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Berlando and Shores to perform in Washington, D.C. Freedom concert

Rockwall County citizens Susan Shores of Rockwall, and Trudy Berlando of Heath, will perform with the First Baptist Church Dallas Choir, 7:00 p.m., Saturday, July 1, 2017, at the Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C.

The 500-voice choir, along with the First Baptist Dallas Orchestra, will perform during the Celebrate Freedom Concert.

President Donald Trump will join First Baptist Pastor Robert Jeffress in honoring the veterans at the Kennedy Center.

The event will be televised on Daystar (Dish 263), from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Central Standard Time.

The event is co-sponsored by First Baptist Church of Dallas and Salem Media.

The Choir will perform under the direction of Dr. Doran Bugg. The Orchestra will be under the direction of Jo Hardey.

Following their June 29 arrival to Washington, D.C., the group will begin a scheduled tour, including performances at the World War II Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, The House of Representatives, ending with the Freedom Concert.

The group will perform pieces such as America The Beautiful, Salute to the Armed Forces, God Bless America, Amazing Grace, Star-Spangled Banner, Battle Hymn of the Republic, and Break Every Chain.

Feature singers will include Wendy Carter of First Baptist Dallas, and Dr. Leo Day.

Speakers will include Pastors Jeffress and Ben Iovvom, and President Trump.

"The choir's main goal is to sing to the many veterans and spread the word of the Gospel," said Shores.

University scholastic honors

Pisano named to Dean's List

Shyann Pisano of Rockwall was among the 180 Centenary students named to the Dean's List for the spring semester, according to a news release from the Shreveport, Louisiana, college.

The honor list recognizes students who have achieved a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher in 12 or more semester hours.

Ryan named to Dean's List

Alexis Ryan of Rockwall was named to the Deans' List at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln following the spring semester, according to a news release from the Lincoln, Nebraska, university.

Ryan is a freshman film studies major. She was named to the Dean's List for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Smith tapped for Dean's List

Katharine Smith of Rockwall was named to the Dean's List at the College of New Jersey following the spring semester, according to a news release from the Ewing, New Jersey, college.

To be admitted to the Dean's List, a student must carry 12 or more credit hours and earn a 3.5 or higher grade-point average.

Smith is a communication studies major at the college.

Local residents named to Dean's, President's Lists

Several local residents were among students named to the Dean's and President's Lists at the University of Alabama following the spring semester, according to a news release from the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, university.

Named to the President's List were Daniel B. Andrews of Fate and Charles Gatewood Warren of Rockwall.

To be named to the President's List, a full-time, undergraduate student must have an academic record of 4.0, according to the release.

Dean's List honorees included Katherine E. Lucius of Heath, William G. Brossman of Rockwall, Nikole L. Harbin of Rockwall and Adriana Rose McGhee of Rockwall.

To be named to the Dean's List a student must maintain an academic record of 3.5 or above, according to the release.

Locals named to SFASU honors lists

Many local residents were named to the President's and Dean's Lists at Stephen F. Austin State University following the spring semester, according to news releases from the Nacogdoches university.

Named to the President's List were:

- Fate – Sheydon Botheras, information technology; Stephen Janovsky, mathematics; and Bradley Simpson, undecided
- Heath – Christopher Coleman, business economics; Victoria Lack, psychology

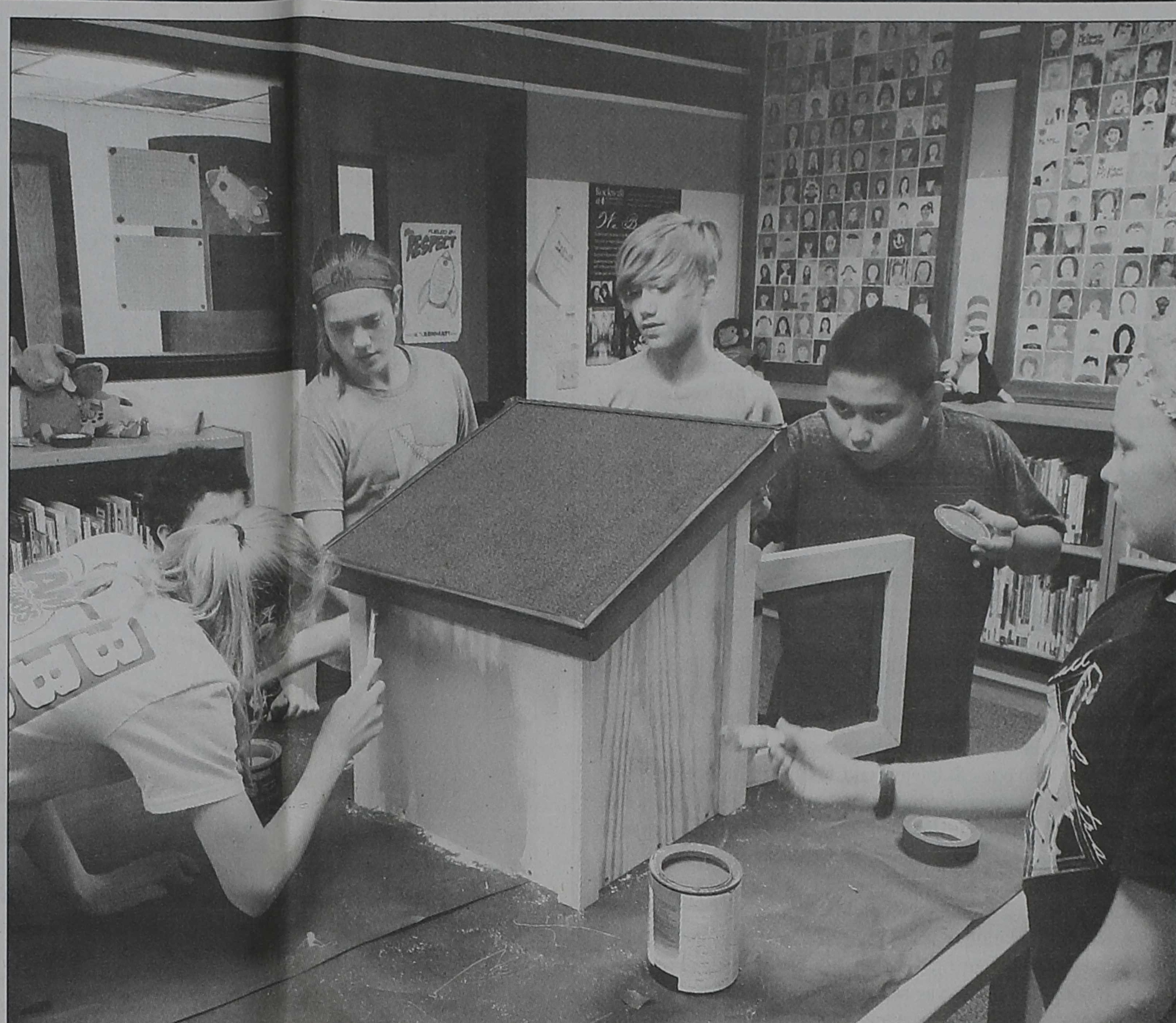
- Rockwall – Haley Coleman, kinesiology; Braeden Hiles, management; Emily Hughes, interdisciplinary studies; Caitlyn MacCormack, pre-social work; Alissa Powell, dance; and Christina White, dance
- Roysse City – Luz Montero, nursing

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must have been enrolled in 12 or more semester hours and maintain a 4.0 grade-point average.

