

C O N N E C T I O N

Your Source for Employee Information



Moving Day: Facilities Maintenance and Information Technology staff members help move furniture and set-up computers and desk phones as the staff of the Texas A&M *AgriLife* Extension Service moves into renovated offices at the Healthcare Building on McDonald Street. This is the first part of what will expand Healthcare Services' office space in the wake of moving Engineering, Development Services, Special Programs and the Fire Marshal's Office to the main county campus.

Employee Benefits

The Long & Short (term) of Disability

Most people need to work in order to meet their financial obligations. Hopefully, you will never suffer a medical condition or accident which prevents you from working but statistics tell us that up to 30 percent of individuals will suffer a disability at some point in their lifetime which will keep them from being able to do their job.

Being unable to work because of a disability can be a short-term or a long-term event.

If you must miss work, Collin County offers great benefits including a generous time off program, and if you have a disability, Collin County also offers two

additional benefits – short-term disability and long-term disability.

To make these benefits even better, Collin County picks up all of the costs of both programs, something done by fewer than 30 percent of most employers.

These benefits are provided to eligible, full-time employees who do not participate in state benefits. If you have been here more than three months you are likely eligible for disability benefits.

Short-term and long-term disability benefits allow you to continue to receive a percentage of your pay while you are unable to work due to an injury, illness, or pregnancy. Both disability

programs pay 67 percent of your base salary.

Short-term disability coverage starts after a waiting period of 15 days and continues for up to 26 weeks. During the waiting period you can use paid time off, compensatory time or any catastrophic time you have available. If your disability continues longer than 26 weeks, you may be eligible for long-term disability coverage.

If you think you may need to file for disability, you should contact Human Resources to request an application at least 30 days before the start of your absence from work or as soon as possible.

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Disability

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ble in the case of an emergency.

Applications for disability should be returned to Human Resources upon completion.

Human Resources will complete the required employer information and will forward the application to *UnitedHealthcare* for their review and determination of eligibility.

If your disability request is approved, you will receive your payment on a weekly basis from *UnitedHealthcare*.

If you are eligible to continue your benefits while receiving pay through disability, you will need to make arrangements with Human Resources to pay your benefit costs.

We hope you will never have a reason to use these benefits, but if you do find yourself in a difficult medical situation, you can have confidence that you can come to Human Resources to discuss programs Collin County has in place to help you during your time of need.

If you would like to explore your disability options further, please contact **Abby SPENCE** at Ext. 4602 or **Kim McPEAK** at Ext. 4687.



County Administrator **Bill BILYEU** (left) congratulates Public works Director **Jon KLEIN-HEKSEL** for his department's Best Practices Award from the Texas Association of Counties.

County wins 2 'Best Practice' awards

We're no strangers when it comes to being recognized for innovative approaches to carrying out county business. But this year, Collin County claimed two out of only six "Best Practices" awards from the Texas Association of Counties.

Public Works was cited for their cost-cutting innovation in building a tire shredder from spare parts — and a new engine to run it — that saved the county almost \$100,000 in disposal fees of old tires piled up during illegal dump clean-up efforts. And since the news broke on their homemade "Tire Shark," other counties have been calling on the staff for their recipe.

Meanwhile, the County Clerk and Information Technology came up with their own way to update and innovate livestock owners' registration of marks, brands and tattoos — taking a 19th century ledger system and turning it into an online process to make it easy for local ranchers to register or renew their brands. The program has been recognized as a model for the rest of the state.

The last time we reined in two of these awards was 2008. TAC uses the program to get counties to share their innovations and methods for better service across Texas.



County Judge **Keith SELF** presents County Clerk **Stacey KEMP** her office's "Best Practice" award during Commissioners Court in May.



Members of Sole sisters are, from left: **Melba MOYNIHAN, Angelica RODRIGUEZ, Stephanie PLANT, Stephanie HELLER, Tina BEAVERS, and Nelda SEPEDA.** Not Pictured: **Betty GARCIA and Katherine CHARRON.**

‘Sole Sisters’ outpace spring competition

Twenty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Sixteen miles across Texas. That’s about 15 round trips between Texarkana and El Paso and the total miles logged by county employees in this year’s *Walk Across Texas*. This annual activity is sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Health Care and United Health Care.

Sixteen teams of eight started their trek on March 3 and ended on April 27. The challenge was for teams to pool their miles each week for eight weeks to see if they could walk the 800 miles across Texas. Twelve teams met and exceeded the challenge of 800 miles.

