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Collin County Connection



Parting Words

Sheriff **Terry BOX** talks with **Joe SCOTT** during the retirement ceremony in August for the longtime Director of Juvenile Probation. Joe headed into retirement after more than 34 years of service for the county. **Pam HUFFMAN** stepped in as the new department head just in time for FY2013 budget sessions. *See page 2 for more on Joe's career.*

Upon Ybarbo's retirement ...

Rains named as new Purchasing Agent

Michalyn **RAINS** was named as the new County Purchasing Agent, replacing **Frank YBARBO**, who retired last month.

In mid-September, the Purchasing Board, made up of three state District Judges and two County Commissioners Court members, chose Rains to take over for Ybarbo, who was retiring after 11 years with Collin County. Ybarbo had another 20-plus years working for local governments.

Rains was sworn in Oct. 1 in state District Judge **Mark RUSCH's** courtroom in front of co-workers and family

members.

Rains has worked for the county for 20 years, and became the department's Contract Manager in 2003, where she oversaw all business contracts between the county and private vendors until her recent promotion.

The Purchasing Agent's office buys all supplies, materials, and equipment, contracts for all repairs required or used by the county and supervises all purchases made on competitive bids. The Purchasing Agent is also responsible for County property and inventory .



Michalyn RAINS

Scott retires from Juvenile Probation

Joe SCOTT, whose Juvenile Probation Department grew tenfold during his tenure, retired on Aug. 31, after 34 ½ years' service with Collin County.

Scott spent more than eight years as an adult probation officer for the county before taking the reins as Director of Juvenile Probation some 26 years ago.

During his time as director, the department grew from a staff of 13 to 130-plus. Juvenile Probation's annual budget also grew from \$450,000 to more than \$10 million.

Under his watch, more than 30,000 youth were under his department's supervision and the Juvenile Detention Center, which started out with a 12-bed facility in the old county jail, was expanded into a free-standing, 144-bed facility.

In its broad efforts to rehabilitate young offenders, Juvenile Probation has initiated post adjudication residential programs as well as outpatient counseling programs, all of which were initiated by Scott.

As thanks for his decades of work for the youth of Collin County, the multipurpose room in Juvenile Probation's new building was named in his honor.

Pam HUFFMAN, assistant detention superintendent, took over Scott's duties on Sept. 1.



GEM Winners

Congratulations to the GEM Award Winners from the District Clerk's office: **Mindi JOHNS, Carla MAHAN and Casey ROPER.**



Best Practices Award

Members of the team that assembled the County Clerk's Marks, Brands and Tattoos project received a National Association of Counties Best Practices award for the innovative program. Pictured l-r, **Mike MALAK, Steven EVERETT and Robyn WINANS** of IT, **Mary COLLINS and Tonya KELLOGG** of the County Clerk's Office, IT Director **Caren SKIPWORTH**, County Clerk **Stacey KEMP** and County Judge **Keith SELF.**

Where Should you go for Care? Look here.

As your healthcare insurer, UnitedHealthcare wants you to be able to make good decisions when it comes to your health.

Since money comes out of your pocket to pay for some of your health care, you can save by making informed decisions.

With fall starting, we all know minor illnesses such as respiratory infections and colds seem to occur more often.

In addition, there is usually an increase in the number of minor injuries from various sporting events or gatherings with our families.

As I have visited with many of you, we often talk about when to go to an emergency room vs. when to go to a doctor or an urgent care center.

A visit to the emergency room costs on average, over \$400, versus a visit to an urgent care center which is only \$25.

Urgent care centers can treat conditions such as: bronchitis, bladder infections, ear infections, pink eye, strep throat, poison ivy, sprains, and rashes.

Urgent care offices are open most evenings and weekends when your doctor's office is closed.

Care center	Why would I use this care center?	What type of care would they provide?	What are the cost and time considerations?
 Doctor's Office	You need routine care or treatment for a current health issue. Your primary doctor knows you and your health history, can access your medical records, provide preventive and routine care, manage your medications and refer you to a specialist, if necessary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine checkups Immunizations Preventive services Manage your general health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Often requires a copayment and/or coinsurance Normally requires an appointment Little wait time with scheduled appointment
 Convenience Care Clinic	You can't get to your doctor's office, but your condition is not urgent or an emergency. Convenience care clinics are often located in malls or retail stores offering services for minor health conditions. Staffed by nurse practitioners and physician assistants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common infections (e.g.: strep throat) Minor skin conditions (e.g.: poison ivy) Flu shots Pregnancy tests Minor cuts Ear aches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Often requires a copayment and/or coinsurance similar to office visit Walk in patients welcome with no appointments necessary, but wait times can vary
 Urgent Care Center	You may need care quickly, but it is not an emergency, and your primary physician may not be available. Urgent care centers offer treatment for non-life threatening injuries or illnesses. Staffed by qualified physicians.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sprains Strains Minor broken bones (e.g.: finger) Minor infections Minor burns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Often requires a copayment and/or coinsurance usually higher than an office visit Walk in patients welcome, but waiting periods may be longer as patients with more urgent needs will be treated first
 Emergency Room	You need immediate treatment of a very serious or critical condition. The ER is for the treatment of life-threatening or very serious conditions that require immediate medical attention. Do not ignore an emergency. If a situation seems life threatening, take action. Call 911 or your local emergency number right away.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heavy bleeding Large open wounds Sudden change in vision Chest pain Sudden weakness or trouble talking Major burns Spinal injuries Severe head injury Difficulty breathing Major broken bones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Often requires a much higher copayment and/or coinsurance Open 24/7, but waiting periods may be longer because patients with life-threatening emergencies will be treated first