Dean's List honorees include:

- Fate – Alexander Cooter, information technology
- Heath – Lawrence Moore, finance
- Rockwall – Janet Barker, general business; Kayla Bender, art; Jakob Byrnes, biology; Lindsay Kraft, criminal justice law enforcement; Meagan McNabb, interior design; Courtney Muñoz, rehabilitation services; Eric Pacheco, health science; Hannah Passon, pre-nursing; Adriana Romero, communication disorders; Carole Smith, communication disorders; Kaley Stewart, kinesiology; Abigail Vinci, animal science; and Kaylei Whalen, biology
- Roysse City – Sara Gray, art; Rebekah Malone, pre-nursing

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have been enrolled in 12 semester hours and maintain a 3.5 GPA, according to the news release.



Virginia Reinhardt Elementary's PTA recently dedicated a Little Free Library to honor six staff members – Principal Kaylene Laveen, Carol Anderson, Fran Laman, Loya Merritt, Sherrie Lofland and Janet Dufraine – who retired earlier this month after dedicating more than 180 years to public education. Pictured above are sixth grade students Claire Lowrey, Emma Moore, Will Collecceci, Cesar Aguado and Aubrey Love, who constructed and painted the tiny library. Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization designed to inspire a love of reading while building community and sparking creativity through neighborhood book exchanges throughout the world.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County WIN opens permanent home

Rockwall County's Women In Need advisory board members were joined by Women In Needs board members and executive director last month to unveil the organization's new permanent home.

WIN's Rockwall County Family Violence Advocacy Center and My Sister's Closet Boutique are located at 904 N. Goliad, Rockwall, according to the organization's online newsletter.

WIN provides help, hope and healing through safety planning, safe shelter, crisis intervention services, legal advocacy, court accompaniment, counseling, support groups, resume assistance, job search assistance, food, clothing, community education, Rockwall Independent School District prevention programs, and referrals to partner agencies.

My Sister's Closet Boutique accepts gently used clothing, jewelry, accessories and furniture items. Each donor receives a tax receipt. The boutique is open to the public for shopping from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. All sales benefit victims of family violence. Call 972-772-3000 for large pick-ups.

For more information on WIN visit wintexas.org, call the number above or email win.rockwalloffice@sbcglobal.net.

Rockwall County Entertainment

Concert by the Lake to feature Limelight

The June 29 Concert by the Lake, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (2059 Summer Lee), will feature Limelight (limelightband.com). The Rockwall Parks & Recreation department is organizing the event.

Patriotic concert set July 2

The Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra will present a patriotic concert beginning at 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 2, at the First Baptist Church, 610 S. Goliad. The orchestra will play in conjunction with a community-wide choir and the First Baptist Choir and Orchestra. No ticket required.

Area News Briefs

After Hours at the Kimbell event slated

After Hours at the Kimbell will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 8, in the Renzo Piano Pavilion at the Kimbell Art Museum, 3333 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth. In addition to live music by Jim's Jazz Band, guests will enjoy docent-guided tours of the Modern Vision: European Masterworks from the Phillips Collection. Cost for non-members will be \$30 at the door. No reservations needed.

Garden Gigs return to Dallas Arboretum

The Dallas Arboretum's Garden Gigs, which feature local artists and musicians performing intimate sets in picturesque settings, will return on Friday evenings July 14-28. This year's artists will include John Lefler with Camille Cortinas, Zach Coffey, Becky Middleton, Shayne Green, Jonathan Fox and more. Open to the general public, the events run 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Guests can bring picnics and beverages or take advantage of some of DFW's most popular food trucks. Gates open at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 (parking included). For more details visit dalasarboretum.org/garden-gigs.

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Farmers Market open in downtown Rockwall

The Downtown Farmers Market is open on the north side of the courthouse square on Kaufman Street from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays through Sept. 24. Locally grown fruits and vegetables, fresh baked goods, organic and pasture-raised meats, seafood and honey and other items are available.

Celebrating Freedom set June 30 in Roysse City

Roysse City's Celebrating Freedom event will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 30, in the RCHS Football Stadium. Admission will be free; food will be available for purchase. Live music – Zach Tressler at 6 p.m., followed by Shenandoah at 7 p.m. and Big Gus & the Swampadelic at 8:15 p.m. – and a free kids' zone are planned. Fireworks will begin at 9:30 p.m. Those planning to attend are urged to bring lawn chairs. No alcoholic beverages or pets will be permitted.

Democratic Men to meet July 1

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will host its next luncheon on Saturday, July 1, at the Cotton Patch, 909 I-30, Rockwall. The group meets at noon for lunch on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the future of Rockwall County and Texas are invited.

Rockwall fireworks, 4th of July parade plans announced

Rockwall Parks & Rec has big plans for Independence Day, including a parade and fireworks on Tuesday, July 4. The parade will begin at 11 a.m. at Utley Middle School and end at Dobbs Elementary. Free hot dogs (noon to 2 p.m.), live music (7:45 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.) and fireworks (dusk) will be offered at Harry Myers Park. For more details visit playrockwall.com.

Heath July 4th parade and celebration set

The City of Heath will be host to the 2017 Annual Independence Day Parade and Celebration in the Park event. Parade staging will begin 8:00 a.m., with a start time of 9:00 a.m., at Amy Parks Elementary School located at 330 Laurence Drive in Heath. Following the parade, a celebration event will take place at Towne Center Park, to include a barber shop quartet performance, recognition of veterans and active military members and presentation of parade entry awards. For more information contact Suzanne Brooke, sbrooke@heathtx.com.

Republican Lunch Bunch meeting set

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5, at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost will be \$12, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; no reservations required. Pay at the door for this informal social gathering open to all area Republicans. For more details call Dalton Kennimer at 972-636-4034.

Republican Women to meet July 10

The Rockwall County Republican Women will meet July 10. Rockwall County Sheriff Harold Eavenson will be the guest speaker. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Harry Myers Community Center. All Republicans are welcome.

Registration underway for RCP children's workshops

The Rockwall Community Playhouse is planning its Children's Fall Workshops for students in grades 1-5 and 6-8. The fall workshops will provide 10 weeks on the basic elements of acting and culminate in a performance. Wonders of Storybook Land will be open to students in grades 1-5 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

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Royse City News

Poynter murder case to trial by close of year

by Millie Jean Coppedge

"I expect this case to go to trial by the end of this year," G. Calvin Grogan V, first assistant district attorney for Hunt County, said on Friday, June 23.

Grogan was referring to the murder trial of Robert Poynter, 47, captain with the University Park Fire Department.

On Sept. 9, Royse City Police received a call at 10:40 p.m. that a woman was attempting to stop vehicles in the road at FM 35 and Country Road 2595. When police arrived, the woman said Robert Poynter, her husband, was down the dirt road in his vehicle with a shotgun wound to the back of his head. Law enforcement found Poynter dead at the scene.

