empowerment." This guide is meant to encourage children who have gone through similar experiences not to give up but to know that there is hope for a rewarding life.

Elizabeth's abduction and recovery continues to motivate parents, law enforcement and leaders worldwide to focus on children's safety. She emphasizes vigilance by "every day" people and the belief that

hope always exists to find every missing child.

Elizabeth's example is a daily demonstration that there is life after a tragic event.

For more information about Serve Denton's Celebration, contact Develop-

ment Coordinator Julie Elliott at [jelliott@servedenton.org](mailto:jelliott@servedenton.org), call 940-735-3234 or visit [www.servedenton.org/celebration](http://www.servedenton.org/celebration). For more information about sponsorship opportunities, contact Co-Founding Board Member Priscilla Sanders at [psand66@gmail.com](mailto:psand66@gmail.com).



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As the headlines continue and insurance carriers continue to pay out, Employment Practices Liability Insurance, (or EPLI), has become an issue to many companies, regardless of their size.

Many companies are considering EPLI to cover executives who harass employees, or employees who harass other employees. This is not only an issue with large firms but can be an issue with small, local businesses as well.

While EPLI coverage can vary, generally, EPLI can help a business cover the costs of litigation, especially litigation that pertains to sexual harassment, racial discrimination, and wrongful termination. Specifics of EPLI should always be discussed with your insurance professional, but it's important to know it can help cover the costs of a contentious or costly lawsuit.

The parameters and specifics around EPLI, again, will vary according to the carrier and specific coverage needs. How-

ever, we encourage you to consider the following when researching your need for EPLI.

- Limits; configuring which limit is correct for your business
- Wage and Hour sub-limits; defense available
- Duty to defend with the insured having the right to assume the defense
- Broad definition of insured, including the company, employees, and any leased employees
- Third party liability coverage
- Option for cost of defense outside of the "limit" on most small accounts
- Risk Management programming available
- Full prior acts
- Insured Event Coverage: discrimination, sexual harassment, wrongful termination/demotion/discipline/failure to hire/promote/fire/demote, wrongful infliction of emotional distress, false imprisonment/detention, malicious prosecution, libel, slander, defamation of character, invasion of privacy
- Pricing of the insurance premium

At Ramey King, we urge you to take the time to review your company's need for this coverage before coverage is needed.

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# Denton Main Street’s Annual “Wassail Weekend” set for Nov. 30 and Dec. 1

What is Wassail Weekend? It is just a fussy old English word for hot cider, but some downtown Denton merchants will stir up their best recipe to give free tastings for all ages during the festivities of the annual Denton Holiday Lighting Festival, which falls on Friday, November 30th, 2018, with tastings served from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. In addition to Friday, more downtown merchants will give free tastings while you shop and dine downtown on Saturday, December 1st, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or until the Wassail runs out.

Friday night’s festivities will be the festival and tastings. Saturday will have some Wassail stops open, strolling musicians, and there will be some other activities that day with the Historic Homes Tour and some morning fun for the family at the Holiday Express Train, an event held by Denton County Friends of the Family.

The Holiday Express Train is a magical day of excitement beginning with a train ride on the Holiday Express (mimicking the old time favorite, The Polar Express) followed by brunch and family friendly activities at the “North Pole.” When you finish up, bring the family around downtown for some free Wassail tastings and vote on your favorite.

Tour the beautiful historic homes of the Oak-Hickory Historic District after some free Wassail tasting on Saturday. The tour is Saturday, December 1st from 1 to 5 p.m. The featured homes, representing several architectural styles, were built between 1895 and 1917 in an area within walking distance of the downtown square. Visit [dentonmain-street.org](http://dentonmain-street.org) for more information about any of these events.

### Schedule for Wassail Weekend: Saturday Dec. 2nd

• 1 p.m. – Tastings start at Saturday participating locations until 4:00 p.m. or until Wassail supplies run out.

• 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. – Roaming musicians around the square and beyond: 1:00-2:00 TB Winds Saxophone Quartet on Oak Street; 2:00-3:00 Alyssa Reynolds at Discover Denton Welcome Center; 2:00-3:00 Link Chalon and Dave White strolling the square and beyond; 3:00-4:00 Jeff Glover strolling the square and beyond.

4:30 p.m. – Voting ends so be sure to stop by the Discover Denton Welcome Center, 111 W. Hickory, where the Wassail Info table will be set up, to get your list of hashtags for voting and cast your vote in the online ballot.