Along the way, team members reported losing a few pounds, lowering stress levels, lowering cholesterol levels, having more energy and sleeping better at night.



Walk[®] Across Texas!

The team that walked the most miles is the *Sole Sisters* with 3,415 miles. Team members included captain **Angelica RODRIGUEZ, Betty GARCIA, Katherine CHARRON, Melba MOYNIHAN, Nelda SEPEDA, Stephanie HELLER, Stephanie PLANT and Tina BEAVERS.**

Right behind them were **Sharon ADAMS’ Jay Walkers** with 2,365 miles, **Valerie MILLER’s Sweet Soles** (2,251

miles), **Bonnie BOWERS’ En Pursuit** (2,155 miles), and **Shay PURSER’s Texas Soles** (1,864 miles).

Also meeting the challenge were **Bob BURFORD’s Armadillos** (1,722 miles), **Courtney LACEY’s Mighty Duck Avengers** (1,621), **Matthew HAWKINS’ The Elect** (1,452), **Tracy CARR’s Road Trippin’** (1,232), **Vicky MINTER’s Creepers** (1,123), **Sophia VILCA’s Hot Tamales** (1,048) and **Kathy BOUNDS’ Walk This Weigh** (834).

For the first time, *Walk Across Texas* will be offered in the fall. We’ll start in mid-September and conclude before Thanksgiving. Details will be available in August so get your walking shoes ready... we’re going to Walk Across Texas again.

-- Carrie BRAZEAL

Some new faces at county employee health clinic

No one likes being sick, but when illness arrives at your doorstep; it's good to know that we can go see some friendly faces at the Collin County Employee Health Clinic on McDonald Street. And recently, two new staff members have joined the Health Care Services team: Physician's Assistant **Mike LANGFUS** and Nurse **Whitney FRANKLIN**.

In between seeing patients, we were able to spend a few minutes chatting with them so that the rest of the Collin County family can get to know them better.

Whitney grew up in Jasper, Texas and then moved away to Fayetteville, Ark., where she attended the University of Arkansas and completed her Bachelors of Science in Nursing. From there, she moved to Longview and then to McKinney.

Mike was born and raised in Minneapolis, Minn. He originally attended the University of Minnesota, and then attended the University of Wisconsin where he studied meteorology. He moved to Texas because of our prevalence of tornadoes and eventually attended Chicago Medical School for their Physician's Assistant program.

When I asked Mike and Whitney to describe each other, they were both eager to chime in their opinions: "Mike is quirky, laid back, very nice, and is a punster (loves to play on words)," explained Whitney.

Mike replied, "Whitney is caring, hard-working, and knowledgeable."

For those of us who are not in healthcare, we may wonder what motivates someone to take on such a challenging profession. Whitney says she always knew she wanted to work in healthcare and was initially going to school to be an occupational therapist. However, during the course of her studies, the program required a school transfer and she opted to change her major to nursing instead of transferring. "It was one of the best decisions I have ever made," says Whitney.

For Mike and Whitney, knowing that they are helping people and that they make a difference is very rewarding. Now that they have had some time to work in the Employee Health Clinic, they both reflected on how different it is from their previous positions.

Whitney's former job was working in a hospital, and says working in our clinic is "challenging on a different level and it is less stressful." Mike has worked a variety of settings—Minute Clinic, Native American Health Care, jail health, emergency room, family practice, and orthopedics. He says that one of the main

things he enjoys about working in the Employee Health Clinic is that he is "able to follow up with patients and see them again" because in some of the other settings he has worked in, he only had the opportunity to see the patient one time.

As dedicated as Mike and Whitney are during business hours, they also enjoy their down time away from work. Whitney has been married for two years and has a pit bull/boxer/St. Bernard mix dog named Jersey that they adore. Whitney and her husband are avid "foodies" (or, adventurous eaters) and

love to discover and try new restaurants wherever they travel. They have been to the Gulf shores, Yellowstone, and would like to see the world a little at a time.

Mike has been married to his wife since 1996 and they have six dogs, two of which are Dalmatians that are indoor pets. Mike and his wife enjoy cruises, watching movies, but most of all, spending time with their farm animals. They have

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For Mike, the path to working in healthcare had a few twists and turns. An airline hired Mike to work in the meteorology department, but when he got there, the original plan did not pan out and he ended up working in computer programming for 8 years. During that time, he had a friend who was a Physician's Assistant who knew Mike enjoyed helping people, so Mike went back to school and completed the Physician's Assistant Program.