Save the emergency room co-pay for serious injuries or illnesses such as: heavy bleeding, chest pain, head injuries, breathing problems, sudden changes in vision, walking or weakness, or burns.

For a more detailed list, see the chart above.

If you would like a copy of urgent care facilities in Collin County, you can contact me, access the infor-

mation on the Human Resources intranet site, or pick a list up at Health Care Services at 825 N. McDonald, Suite 130, in McKinney.

For more information and treatment options at affordable costs, please contact me, your on-site Nurse Liaison, at 972-979-7408 or email me at amy.delacruz@uhc.com

— Amy de la CRUZ

Recognition



30 Years' Service

Rhonda WATKINS received her 30-year service pin from District Attorney **Greg WILLIS** in late September. Rhonda supervises the Hot Check Division, and has a servant's heart. She always wants to do the right thing and constantly looks to improve herself and the office.

Retired after 31 years

Rae Ann THORN-HILL retired last month with 31 years of dedicated service to the Collin County District Attorney's Office. She



started as a receptionist for the Hot Check Division after graduating high school. Rae Ann went on to work in secretarial positions for trial teams until she moved to the Grand Jury Division five years ago. Rae Ann was a great example of effort, high quality work, and treating others kindly. She will be greatly missed.



30 Years' Service

Donna GELVIN received her 30-year service pin – twice! Her boss, Tax Assessor-Collector **Kenneth MAUN** presented her the service pin in their offices, and then Commissioner Pct. 3 **Joe JAYNES** recognized Donna's service during a recent Commissioners Court meeting.



New Clerks >

Tabatha CERVERA (left), was previously with clerk's office in California, and **Lisa SHARPE**, who was previously a victims advocate in Abilene.



10 Years' Service

< **Maria HINOJOSA** (left) and **Kelley BURTS** of the District Clerk's Office recently celebrated 10 years' service for Collin County.



20 years' service for Collin County

Shannon WILLIAMS

started her career with Collin County in July 1992 at the age 22, and has worked for the Health Department, WIC, and the Elections Office.

Shannon is currently the Court Administrator for Judge **Paul RALEEH'S** Justice Court, Precinct 1.

She has helped the Court create many of its innovative programs, such as the community service buy-out program, third-party collections and night court.

Away from the office, Shannon organized a food and clothes drive for the Samaritan Inn, and can also be seen selling food and drinks at the concession stand and at many of the fundraisers to support her sons' sports activities in Van Alstyne. She's married to **Eddie WILLIAMS** and has two sons, Levi and Ty, one step-daughter, Britney, and five grandchildren.



10 Years' Service

Beverly ROBERTS receiving her 10-year service pin from **Ken MAUN**.



CSCD Anniversaries

Bob HUGHES, 20 years

Jerry DeCROO, 15 years

Anthony WISEMAN, 10 years

Doritha CUNNINGHAM, 10 years

Tammy REDDIC, 10 years

Joseph ARENDT, 5 years

Sheila FEBO, 5 years

New Prosecutor

New to the DA's office is Misdemeanor prosecutor **Calli BAILEY**, who grew up in Coppell, and received her undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University (graduating summa cum laude). She earned her juris doctorate from Texas Tech University Law School, graduating summa cum laude, and as a member of Texas Tech Law Review, Board of Barristers, and Order of the Coif. She spent last year clerking as a briefing attorney on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin.



10 Years' Service

Larry THOMAS, of Juvenile Detention, received his 10-year service pin from JDC Superintendent **Lynn HADNOT**. Larry graduated with a Bachelor's from the University of Nebraska/Omaha in 1996, and joined the juvenile detention staff in 2002. Larry brings dedication, experience and a team mentality to work with our kids.

Kudos to ...