For days after the murder, multiple law enforcement agencies including the Royse City Police, the Rockwall County Sheriff's Office, the Hunt County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety worked on the case. A large presence of law enforcement worked on the ground, searching the wooded area of the shooting in an attempt to locate the murder weapon. A helicopter was brought in to assist with the search.

On Oct. 17, a Hunt County farmer plowing his field unearthed a shotgun, according to Royse City Chief of Police Jeff Stapleton. The field was adjacent to where authorities believe the murder took place. The farmer immediately notified authorities.

On Oct. 27, at 8:56 p.m., Stapleton said, "Officials have verified the owner of the weapon and feel comfortable that this is the weapon that was used in the murder." He did not name the owner of the gun as it was part of the ongoing investigation.

Prior to his death, Robert Poynter and his wife, Chacey, lived in Hidden Creek Phase 2 and had a 6-year-old daughter.

During the investigation, Chacey Tyler Poynter, 29, and Michael Glenn Garza, 37, were arrested on murder charges. Her bond was set at \$500,000.00 and his was set at \$1 million. Officials believe Poynter and Garza conspired together to kill her husband.

On Nov. 28, Garza appeared in the District Court of the 354th Judicial District, requesting a bond reduction. The reduction was denied. The court also appointed Russell Brooks to defend Garza as he pled to the court that he was unable to afford counsel.

On Dec. 21, James J. Smith, a private investigator, appeared in court for an affidavit of court-appointed investigator for the State of Texas. He was assigned by the court to help Garza prepare his case for defense.

On Feb. 14, Garza's attorney filed a motion to set a reasonable bond and release Garza. Garza has been in the Hunt County Jail since Sept. 11, when he was arrested. Garza cannot make bail for \$1 million, but asked the court to reduce it to \$100,000.00. On Feb. 17, the court denied the reduction of bond.

As of Friday, June 23, a court date of Sept. 18 was set for Garza to appear for announcements. It is not known what the subject of the appearance will entail.

Also, as of Friday, only a grand jury indictment filed on Nov. 18, showing paperwork that jurors indicted Chacey Poynter on the charge of murder, was present in the criminal docket file, along with a statement that she had pled not guilty. The criminal docket shows that Noble D. Walker is Poynter's attorney. No other information was available in her file.

The district clerk's office said that on Sept. 19 she is to appear in 354th District Court for DNA testing, but that memo was not in her file.

Grogan said that the DNA testing for her hasn't come in yet and that it is the holdup for this case.

DNA is a forensic technique used by law enforcement/courts to identify individuals such as in a criminal investigation, in the same manner fingerprinting is used to identify a suspect.

Information was not available whether Garza had been subjected to DNA testing.

Royse City Police Blotter June 16-22

• **Friday, 16 June:** Public intoxication arrest, Area of Elm Street and Church Street; Welfare concern, 500 block McKamy Boulevard; Suspicious person, 100 block E. I-30 SSR; Suspicious vehicle, 100 block W. Main Street; Medical assistance, 1500 block Lorena Drive; Alarm, 7000 block W. I-30 NSR; Accident, Area of Epps Road; Theft, 300 block Autumn Trail; Welfare concern, 1200 block Hidden Creek Drive; Medical assistance, 1200 block Lost Valley Drive; Suspicious person, Area of N. Houston Street and W. Church Street

• **Saturday, 17 June:** Disturbance, 2700 block Redwood Street; Suspicious person, 1100 block Walnut Street; Reckless driver, Area of Erby Campbell Boulevard

• **Sunday, 18 June:** Possession of marijuana arrest, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Driving while license invalid arrest, I-30 eastbound near the 77A exit; Assault, 300 block N. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Possession of controlled substance/Multiple agencies' warrants arrest, Area of Hwy 66 and FM 1138; Burglary of a vehicle, 900 block Meadowdale Drive; Accident, 1400 block Englewood Drive; Noise disturbance, 2500 block Circle Lane; Disturbance, 700 block Stedham Street; Welfare concern, 700 block Silverleaf Court; Medical assistance, 200 block Texoma Court; Disturbance, 300 block E. I-30 NSR; Suspicious person, 1500 block Audrey Drive

• **Monday, 19 June:** Fail to identify/Driving while license invalid arrest, 100 block E. I-30 SSR; Driving while intoxicated arrest, 100 block W. I-30 SSR; Public intoxication arrest, 100 block FM 2453; Possession of drug paraphernalia, 100 block E. I-30 NSR; Possession of controlled substance/Driving while license invalid arrest, 100 block W. I-30 SSR; Suspicious person, 600 block Love Lane; Welfare concern, Area of Epps Road and FM 2453; Medical assistance, 1200 block Whispering Glen; Accident, I-30 eastbound from the 73-mile marker; Welfare concern, 600 block Silverleaf Court; Suspicious vehicle, Area of N. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Alarm, 200 block N. Houston Street

• **Tuesday, 20 June:** Disturbance, 700 block Rowdy Drive; Driving while license invalid arrest, I-30 eastbound near the 77B exit; Suspicious person, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; 911 hang up,

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Rockwall High School's Robotics Team 1296-Full Metal Jackets, in collaboration with the Rockwall Rotary Club, distributed American flags throughout the Rockwall and Fate communities recently to show support for the U.S. military. On patriotic holidays, team members donate their time to support the effort and earn community service hours. Pictured above is team president Gabriel Colmenares, a RHS senior. The team donated more than 1,500 hours last year, averaging 54 hours per team member. For more information on the flag program, email flags@rockwallrobotics.com. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

University Scholastics

Stone receives master's degree

Kelsey Stone of Rockwall was among the more than 3,000 students from Miami University who received degrees during spring commencement exercises on Saturday, May 13, at Yager Stadium, according to a news release from the Oxford, Ohio, university.

Stone received a Master of Arts degree in biology, according to the release.

Wynn earns HPU degree

Blake Robert Wynn of Rockwall received a bachelor's degree during Howard Payne's spring commencement ceremonies, according to a news release from the Brownwood university.

Wynn received a degree in criminal justice.

Local residents graduate from SFA

Several local residents were part of the spring graduating class at Stephen F. Austin State University, according to a news release from the Nacogdoches university.

Those receiving degrees included:

- Heath - Heather Shipley, bachelor's degree in forest wildlife management
- Rockwall - Michael Deguenther, bachelor's degree in environmental science; Hannah Duncan, bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies; Eric Pacheco, bachelor's degree in health science; and Sydney Verdun, bachelor's degree in human sciences
- Royse City - Luz Montero, bachelor's degree in nursing; Taleyah Thomas, bachelor's degree in fashion merchandising

Jones graduates from basic training

U.S. Air Force Airman Matthew D. Jones graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, according to a Joint Hometown News Service report.

The airman completed an eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credit hours toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

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Just Say You Saw It In "The County News"

RISD to offer pilot tuition pre-K program in fall

The Rockwall Independent School District will offer a new pilot tuition pre-K program this fall at Linda Lyon and Grace Hartman elementary schools, according to a district news release.

The program will be conducted in partnership with ROCK.