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goats, cows, and chickens, and they enjoy showing their cows and goats at various events. Mike is especially fond of his 9-month-old Jersey cow that he affectionately named "Peanut Butter Cookie."

While those activities are interesting, we asked Whitney and Mike the question: what might someone be surprised to know about you?

Whitney replied that most people would not know that she plays guitar. A couple of unique things about Mike are that he and his wife had an Ad-dams Family themed wedding and that he is a tornado chaser. No doubt, our recent stormy weather kept him busy.

As far as future goals, Whitney and her husband would like to "buy a home, settle down, and start a family." For Mike and his wife, they are really focusing on getting their dairy off the ground.

Finally, we asked Whitney and Mike what they wished county employees knew about the Employee Health Clinic. Whitney enthusiastically replied, "We're here and it's free and we will get you in and out quickly." Mike agreed and says that there are many different services we provide for employees such as wellness exams, sick visits, Department of Transportation exams, functional physical capacity exams (FPCA's), school/student physicals, health fairs, and CPR classes.

The clinic is open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and you can call to schedule an appointment by dialing Ext. 5532. And yes, walk-ins are welcome.

Who can come to the clinic?—Full time County employees and others covered under a Collin County health insurance policy such as: employee dependents, retired county employees, and Texas state employees. They are also able to see newly hired county employees during the first 90 days before coverage under the county health insurance plan begins.

— Joann GILBRIDE

National Crime Victims Week



District Attorney **Greg WILLIS** and the Collin County Commissioners Court (top photo) issued a joint proclamation recognizing the week of April 21-27 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The DA's Office then hosted a luncheon honoring victims of crime and those that assist them in their journey. Law enforcement agencies, elected officials, victim service organizations, and members of the community attended the event held at Myers Park. Pictured above, Mr. Willis (center) speaks with Plano Chief of Police **Greg RUSHIN** and Allen Chief of Police **Brian HARVEY**.

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Texas Juvenile Justice Dept. gives high marks to Collin agencies

Four state auditors from the *Texas Juvenile Justice Department* visited the John R. Roach Juvenile Detention Center in March to review resident files, policy and procedure, building construction, programs and documentation verifying compliance.

They also interviewed individuals from administration, detention supervisors and line officers, healthcare and educational staff, as well as residents of the facility; plus, reviewed the fire and emergency policies as well.

As a result of this comprehensive process, the facility scored a 95.93% for Pre-Adjudication Programs; 95.78% for Post-Adjudication Programs and 100% for Training/Certification of Officers.

The auditors were impressed with our facility and the professional and positive attitudes that are apparent at the center. Because of the many staff changes in the past year, we are especially proud of Superintendent Jeff Falefia, Assistant Superintendent Mike Combest and all the staff at the detention center that made this happen.

The Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) was also audited the next week and, not to be outdone by the Juvenile Detention Center, received 100 percent on audit. Felicia CHISM, in her inaugural year as Coordinator, said policy, programs, and structure were all scrutinized by the auditor who expressed genuine admiration of the staff, facility and the program in general.

We are very proud of Felicia and her staff as well as the teachers from the McKinney Independent School District

-- Pam HUFFMAN



Juvenile Detention

1st Shift

Top left photo, back row: Asst. Superintendent **Mike COMBEST**, Asst. Supervisor **Chris JONES**, Administrative Secretary **Glenda BEAUCHAMP**, Asst. Supervisor **Bob HOWELL**, Superintendent **Jeff FALEFIA**; front row: Shift Supervisor **Rodney ALEXANDER**, Training Coordinator/Court Officer **Javier ARREOLA**, Shift Supervisor **Sherman SHAW**, and Asst. Supervisor **Michael RAULSTON**.



2nd Shift

Middle Photo, back row: Asst. Supervisor **Mike CRUMP**, Asst. Superintendent **Mike COMBEST**, Transport Lead **Jason WALKER**, Asst. Supervisor **Bobby EVANS**, Shift Supervisor **Fred WOODS**, Asst. Supervisor **Mike KING**; front row: Shift Supervisor **Steve JACK**, Transport Supervisor **Roy STOREY**, and Asst. Supervisor **Kristy CALDWELL**.

