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NORTH TEXAS WOMEN'S SOCCER

UNT's winningest coach makes retirement plans

Hedlund launched women's soccer program in 1995

By Brett Vito
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One of the great coaches in the history of North Texas athletics

has laid out his plans to retire. John Hedlund, one of the all-time winningest coaches in all of women's college soccer, will call it a career after the 2026 season, his 32nd at UNT. The school made the announcement on Friday morning. "The timing couldn't be more perfect," Hedlund told the *Denton Record-Chronicle* ahead of the announcement. "At the end of that

time, I will be a few months away from turning 65 and in the last year of my contract. "Next fall being my last season gives me a chance to honor all of the great championship teams we've had over the years, great players, national and school records that we have set. I'll be able

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UNT athletics

North Texas coach John Hedlund is the only active Division I women's college soccer coach in the country to have posted 30 straight winning seasons at one school.

DEVELOPMENT



An aerial photo shows a section of Landmark's Phase 1 development on the former Hunter Ranch in southwest Denton.

Homes coming next year

By Claire Williams
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North Texas real estate developer Hillwood is making progress on what it calls its largest project to date — Landmark, a 3,200-acre residential and mixed-use development that will end with 6,000 single-family homes. On Thursday evening, executives and local leaders, including

Hillwood details Phase 1 of Landmark, a \$10B development in southwest Denton

Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, officially introduced plans for Phase 1 of the development, which sits along Interstate 35W in southwest Denton near Argyle. One of the major landmarks of

the development will be Denton's first H-E-B just steps from the property. The grocer is expected to complete building around the same time of Landmark Phase 1's initial completion in 2026.

Formerly Hunter Ranch, the 3,200-acre property is one of the original land holdings purchased by the Perot family in 1987, according to Hillwood.

In this first phase, already underway at the corner of I-35W and Robson Ranch Road, Hillwood is planning more than 700

See LANDMARK on 7A

CITY OF DENTON

City parks director headed to job in Arlington

Gary Packan was a driving force behind 31 Days of Denton Halloween

By Christian McPhate
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Denton Parks and Recreation Director Gary Packan calls being part of the development to celebrate Halloween over the 31 days of October as one of the accomplishments he's most proud of during his seven-year tenure with the city. Packan points out that the collaboration, creativity and energy behind the effort "showcased Denton's spirit and demonstrated how impactful citywide marketing, art, creativity and programming can be for a community."



Gary Packan

"It's an initiative I'll truly cherish when reflecting on my career," Packan said Thursday in an email to the *Denton Record-Chronicle*. "Seeing the city, local businesses and the community embrace the vision and lean into the game plan we created has been incredibly rewarding." Packan confirmed on Thursday that he is stepping down from his

See PACKAN on 8A



Argyle rallies past Liberty, advancing to state final

Argyle's volleyball team came back from a first-set loss to win Saturday's 5A Division II state semifinal 3-1 over Frisco Liberty. »» Sports, 9A

Eagles fires on all cylinders in rout of Lucas Lovejoy

Maguire Gasperson threw for 308 yards and scored five total touchdowns as Argyle took a 56-0 win over Lucas Lovejoy on Friday. »» Sports, 10A



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