The following options will be available:

- Pre-K tuition only - 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., \$294 per month for nine months
 - Pre-K tuition - 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. plus ROCK from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., \$544 per month for nine months
 - Pre-K tuition - 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. plus ROCK Extended from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., \$794 per month for nine months
- Additional details are as follows:
- Non-refundable \$100 registration fee for tuition pre-K (deducted from September's payment)

- \$50 ROCK registration fee for both options (11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

Students staying after 11 a.m. will need to pack their lunch or purchase school lunch. ROCK will provide afternoon snacks at no additional costs.

- Early drop-off is 7:30 a.m. on all elementary campuses. School begins at 8 a.m.
- Age requirement: Must be 4 by Sept. 1.

RISD has free qualifying pre-K or Head Start programs for students who meet eligibility criteria.

RISD employees are eligible for ROCK discounts.

For more details email sonya.carpenter@rockwallisd.org (tuition pre-K) or rock@rockwallisd.org or 469-698-7032 (ROCK Extended pre-K).

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

By faith without the law ...

"And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness" (Romans 4:22).

God the Creator gave Abraham one promise during a time prior to the law established under Moses.

He gave Abraham one promise during a time when people were not under law and ordinances from God. Although there were many nations of the uncircumcised that ruled with laws and ordinances, Abraham and all others who trusted in God, were under the law of freedom and the basic principle law of faith or believing. It was even before the time that God established judges prior to the law and ordinances.

That one promise to Abraham was summed up in this, "I have made you a father of many nations." God put it in the past tense, even though the promise had not been fulfilled yet (Romans 4:17). God provided additional information, "so shall thy seed be" (Romans 4:18).

It's important to note that it did not say "seeds," as if the promise was to pass down to multiple children, but for one child. That child was Isaac.

It's beautiful to note that Abraham's life after the promise did not appear to be with believing. This was most obvious with his agreement with Sarah to conceive a child in Sarah's servant. This child was named Ishmael. It is true that he was also the father or direct ancestor of many nations also. But God's promise was for the child of Abraham and Sarah to also be the father of many nations.

The reason this is important was because God knew the genetic

seed of Isaac would pass down from generation to generation, unto the Mary who gave birth to the child of God, Yeshua the Messiah (a.k.a., Jesus Christ).

What's beautiful is to recognize that Abraham's decision to conceive a child in another woman did not constitute unbelief. It didn't result in him not obtaining the promise. He and Sarah did eventually make Isaac, just as God promised.

Whether or not we think his decision was in error, it did not block God's promise from coming to pass.

It says, "And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God" (Romans 4:19-20).

This is information was given by God through the apostle Paul many years after Abraham's life. So, we can see that all of Abraham's questionable decisions did not fall under the category of "staggering at the promise through unbelief," or "weak in faith."

Even with the questionable decisions and actions, Abraham is recognized and honored as having been "fully persuaded that, what He [God] promised, He was able also to perform" (Romans 4:21).

Get ready for more mind-blowing information that we can learn from about our lives as Christians today, "And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness."

That's right. Even with Abraham's errors in life, after receiving the promise, and during a time when there were not regulatory laws and ordinances from God, his faith unto become the father or ancestor of many nations unto the Messiah, was accounted unto him for righteousness. Thank about this.

Consider the many churches today that have at some time established regulatory behavior modification ordinances that are enforced in various ways. This is not only true for modern times, but this practice goes back thousands of years. Mankind has long passed down the tendency to regulate and punish others for the purpose of sanctifying themselves, and rewarding each other under their laws. More often

than not, they are established out of the fear of people being prone to wrong doing and possibly corrupting the churches. It's largely out of fear.

Yet, way back during the time of Abraham, there were no punishable laws or ordinances from God. In fact, the 10 commandments were not around during that time.

How does Abraham's faith without the law relate to Christians today?

It says, "Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on Him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead" (Romans 4:23-24).

During the time of Jesus' ministry on earth, God's people were still under the laws and ordinances from Moses. Jesus exposed the false regulations that were not of God, but still, they were still under the law period. Joseph and Mary faithfully executed the requirements surrounding the birth of her first-born child.

The words "shall be imputed" reveals something extremely important, that may be lost in Christian thinking today. It means that the condition of righteousness does not exist for each person until after "we believe on Him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead."

Romans 10:9-10 provides the basic pre-requisite so that by faith, it might be imputed unto us for righteousness. For with the heart it is believed that God raised Jesus from the dead, unto righteousness. Acts 2:1-4 offers the first account of people become righteous by their believing from the heart. They were witnesses of Jesus' death, and were witnesses of Jesus in his resurrected body. They were fully persuaded that what God had promised, came to pass (He raised His son Jesus from the dead), and they were immediately filled with holy spirit. It was imputed unto them for righteousness.

Likewise, by believing the same thing, anyone can absolutely believe unto true righteousness, like faithful Abraham who obtained the promise not by law, but by God's grace.



Jamie Hall, a Rockwall High School 2017 graduate, recently was named a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist. Her scholarship is to Southern Methodist University, where she will attend in the fall, studying biology.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Fireworks a danger unless handled by professionals

Independence Day and fireworks go hand in hand, but fireworks shouldn't go in consumers' hands. That's the message the National Fire Protection Association is reinforcing this Fourth of July.

Fireworks annually cause devastating burns, injuries, fires and even death. The NFPA did not explain how fire is less dangerous in the hands of professionals, as compared to careful amateurs.

"Each year, thousands of people are injured from using consumer fireworks," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "Even sparklers, which are often thought of as harmless enough for children to hold, burn at 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit and can cause significant injuries."

On Independence Day in a typical year, fireworks account for two out of five of all reported U.S. fires, more than any other cause of fire. On average each year, fireworks start 18,500 fires, including 1,300 structure

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Rockwall, 7 days a week, Big Book Group, 213 Rusk St., 972-722-6366.

Al-Anon Meetings

Call for information and locations in Dallas area, 214-363-0461.

Al-Anon Garland

Meetings Monday & Friday, 8 p.m. at 2206 South Jupiter St., Suite 130, Garland.

Sons of the American Revolution East Fork-Trinity Chapter meets 6:00 p.m., second Thursday each month. 4881 Bass Pro Dr. Garland, Texas. Guests & family welcome. <http://www.txssar.org/EastForkTrinity>.

Rockwall County Kiwanis Club

Meets every Tuesday at noon at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel, 203 S. Fannin. For more information call 972-772-6001

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24 Hour Help Line for substance & mental health counseling. 800-662-4357.

NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) meets second Saturday monthly. We offer support and education for families and individuals affected by mental disabilities. For more information call the Dallas office at 214-341-7133.