CSCD recognition

Collin County CSCD staff members **Joey ARENDT**, **Molly DURRUM**, **Jill PHARR**, **Blake GALLOWAY**, **Liz AGAN**, and **Brittany GURNEY** were recognized by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Community Justice Assistance Division for their contributions in a new offender assessment tool validation project in the state. In spite of their busy schedules, these folks volunteered to be a part of this massive project, and were recognized not only for completing the required number of assessments ahead of schedule but for being one of the first departments in finishing the task. Thank you for a job well done and for representing Collin County CSCD so favorably.

JJAEP Staff

Bottom left photo, back row: **Felicia CHISM**, Director, **Kim COMBEST**, **Kathy OWENS**, **Julie WYKE**, **Tracy WORLEY**, **Cynthia MORTON**, **Blake BOURLAND**; front Row: **Jason PETTIT**, **Wendy WOODS**, **Sally PUCKETT**, **Melvin CROSBY**, **Jin WANG** and **Porche' FARMER**.



Teen Court Competition

Collin County Teen Court members attended the annual Mock Trial competition held at Texas Wesleyan Law School recently. This year, twenty teams total participated from teen courts all over Texas. Collin County Placed 1st and also received the Jurors Award — favorite picked by the jury. Pictured, left to right, are: **Erin THERRIAN**, **Katherine HU**, **Lala XU**, **Phoebe LIN**, and **Kyle THERRIAN**.

Records Department

Edie JOLLEY, Records Manager, is proud to announce that all Records staff have achieved the designation of Certified Laserfiche Specialist. **Paul GARRISON** and **Randy PATY** have also accomplished Certified Laserfiche Repository Architect designations. Congratulations all and thank you for your hard work.

Facilities Maintenance

Charles "Lee" PITMAN, Building Maintenance Tech I, received his 5-year service pin. He started April 2008 and works under the supervision of Technical Coordinator **Tim DOOLEY**. Lee's responsibilities include in-house renovations, general maintenance in all county buildings, and assisting with plumbing, electrical, interior finishes, carpentry, carpeting, tile work. Lee is trained in CPR and responds in inclement weather situations, and is one of the technicians that works an on-call rotation nights and weekends.

Kyle DENT is a Control Room Operator who works under the supervision of **Mark CRULL**, Scheduler and Planner. Kyle began his career with Collin County in the Sheriff's Office as a Detention Officer and moved over to Facilities in May 2011. He has now been with Collin County for 5 years. As Control Room Operator he answers phones, generates work orders, and monitors the operation of the security system. He also monitors the fire system, cameras on County property, lighting, generators, air conditioning and heating, chillers, boilers, water treatment, and assists with the monitoring of the Energy Management System.



District Attorney

Congratulations to **Ray McCOMMAS** (above right, pictured with District Attorney **Greg WILLIS**) for his 20 years of service with Collin County. Ray is a Felony Investigator for the District Attorney's office and worked 15 years for the Sheriff's Office before joining the DA's staff. Ray also served 10 years with the Addison Police Department and 5 years with Dallas County Sheriff's office. Colleagues describe him as hardworking and someone they would want by their side in a dark alley, or anywhere danger lurks.



Juvenile Probation

Juan PENA (above, left) received his 15-year service pin from Juvenile Probation director **Pam HUFFMAN** during Commissioners Court in May, Juan is a probation officer in the Juvenile Division's Plano Office.



Nicole ALEXANDER (right) received her 15-year service pin from **Anne SIBLEY**, unit supervisor, in the Plano Juvenile Probation Office. Nicole is an administrative assistant.

Michelle MORRIS received her 5-year service pin. Michelle is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who works in the Plano Juvenile Probation office as an adolescent counselor.



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County Clerk

Kimberly KIM (left) received her 10-year service pin from County Clerk **Stacey KEMP**.

Melanie HUMPHREY (not pictured), who works in the County Clerk's Treasury Department, celebrated 10 years of service.

District Clerk



Tammy BLEDSOE (above, left) works in the District Clerk Attorney General/Child Support Division and celebrated 10 years with Collin County. **Christina ESTRADA** (above, right) joined the District Clerk's office as a Criminal Front Counter Clerk.



Shannon WARREN (above, left) joined the District Clerk's office as a Passport Clerk and will be working in the Plano office. **Laura NAVAS** (above, right) joined the District Clerk's office as a Collections Clerk and will be working in the McKinney office.