Wassail stops are open Friday, Nov. 30 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., or until supplies run out.

To date, the businesses below will participate as Wassail Stops:

### Locust Street & Beyond

- The DIME Store / #WWDDimeStore, 510 S. Locust
- Vault Dance Company / #WWDVault, 101 S. Locust (Basement)
- la di da Boutique / #WWDLadida, 114 N. Locust (Fri. only)
- Shop the Barn / #WWDShopTheBarn, 116 N. Locust
- Recycled Books / #WWDRecycled, 200 N. Locust (Fri. only)
- Lucky Luck’s Beauty Bar / #WWDLuckyLocks, 116 N. Austin (Fri. only)
- SCRAP Denton / #WWDScrap, 420 Bell (Fri. only)

### Oak Street & Beyond

- St. Andrew Presbyterian / #WWDStAndrew, 300 W. Oak (Fri. only)
- A Creative Art Studio / #WWDArtStudio, 227 W. Oak
- Circa 77 / #WWDCirca77, 227A W. Oak
- Vintage Bleu Home / #WWDVintageBlue, 221 W. Oak (Fri. only)
- 940’s Kitchen / #WWD940Kitchen, 219 W. Oak (Sat. only)
- Captiva Salon and Spa / #WWDCaptiva, 204 W. Oak
- J.T. Clothiers / #WWDJTClothiers, 200 W. Oak (Fri. only)
- Dark Age Tattoo Studio / #WWDDarkAge, 124 W. Oak
- The (Ghost) Note / #WWDGhostNote, 120 W. Oak



- West Oak Coffee Bar / #WWDWestOak, 114 W. Oak (Fri. only)
- TB Winds / #WWDTBWinds (Sat. only), 112 W. Oak, Ste. 200
- Barley & Board / #WWDBarleyBoard, 100 W. Oak (Fri. only)
- Massage on the Square / #WWDMassage, 108 E. Oak (Fri. only)
- East Side Denton / #WWDWestSide, 113 E. Oak
- Bearded Monk / #WWDBeardedMonk, 122 W. McKinney (Fri. only)
- Denton County Brewing / #WWDCountyBrewing, 200 E. McKinney (Fri. only)
- Oak Street Draft House / #WWDOakStreet, 308 E. Oak
- Applejacks Liquors / #WWDApplejacks, 345 W. Hickory (enter Oak St side)

### Elm Street & Beyond

- Les Muses Vintage / #WWDLesMuses, 738 N. Elm, Ste. 100
- The Zig Zag Stripe / #WWDZigZagStripe, 207 N. Elm, Ste. 101 (Sat. only)
- Garden Gate / #WWDGardenGate, 121 N. Elm (Fri. only)
- The Palm Tree Boutique / #WWDPalmTree, 119 N. Elm (Fri. only)
- First People’s Jewelers / #WWDFirstPeopleJewel, 117 N. Elm (Fri. only)
- Cartwright’s Ranch House / #WWDCartwrights, 111 N. Elm (Fri. only)
- UNT on the Square / #WWDUNT, 109 Elm at UNT on the Square
- iHeart Denton / #WWDiHeartDenton, 101 N. Elm
- Agua Dulce / #WWDAgua, 115 S. Elm
- Dusty’s Bar & Grill / #WWDStDustys, 119 S. Elm
- Game Changers Sports & Arcade / #WWDGameChangers, 122 W. Mulberry
- Mulberry Street Cantina / #WWDMulberry, 110 W. Mulberry

### Hickory Street & Beyond

- LSA Burger Co. / #WWDLSA (Fri. only), 113 W. Hickory
- Discover Denton Welcome Center / #WWDWelcome, 111 W. Hickory
- Chestnut Tree Tea House / #WWDChestnut, 107 W. Hickory (Fri. only)
- Abbey Inn / #WWDAbbey, 101 W. Hickory
- Queenie’s Steakhouse / #WWDQueenies, 115 W. Hickory (Fri. only)
- Steve’s Wine Bar / #WWDStevesWine, 219 E. Hickory
- Mellow Mushroom / #WWDStMellowMushroom, 217 E. Hickory
- Harvest House / #WWDHarvestHouse, 331 E. Hickory (Fri. only)
- Greater Denton Arts Council / #WWDGreaterDentonArts, 400 W. Hickory (Sat. only)
- Spiral Diner / #WWDStSpiralDiner, 608 E. Hickory (Fri. only)

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