Everyone is invited to attend the "SAVING AMERICA THROUGH PRAYER" event, on the second Sunday of each month, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Rockwall Bible Church located at the corner

of Hwy 66 and Zion Circle, west of FM 3549, in Rockwall. The free event will include guest speakers. This is not church affiliated, and is open to everyone interested. For more information contact Mike Kennedy (972) 998-2680 or Kenneth Shores (214) 334-1206 or Jerry Minx (972) 896-7081

Rainbow Drum JAM, 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Rockwall Harbor District. Hosted by Jimi Towry of Watusi band. All public invited. More info - 972-771-3797

Required Notices

Request for Proposals

PUBLIC NOTICE
Rockwall County invites the following:

Request for Proposals to provide Voting Tabulation System and services

Specifications are on file in the Rockwall County Auditor's office, 1111 East Yellowjacket Ln., Suite 202, Rockwall, Texas and also on the Rockwall County website: www.rockwallcountytexas.com. Proposal must state unit pricing for all equipment and/or services and be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Bid No. 17-06-011 Voting Tabulation System", to Lisa Constant Wylie, Rockwall County Auditor, 1111 East Yellowjacket Ln., Ste. 202, Rockwall, Texas 75087. The deadline for submission is Friday, July 28, 2017 at 10:00 AM Central Time. Rockwall County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all submittals. BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
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Notices of Bidders

SECTION-00 11 13 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

ROCKWALL COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 8 will receive bids for the construction of **WATER, SANITARY SEWER AND STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR WOODCREEK PHASE 8B, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS**. Sealed bids must be delivered to the office of the DISTRICT ENGINEER (Petitt Barraza, LLC, 1651 N. Glenville Drive, Suite 212, Richardson, TX 75081) no later than 11:30 AM, Monday, July 17, 2017. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time and place. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened.

The Developer, The 160 Fate Investment Land, LLC, will be the Payor for the contract for Rockwall County Municipal Utility District No. 8. Plans, specifications and bid documents are available at <http://www.civcastusa.com>; Keyword: 04023-08B02.

Contract Documents may be downloaded or viewed free of charge at this web site. It is the downloader's responsibility to determine that a complete set of documents, as defined in the Instructions to Bidders are received. Printed copies of the Contract Documents may be purchased at the website for the cost of printing. The cost for printed Contract Documents is non-refundable. This web site will be updated periodically with addenda, plan holders lists, bid tabulations, additional reports or other information relevant to bidding the Project. Pre-bid conference for the project will be held at 10:30 AM, Friday, July 7, 2017 at the office of the DISTRICT ENGINEER, and is not mandatory.

Bids must be accompanied by a cashier's check or a bid bond from a surety company holding a permit in the State of Texas for an amount equal to 2% of the amount bid. The amount of said cashier's check or bond will be forfeited to the OWNER and the bank or surety shall be liable to the OWNER for the amount in event the successful bidder fail or refuse to enter into a contract or furnish bonds as hereafter required within ten (10) days after the date of notice of award.

Performance, Payment and Maintenance Bonds are required.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities or irregularities in bidding in case of lack of clarity in stating prices. The OWNER reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or reject the bid.

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ROCKWALL COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 8 will receive bids for the construction of **RETAINING WALL IMPROVEMENTS FOR WOODCREEK PHASE 8B, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS**. Sealed bids must be delivered to the office of the DISTRICT ENGINEER (Petitt Barraza, LLC, 1651 N. Glenville Drive, Suite 212, Richardson, TX 75081) no later than 11:00 AM, Monday, July 17, 2017. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time and place. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened.

The Developer, The 160 Fate Investment Land, LLC, will be the Payor for the contract for Rockwall County Municipal Utility District No. 8. Plans, specifications and bid documents are available at <http://www.civcastusa.com>; Keyword: 04023-08B21.

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ROCKWALL COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 8 will receive bids for the construction of **LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR WOODCREEK PHASE 8B, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS**. Sealed bids must be delivered to the office of the DISTRICT ENGINEER (Petitt Barraza, LLC, 1651 N. Glenville Drive, Suite 212, Richardson, TX 75081) no later than 12:30 PM, Monday, July 17, 2017. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time and place. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened.

The Developer, The 160 Fate Investment Land, LLC, will be the Payor for the contract for Rockwall County Municipal Utility District No. 8. Plans, specifications and bid documents are available at <http://www.civcastusa.com>; Keyword: 04023-08B06.

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Rockwall County Monthly Reports, April 2017

Statement of Expenses for May: Personnel costs, \$439,501; Operating costs, \$292,425; Maintenance and Operations, \$761,201.

Treasurer's Report of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances by Fund, April:

General Fund - Beginning Cash Balance (BCB) \$29,788,625.67; Receipts (R) \$1,077,699.73; Disbursements (D), -\$2,588,565.03; Ending Cash Balance (ECB), \$28,277,760.37.

Jury Fund - BCB, -\$6; R, \$6,348; D, -\$6,348; ECB, -\$6.

JPD Local Fund - BCB, \$138,816.22; R, \$150,938.73; D, -\$46,402.14; ECB, \$243,152.81.

IV-E Juvenile Administration - BCB, \$93,284.28; R, \$1,081.16; D, -\$1,000; ECB, \$93,365.44.

Juvenile Probation Fees - BCB, \$24,449.79; R, \$184.19; D, \$0; ECB, \$24,633.98.

Road & Bridge Fund - BCB, \$1,830,224.53; R, \$99,573.39; D, -\$70,557.23; ECB, \$1,859,240.69.

Truancy Court - BCB, \$0; R, \$0; D, \$0; ECB, \$0.

Veterans Court - \$16,774.70; R, \$0; D, -\$75; ECB, \$16,699.70.

E.A.S.E. 2.0 Grant - BCB, \$0; R, \$158,041; D, -\$158,041; ECB, \$0.

Emergency Management Fund - BCB, \$33,545.40; R, \$1.14; D, -\$13,551.17; ECB, \$19,995.37.

Courthouse Renovation Fund - BCB, \$120,333.80; R, \$0; D, -\$45; ECB, \$120,288.80.

S.C.A.A.P. Grant - BCB, \$25,387.10; R, \$0; D, \$0; ECB, \$25,387.10.

CC Vital Statistics - BCB, \$20,919.36; R, \$0; D, \$0; ECB, \$20,919.36.

CC Archival Fee - BCB, \$445,780.21; R, \$117.75; D, \$0; ECB, \$445,897.96.

Fire Code Enforcement Fund - BCB, \$127,484.75; R, \$1,443.34; D, -\$1,000; ECB, \$127,928.09.

Juvenile Delinquent Prevention Fund - BCB, \$0; R, \$0; D, \$0; ECB, \$0.

Court Record Preservation Fund - BCB, \$28,680.77; R, \$0; D, -\$30; ECB, \$28,650.77.

District Court Records Technology - BCB, \$28,276.89; R, \$0; D, \$0; ECB, \$28,276.89.

Law Library Fund - BCB, \$162,740.68; R, \$5,091.31; D, -\$13,082.25; ECB, \$154,749.74.

County/District Court Technology - BCB \$7,218.94; R, \$0; D, \$0; ECB, \$7,218.94.

TCEQ Local Initiative Project - BCB, \$3,810.44; R, \$0; D, \$0; ECB, \$3,810.44.

Justice Court Security - BCB, \$33,569.04; R, \$18.08; D, \$0; ECB, \$33,587.12.

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District Attorney State Fund - BCB, \$17,473; R, \$0; D, -\$397.51; ECB, \$17,075.49.

Click it or Ticket Grant - BCB, \$0; R, \$0; D, \$0; ECB, \$0.

District Attorney Forfeiture Fund - BCB, \$135,577.47; R, \$1,119.91; D, -\$125; ECB, \$136,572.38.

Cities Readiness Initiative - BCB, -\$10,029.86; R, \$87.82; D, -\$634.77; ECB, -\$10,076.81.