And from MyCollinCounty:

Prescription changeover in effect in June

Remember, UnitedHealthcare pharmacy benefit services changed over to *OptumRx* on June 1.:

- ◆ There is no change to your prescription drug coverage as a result of the move to *OptumRx*. As part of this transition, the Prescription Drug List (PDL), a list of commonly prescribed drugs covered by our insurance, will not change except for the standard yearly evaluations of prescription drugs.
- ◆ You should receive a new UnitedHealthcare insurance ID card with *OptumRx* information on it soon, if not already.
- ◆ You have access to over 64,000 network retail pharmacies, including all large national chains, and many local community pharmacies. In order to determine if your pharmacy is in-network, you can access www.myuhc.com and visit the pharmacy section. There should be little, if any, disruption to you. If a pharmacy is no longer in our network and you have filled a prescription in the past three months, you will be notified by UnitedHealthcare via mail.
- ◆ Most mail service prescriptions with remaining refills automatically transfer. Prescriptions for certain medications will not transfer. In situations like this, you will receive a letter from UnitedHealthcare. Prescriptions that do not transfer, including expired prescriptions, will require a new prescription from your physician.
- ◆ UnitedHealthcare is working to provide a smooth transition and consistent service during this shift, and you will continue to have access to a full range of pharmacy benefits and support. Look for information in the mail from UnitedHealthcare about the change to *OptumRx*. If you still have questions, you may call **Abby SPENCE** at Ext. 4602 or **Kim McPEAK** at Ext. 4687.

E-Learning Guide available on PeopleSoft

Want the skinny on how to sign up for e-Learning classes? Check out the tutorial in the Did you Know? Section of MyCollinCounty. It's easy.

Soccer Ticket drawing deadline is June 18

The next free ticket drawing for an FC Dallas match is June 18, for the June 22 game against Sporting Kansas City. These are great seats and you can find instructions on how to enter the drawing on *MyCollinCounty's* Calendar and Announcements sections.

Don't forget that *MyCollinCounty*, the default homepage on your desktop computer, is becoming the best place to get the latest forms, countywide announcements, events, celebrations, classes — even off-time programs such as what's going on at Myers Park & Event Center. These postings help cut down on a lot of email traffic with bulky attachments, and lets you decide what information you need from departments such as Human Resources, Healthcare, the Auditor and others.

20 Years of Service



Dispatcher **Karen BEATY** (left) celebrated 20 years of service with the Collin County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Terry Box congratulated Karen & presented her with a Twenty Year Plaque in recognition of her loyal service.

Detention Sgt. **James HENRY** (below, left) and Detention Officer **Matthew SIFUENTES** (below, right) were honored with a 20-year anniversary reception for their dedicated

service with the Collin County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Terry Box congratulated each one individually & presented them with plaques in appreciation of their service.



Retirement

Detention Secretary **Pattie CERTAIN** recently retired with over 14 years of dedicated service. Sheriff **Terry BOX** congratulated Pattie and presented her with a retirement plaque during a recent ceremony in his office.

Promotions

In separate ceremonies, Sheriff Terry Box congratulated the following employees, pictured to the right:

- ◆ **Mary McQUESTION** received a promotion from Detention Officer to Transfer Deputy.
- ◆ **Alex NEVAREZ** received promotion from Detention Officer to Transfer Deputy.
- ◆ **Ashley HULON** was promoted from Detention Officer to Detention Sergeant.
- ◆ **Jeremy CHANDLER** received promotion from Transfer Deputy to Patrol Deputy.
- ◆ **Richard SPRINGSTEEN** was promoted from Detention Officer to Courthouse Deputy.
- ◆ Sheriff Box welcomed new Deputy **Gerald RUTLEDGE**, during his recent swearing in ceremony in the Sheriff's Office.

Life Saving Award

Deputy **Chris FONTANA** (right) is the recent recipient of a Life-Saving Award for saving the life of a Collin County resident. His quick response to a 9-1-1 call and effectiveness in performing CPR at the scene resulted in a life being saved.





Mary McQUESTION



Alex NEVAREZ



Ashley HULON



Jeremy CHANDLER



Richard SPRINGSTEEN



Gerald RUTLEDGE

CLASSIFIEDS

CAMPER/TRAILER FOR SALE: 2007 Fleetwood Orbit 190RB, 20 foot, 3100 lbs.; can be towed by most SUV's. One owner, been kept in covered storage. Sleeps five but perfect for 2 or 3. Very clean. Needs a refrigerator. New: \$18,000; for sale: \$9,200. Call Pam Huffman, 903-815-5849.