David TOLER of the Fire Marshal's Office for successfully completing certifications as a Code Enforcement Officer and a Comm-T radio operator.

People



You scream, I scream ...

The District Clerk's office was thrilled to celebrate the birthday of Commissioner **Joe JAYNES** (center, back row) in conjunction with their Ice Cream "Crank-Off" homemade ice cream competition. The winning team was "Dippy and the Double Dots."

For the Records

We'd like to introduce **Edie JOLLEY**, our new Records Manager, to the county.



Edie worked for the Dr. Pepper Snapple Group for five years as their Records Manager and Historical archivist. While there, she helped develop their records policy, rolled out their Records Program nationally and developed a company-wide training program.

Edie has two sons, and lives in Sachse.



Patriot Day

Deputy **Emmanuel GRIFFIN** (third from left) from Constable **Paul ELKINS'** office participated in the Vega Elementary School Patriot Day program in September. If we're not mistaken, Emmanuel shared some face time with McKinney Mayor **Brian LOUGHMILLER** (far right).



20 Years of Service

Detention Officer **Alice MERVICKER** (above, left) and Lt. **Parrish CUNDIFF** recently celebrated 20 years of dedicated service with the Collin County Sheriff's Office. They each received recognition and congratulations from Sheriff **Terry BOX** who presented them with a 20-Year Plaque in recent ceremonies.

Reserve Deputies Sworn In

Sheriff Terry Box has recently sworn in two new Reserve Deputies for the Collin County Sheriff's Office; they are: Reserve Deputy **Kelly ADLEY** (above, right) and Reserve Deputy **Mark MUNDEN**.



Promotions

Two Sheriff's Office employees have recently received promotions: **Frank BUNDICK** has been promoted from Patrol Sergeant to Patrol Lieutenant, and **Belinda WILLIAMSON** was promoted from Detention Officer to Detention Sergeant.

Life Saving Award Presentation

Deputy **Edwin MCGILL** (below, right) received a Life Saving Award from Sheriff **Terry BOX**, credited for saving the life of an elderly man with Alzheimer's Disease who had wandered away from home and gotten lost. Deputy McGill was dispatched to help search for the man who was missing for several hours. It was getting dark and he began the search in a wooded area, calling out the missing man's name when he heard a faint reply deep in the woods. He found the man lying in waist deep creek water, and carried him to the roadway to meet paramedics. The man was transported to Medical Center of McKinney for treatment. Thanks go out to Deputy McGill for his heroic action.



Announcements/Classified



WIC training

Members of Collin County's WIC Department attended the Texas WIC Nutrition and Breastfeeding conference in Austin recently, attending classes ranging from nutrition for preterm infants to feeding and autism. Left to right, **Clifton HAYES**, Asst. Director, **Laurie GEORGE**, senior nutritionist, **Adria BELL**, nutritionist, and **Kim JAMES**, senior nutritionist.

Teddy Bear Ride set

It's time again for the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County's Annual Teddy Bear Ride. This year will be the 20th, making it the longest standing fundraiser event for the CAC, that consistently pulls in more than 1,000 riders.

This escorted motorcycle ride leaves IKEA in Frisco at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28, and ends at Duke's Roadhouse in Plano. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. in the IKEA parking lot.

If you are unable to ride, you still have an opportunity to participate by contributing a teddy bear, or any stuffed animal. The Collin County District Attorney's office will be hosting drop-off boxes located through-out their office, including the reception areas.



Stuffed bears collected will be donated to the Advocacy Center who, in turn, will distribute them to the abused and neglected children of Collin County. Please make an effort to go by the DA's office and drop off a teddy bear – it will be much loved by a child who needs a lovable, furry friend.

For Sale / Services

LABRADOR PUPPIES: Now starting the waiting list for White Christmas Labrador puppies. All the puppies in the litter will be snow white and AKC-registered Labradors — just like their parents. The puppies will be here the first week of November and will be ready for new homes by the week of Christmas. See us on Facebook @ Northridge Labradors and come watch the puppies grow. Call or text Brad Harris at 214-205-7322 or send me an email at northridgelabradors@yahoo.com.



DELIGHTFUL CAKE DESIGNS: Custom cakes for your special occasion. Are you looking for something sweet, fun, and unique for that special occasion? Birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and more. Allow DCD to customize your sweet treats. It's more than just cakes; cupcakes, pies, and cookies, too. Please order at least one week in advance. For more information or prices, call Delena at 903-815-2095 or e-mail me at delightfulcakedesigns@gmail.com.

FURNITURE: Girl's bedroom set with night stand, dresser drawer with mirror, head and foot board with mattress and box spring. The set is cream/sand color with a design. \$500 O.B.O. Call/text (903) 436-2928 and I call send pictures to your cell phone.

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