Texas State Library Grant - All categories, \$0.

Emergency Management Federal Grant - BCB, -\$2,154.91; R, \$0; D, \$0; ECB, -\$2,154.91.

Sheriff's Abandoned Fund - BCB, \$14,618.13; R, \$138.50; D, \$0; ECB, \$14,756.63.

Errors & Omission Insurance - BCB, \$152,592.34; R, \$67.34; D, \$0; ECB, \$152,659.68.

Public Safety Sales Tax Fund - BCB, \$414,384; R, \$24,937.35; D, -\$2,000; ECB, \$437,321.37.

Child Abuse Prevention Fund - BCB, \$30.04; R, \$0; D, \$0; ECB, \$30.04.

District Clerk Records Management - BCB, \$12,557.17; R, \$0; D, -\$649.31; ECB, \$11,907.86.

Court Reporter Service Fund - BCB, \$220,460.40; R, \$90.38; D, -\$1,145; ECB, \$219,405.78.

Appellate Justice System Fund - BCB, \$22,790.60; R, \$8.19; D, -\$15; ECB, \$22,783.79.

Justice Court Technology Fund - BCB, \$154,503.97; R, \$6,189.17; D, -\$10,873.56; ECB, \$149,819.58.

CC Records Management & Pres. - BCB, \$990,405.88; R, \$201,541.19; D, -\$204,972.47; ECB, \$926,974.59.

Records Management & Pres. - BCB, \$100,652; R, \$37.08; D, -\$534.61; ECB, \$100,154.48.

Courthouse Security Fund - BCB, \$39,718.84; R, \$55,005.18; D, -\$24,137.98; ECB, \$70,586.04.

Debt Service Fund - BCB, \$2,939,045.19; R, \$235,602.28; D, -\$160,094.06; ECB, \$3,014,553.41.

Library Construction-2007 Bond - BCB, \$24,993.38; R, \$14.20; D, \$0; ECB, \$25,007.38.

Library Renovation - BCB, \$47.70; R, \$0; D, \$0; ECB, \$47.70.

Library Donation Fund - BCB, \$24,286.95; R, \$0; D, \$0; ECB, \$24,286.95.

Capital Project-County Svs. - BCB, \$3.45; R, \$0; D, \$0; ECB, \$3.45.

Road Improvements Bond 2004 - BCB, \$10,562,286.57; R, \$189,277.56; D, -\$353,939.06; ECB, \$10,397,625.07.

Veterans Memorial Fund - BCB, \$7.56; ECB, \$7.56.

Integrated Judicial Software - BCB, \$246,181.51; ECB, \$246,181.51.

JPD Texas Parks & Wildlife Grant - All categories \$0.

(Continued in the July 6, 2017 edition)

Opinions

TWC overreach violates Texas constitution

by Timothy W. Burnet, Publisher

Rockwall County News

Daily, numerous people and companies in the United States of America contend with investigative and enforcement actions by various local, state and federal government agencies.

It is near to impossible to bring the agencies and their representative officers into the courts for their actions due to extensive costs for litigation against their arsenal of attorneys, not to exclude the highest ranking government attorneys in the states and federal government.

A small percentage of people have learned that the courts exist for the people, and that it's up to the people to learn the laws, court procedures, and the practices at the local, state and federal levels.

In most cases, people may be shocked to learn that government agencies are enforcing laws far outside of their narrow scope. This is also referred to as government over-reach or expanding of power beyond its legal authority.

Based on this writer's research and experience, one good example of such extensive over-reach is the Texas Workforce Commission.

At first glance, it may appear the agency is doing good for the laborers. But this has been a cover for the deep corruption that has long imbedded itself in the agency. It's not the kind of corruption in which officials commit fraud against the tax payers for their own benefit, but the kind that involves committing fraud and extortion on behalf of a cause.

What cause are they serving? Believe it or not – it's for the cause of protecting laborers, or communism.

Years ago, the Texas legislature passed the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act, which was designed to establish procedures for the enforcement of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act.

The TWC works closely in coordination with the Internal Revenue Service toward this goal.

The Texas Comptroller's office can verify that there is no Unemployment Tax in Texas law.

Why did the Texas legislature not pass a Texas Unemployment Tax?

The answer is found in Texas Constitution Article 1 Section 16, "no ... law impairing the obligation of contracts, shall be made." This one restrictive law bans the Texas legislature from passing any laws that impair the obligation of contract.

Guess what? Obligation of contract includes agreements to provide unemployment benefits or insurance.

This is why the State of Texas established the TWC for the limited and narrow purpose of enforcing the Federal Unemployment Tax Act. It's further emphasized in Texas Unemployment Compensation Act Section 201.101 Conformity With Federal Statutes. All enforcement actions of the TWC must conform with the narrow scope of the federal unemployment tax.

In short, Texas established the agency to enforce a federal communist law. It is truly communist in nature. Good news is, the federal law is narrow in scope, and does not include citizen inhabitants of the various states and their state-created companies.

The TWC is given the legal authority to narrowly enforce the federal tax on all enterprises and instrumentalities created under the law of the United States government, along with certain named territories of the United States.

This is explained clearly in Title 26 United States Code 3306 Definitions. There is a separate section about instrumentalities.

By allowing the federal statute to interpret itself, people can see that the narrow scope of the federal tax is limited to certain fictional "persons," such as enterprises and instrumentalities, required by a "State" law to make payments into an unemployment fund.

3306 (g) Contributions "For the purpose of this chapter, the term 'contributions' means payments required by a State law to be made into an unemployment fund on account of having individuals in his employ ..."

It may seem that the term "State" refers to any of the 52 states. But the section includes a definition of "State."

3306 (j) "For the purposes of this chapter ... [(1) State] 'the term 'State' includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands."

Now the narrow scope of the federal tax is coming into clear view. Plugging in the 3306 (j) definition, the term "contribution" may be defined, "payments required by [District of Columbia] law, [Commonwealth of Puerto Rico] law, and [Virgin Islands] law."

Any "person" required by the above three political bodies to make payment into an unemployment fund, and are engaged in employment activity on the soil of Texas, may fall within the enforcement scope of the Texas Workforce Commission.

3306 (c) uses the term "United States" in the context of where employment activity may take place.

Guess what? The term "United States" is defined in 3306 (j)(2), "The term 'United States' when used in a geographical sense includes the States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands." This definition clearly distinguishes between "the States" and "the District of Columbia" when placed in the context of a "geographical sense."

Remember, based on Section 201.101 Texas Unemployment Compensation Act, the enforcement scope of the TWC must conform with the narrow scope of the federal tax.

How does the TWC successfully continue this over-reaching power?

It gets help from a number of different officials at various levels.

Certificates of Wages filed with the IRS for companies that do not fall under the narrow scope, assume underlying liability.

Next, the TWC officers send out "Notices of Default." There is no statutory provision for sending such a notice. It is one of the first visible signs that the agency follows fictional procedures.

The first sign of fictional procedures may be found in the letters requiring the filing of quarterly reports. They actually refer to a "state tax." Of course, based on the federal act, the term "state" does not include Texas. But the TWC officers may hope that most people will not recognize the discrepancy.

The notice of default letter threatens the targeted companies with a "Notice of Lien."