COSMETICS: The New Time Wise Repair Volu-Firm Set with Retinol is a must if you are looking for an age fighting product that improves the firmness and tone of your skin. I offer Mary Kay Cosmetics at a discount for Collin County employees. Save 25% on your first order and 10% on all following orders. You can order at www.marykay.com/elabeau; email elabeau@marykay.com or call 972-734-3059.

HOUSE/LAND FOR SALE: Attention horse lovers Small 3 bedroom 2 bath brick home on 20 acres with pipe fencing. Large horse barn with stalls, tack room, and office area. There is also a hay barn on the property. 1-car garage with 2-car carport and shop. S&S School District. Country living at its finest: 45 minutes from McKinney or Frisco; 15 minutes from Sherman. \$180,000, price negotiable. Call 903-271-1657.



MOWERS: Looking for running or non-running riding mowers. Also do repair work and free diagnostics. Call Chuck 214-726-5780.

FURNITURE: Dining table, 6 chairs and buffet set. \$400 OBO. Available in McKinney. Call or text Holly, 469-667-3488 or ext. 4639.



MOTORCYCLE: 2007 Honda Aero 750 ****Price Reduced**** \$4900. Clean title. 8500 miles, runs excellent, great condition. Brand new leather saddlebags with rain/dust covers included. Email theffner@co.collin.tx.us or text 518-466-5617 for more info or with inquiries.



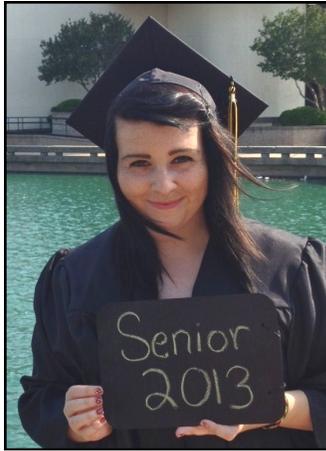
WREATHS: Holiday, Birthdays, Weddings, Baby, any occasion. Contact Melinda Ext. 4196.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jase Evan POWELL: Born on Jan. 25, 2013, weighing in at 7 pounds, 5 ounces. His proud parents are **Jeff and Shonda** (JP Pct. #2) **POWELL**. He was also welcomed home by big brother **Joshua**, as well as grandparents **Novaline** and **Randy NABORS, Diane and Buddy POWELL**, and **Linda VARNER**.



GRADUATES



Jessica SNAILUM, daughter of **Jennifer SNAILUM** (Plano Tax Office), graduates from Plano East Senior High on June 12. Jessica plans to pursue a career doing what she loves, caring for animals. She will be attending Animal Behavioral College in the fall.



Allison Sarah LEGGIERI, daughter of **Paul and Cece LEGGIERI** (County Clerk's Office), graduated Summa Cum Laude from the *University of Alabama* on May 4, with a degree in Communicative Disorders. Allison was a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority where she served as Education Vice President. Allison will begin graduate school in August at the University of Texas at Dallas. She is working as a research assistant at UTD's Center for Brain Health.

Sydney SKIPWORTH, daughter of **Caren Skipworth** (IT), graduated from *Royse City High School* in June. She is a member of the National Honor Society, received the Top Dog award, graduated in the Top 10 Percent, won a UIL academic award, and is a distinguished graduate. Sydney received the Blue & Gold Scholarship from *Texas A&M* and the Raymond Cameron Endowment Scholarship for Texas A&M, where she'll be attending in the fall.



Audrey BODDY, daughter of **Paul GARRISON** (Records) is graduating from Lone Oak High School. Audrey was involved in Robotics and Theater and is considering going into the military.



Jacob TIDWELL, son of **Rick and Tracie TIDWELL** (DA's Office) is the graduating valedictorian from *Bland High School*. Jake will be attending the University of Texas at Austin to major in international business.



Tiffani Leigh HERNANDEZ, daughter of **Lucy Van De LOO** (District Clerk), graduated from McKinney High School in June, in the top ten of her class. She is going to do her basics at Collin College and then going for her Sonography Degree.

Evan WYATT, son of **Tim WYATT** (Admin Services), graduated from *Allen High School* in June. Evan, who surpassed his Dad's math abilities in fourth grade, received the Dean's Scholarship from *Austin College* in Sherman, and plans to follow a dual bachelor's program for Physics and Engineering. He'll also be playing NCAA D-III soccer for the mighty 'Roos.