Following the default letter, the TWC officers typically bypass two statutorily required collection methods. They include the execution and delivery of an assessment, or filing a civil action against the targeted companies. This is actually quoted in the default letters.

Once a "Notice of Lien" is filed into the State Tax Lien Index by County Clerks, a TWC officer may then obtain a certified copy of the Tax Lien Index and use it as an instrument of seizure.

A common seizure practice is the Bank Freeze. This is when the TWC officers get assistance from Banks to freeze accounts, and take funds from depositors.

It's important to understand that the Notices of Lien and Notices of Bank Freeze actions involve filing documents with claims of liability under penalty of perjury. The individual TWC officers must sign their names swearing to alleged claims against another party, before the County Clerks and Bank officers.

There is good news. A powerful and local solution quite simply rests in the hands of one elected county official – the County Clerk.

County Clerks have the authority and power to protect all companies and people from unlawful collection actions by various local, state and federal officials.

The County Clerks have the great responsibility of securing property that is registered with the county. They are responsible for maintaining the Federal and State Tax Lien Indexes.

The problem arises when the County Clerks file "Notices of Tax Lien" in the "Tax Lien Index." When an enforcement officer obtains a certified copy of the Tax Lien Index, all "Notices of Tax Lien" become certified as "Tax Liens," and are converted into instruments of seizure.

People in all counties may be wise to coordinate with their County Commissioners to form steering committees for the purpose of steering the County Clerks toward setting up separate indexes, called State and Federal "Notices of Tax Lien Index."

After the American colonies prevailed over Great Britain, it was understood that the war would continue to rage between the people and their governments. All County Clerks bravely stand on the front lines of this ongoing war for the people's rights that among them are life, liberty and property, which are unto the pursuit of happiness.

The militarized police state opens fire

by John W. Whitehead

Future of Freedom Foundation

It is often the case that police shootings, incidents where law enforcement officers pull the trigger on civilians, are left out of the conversation on gun violence. But a police officer shooting a civilian counts as gun violence. Every time an officer uses a gun against an innocent or an unarmed person contributes to the culture of gun violence in this country. —Journalist Celisa Calacal

Legally owning a gun in America could get you killed by a government agent.

While it still technically remains legal to own a firearm in America, possessing one can now get you pulled over, searched, arrested, subjected to all manner of surveillance, treated as a suspect without ever having committed a crime, shot at and killed.

This same rule does not apply to government agents, however, who are armed to the hilt and rarely given more than a slap on the wrists for using their weapons to shoot and kill American citizens.

According to the Washington Post, "1 in 13 people killed by guns are killed by police."

Just recently, for example, a Minnesota jury acquitted a police officer who shot and killed 32-year-old Philando Castile, a school cafeteria supervisor, during a routine traffic stop merely because Castile disclosed that he had a gun in his possession, for which he had a lawful conceal-and-carry permit. That's all it took for police to shoot Castile four times as he was reaching for his license and registration. Castile's girlfriend and her 4-year-old daughter witnessed the entire exchange.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit ruled that Florida police will not be held accountable for banging on the wrong door at 1:30 am, failing to identify themselves as police, and then repeatedly shooting and killing the innocent homeowner who answered the door while holding a gun in self-defense. Although 26-year-old Andrew Scott had committed no crime and never fired a single bullet or lifted his firearm against police, he was gunned down by police who were investigating a speeding incident by engaging in a middle-of-the-night "knock and talk" in Scott's apartment complex.

As attorney David French writes for the National Review, "Shooting an innocent man in his own home because he grabs a gun when an unidentified person pounds on his door or barges through it isn't just an 'unreasonable search or seizure.' It's a direct violation of his clearly established right to keep and bear arms."

Continuing its own disturbing trend of siding with police in cases of excessive use of force, a unanimous United States Supreme Court recently acquitted police who recklessly fired 15 times into a backyard shack in which a homeless couple—Angel and Jennifer Mendez—was sheltering. Angel Mendez suffered numerous gunshot wounds, one of which required the amputation of his right leg below the knee, and his wife Jennifer was shot in the back. Incredibly, the Court ruled that the Los Angeles County police officers' use of force against the homeless couple was justified as a defensive action, because Angel was allegedly seen holding a BB gun that he used for shooting rats.

In yet another case, a Texas homeowner was subjected to a no-knock, SWAT-team style forceful entry and raid based solely on the suspicion that there were legally-owned firearms in his household. Making matters worse, police panicked and opened fire through a solid wood door on the homeowner, who had already gone to bed.

In Maryland, a Florida man traveling through the state with his wife and kids was stopped by a police officer and interrogated about the whereabouts of his registered handgun. Despite the man's insistence that the handgun had been left at home, the officer spent nearly two hours searching through the couple's car, patting them down along with their children, and having them sit in the back of a patrol car. No weapon was found.

In Philadelphia, a 25-year-old man was confronted by police, verbally threatened and arrested for carrying a gun in public, which is legal within the city. When Mark Fiorino attempted to explain his rights under the law to police, police ordered him to get on his knees or else "I am gonna shoot ya." Fiorino was later released without charges.

What these cases add up to is a new paradigm in which legally owning a gun turns you into a target for government sharpshooters.

Ironically, while America continues to debate who or what is responsible for gun violence—the guns, the gun owners, or our violent culture—little has been said about the fact that the greatest perpetrator of violence in American society and around the world is the U.S. government.

Government violence is the missing link in the gun control debate.

Violence has become the government's calling card, starting at the top and trickling down, from the more than 80,000 SWAT team raids carried out every year on unsuspecting Americans by heavily armed, black-garbed commandos and the increasingly rapid militarization of local police forces across the country to the drone killings used to target insurgents. The government even exports violence worldwide, with one of this country's most profitable exports being weapons.

Thus, any serious discussion about minimizing the violence in our society needs to address the manner in which the government and its cohorts (the police, the various government agencies that are now armed to the hilt, the military, the defense contractors, etc.) use violence as a means to an end, whether domestically or in matters of foreign policy.

You want to reduce gun violence? Start with the government.

Except that the government has no intention of scaling back on its weapons. To the contrary, the government's efforts to militarize and weaponize its own agencies and employees is reaching epic proportions, with federal agencies as varied as the Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration placing orders for hundreds of millions of rounds of hollow point bullets.

Talk about a double standard.

The government's arsenal of weapons makes the average American's handgun look like a Tinker Toy.

Under the auspices of a military "recycling" program, which allows local police agencies to acquire military-grade weaponry and equipment, more than \$4.2 billion worth of equipment has been transferred from the Defense Department to domestic police agencies since 1990. Included among these "gifts" are tank-like, 20-ton Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles, tactical gear, and assault rifles.

Ironically, while gun critics continue to clamor for bans on military-style assault weapons, high-capacity magazines and armor-piercing bullets, expanded background checks, and tougher gun-trafficking laws, the U.S. military boasts all of these and more, including some weapons the rest of the world doesn't have.

Included in the government's arsenal are armed, surveillance Reaper drones capable of reading a license plate from over two miles away; an AA12 Atchisson Assault Shotgun that can shoot five 12-gauge shells per second and "can fire up to 9,000 rounds without being cleaned or jamming"; an ADAPTIV invisibility cloak that can make a tank disappear or seemingly reshape it to look like a car; a PHASR rifle capable of blinding and disorienting anyone caught in its sights; a Taser shockwave that can electrocute a crowd of people at the touch of a button; an XM2010 enhanced sniper rifle with built-in sound and flash suppressors that can hit a man-sized target nine out of ten times from over a third of a mile away; and an XM25 "Punisher" grenade launcher that can be programmed to accurately shoot grenades at a target up to 500 meters away.

In the hands of government agents, whether they are members of the military, law enforcement or some other government agency, these weapons have become accepted instruments of tyranny, routine parts of America's day-to-day life, a byproduct of the rapid militarization of law enforcement over the past several decades.

This lopsided, top-heavy, authoritarian state of affairs is not the balance of power the founders intended for "we the people."

The Second Amendment, in conjunction with the multitude of prohibitions on government overreach enshrined in the Bill of Rights, was supposed to serve as a clear shackle on the government's powers. As 20th century libertarian Edmund A. Opitz observed in 1964, "No one can read our Constitution without concluding that the people who wrote it wanted their government severely limited; the words 'no' and

'not' employed in restraint of government power occur 24 times in the first seven articles of the Constitution and 22 more times in the Bill of Rights."

To founders such as Thomas Jefferson, who viewed the government as a powerful entity that must be bound "down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution," the right to bear arms was no different from any other right enshrined in the Constitution: it was intended to stand as a bulwark against a police state.

Without any one of those freedoms, we are that much more vulnerable to the vagaries of out-of-control policemen, benevolent dictators, genuflecting politicians, and overly ambitious bureaucrats.

Writing for Counterpunch, journalist Kevin Carson suggests that prohibiting Americans from owning weapons would be as dangerously ineffective as Prohibition and the War on the Drugs:

[W]hat strict gun laws will do is take the level of police statism, lawlessness and general social pathology up a notch in the same way Prohibition and the Drug War have done. I'd expect a War on Guns to expand the volume of organized crime, and to empower criminal gangs fighting over control over the black market, in exactly the same way Prohibition did in the 1920s and strict drug laws have done since the 1980s. I'd expect it to lead to further erosion of Fourth Amendment protections against search and seizure, further militarization of local police via SWAT teams, and further expansion of the squalid empire of civil forfeiture, perjured jailhouse snitch testimony, entrapment, planted evidence, and plea deal blackmail.

This is exactly what those who drafted the U.S. Constitution feared: that laws and law enforcers would be used as tools by a despotic government to wage war against the citizenry.

This phenomenon is what philosopher Abraham Kaplan referred to as the law of the instrument, which essentially says that to a hammer, everything looks like a nail. As I explain in my book *Battlefield America: The War on the American People*, we the citizenry have become the nails to be hammered by the government's battalion of laws and law enforcers (its police officers, technicians, bureaucrats, spies, snitches, inspectors, accountants, etc.), and we're supposed to take the beatings without complaint or reproach.

Now don't get me wrong.

I do not sanction violence, nor do I believe that violence should ever be the answer to our problems. As John Lennon warned, "When it gets down to having to use violence, then you are playing the system's game. The establishment will irritate you—pull your beard, flick your face—to make you fight. Because once they've got you violent, then they know how to handle you."

Still there's something to be said for George Orwell's view that "that rifle hanging on the wall of the working-class flat or labourer's cottage is the symbol of democracy. It is our job to see that it stays there."

The Second Amendment serves as a check on the political power of the ruling authorities. It represents an implicit warning against governmental encroachments on one's freedoms, the warning shot over the bow to discourage any unlawful violations of our persons or property.

Certainly, dictators in past regimes have understood this principle only too well.

As Adolf Hitler noted, "The most foolish mistake we could possibly make would be to allow the subject races to possess arms. History shows that all conquerors who have allowed their subject races to carry arms have prepared their own downfall by so doing."

It should come as no surprise, then, that starting in December 1935, Jews in Germany were prevented from obtaining shooting licenses, because authorities believed that to allow them to do so would "endanger the German population."

In late 1938, special orders were delivered barring Jews from owning firearms, with the punishment for arms possession being 20 years in a concentration camp.

The rest, as they say, is history. Yet it is a history that we should be wary of repeating.

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NFPA addresses fireworks safety ...

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fires, 300 vehicle fires and 16,900 outside and other fires, according to a NFPA news release. These fires cause an annual average of three deaths, 40 civilian injuries, and \$43 million in direct property damage.

However, the vast majority of fireworks injuries occur without a fire starting. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission's 2015 Fireworks Annual Report, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 11,900 people for fireworks-related injuries; 51 percent of those injuries were to the extremities and 41 percent were to the head. Two-thirds (65 percent) of the injuries were burns, Children younger than 15 years of age accounted for one-quarter (26 percent) of the estimated injuries. Sparklers were the leading cause of fireworks injuries. More than half of the fireworks injuries incurred by children under five years of age were caused by sparklers.

"Knowing the harm fireworks inflict each year, particularly among young people, we urge everyone to leave fireworks to the professionals who are trained to safely put on spectacular displays. It is by far the safest way to enjoy them," said Carli.

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Industrial Drive; Suspicious person, 1700 block Nevers Drive; Medical assistance, 600 block Wood Street; Accident, 1800 block Frio Court; Disturbance, Area of W. County Line Road and N. Houston Street; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound from the 73-mile marker; Suspicious person, 1400 block N. Houston Street

• Wednesday, 21 June: Driving while license invalid arrest, Area of I-30 SSR and FM 548; Suspicious person, 100 block W. I-30 SSR; Suspicious vehicle, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Reckless driver, Area of Erby Campbell Boulevard; 911 hang up, 500 block E. I-30 NSR; Disturbance, 500 block Ame Lane; Medical assistance, 800 block Mackenzie Drive; Welfare concern, I-30 eastbound near the 75-mile marker; Alarm, 1600 block Woodlawn Avenue; Suspicious person, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Welfare concern, 1200 block Evergreen Street; Alarm, 3300 block Overstreet Lane; Accident, 300 block Medina Court

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• Thursday, 22 June: Driving while license invalid/Rockwall County Sheriff's Office warrant arrest, Area of Rustic Meadows Drive and Hwy 66; Suspicious person, 500 block W. I-30 NSR; Medical assistance, 1600 block Kelly Lane; Reckless driver, I-30 westbound near the 77-mile marker; Accident, Area of Chestnut Court and Spruce Street; Alarm, 500 block Howard Street; Medical assistance, 200 block Howard Street; Accident, 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 200 block N. Arch Street; Reckless driver, 1300 block Hwy 66; Alarm, 1500 block Bulldog Boulevard; Alarm, 2300 block E. I-30 NSR; Reckless driver, Area of 2300 block E. I-30 NSR; Reckless driver, Area of Loganwood Drive and Pin Oak Lane; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound near the 74-mile marker; Accident, Area of N. Sorrells Road and Hwy 66

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Publisher's Note: It is unknown whether the below referenced Traffic Misdemeanor cases involved violations of statutes that were not designated as misdemeanor criminal offenses punishable by fine and/or imprisonment. The language of each statute may or may not include language designating the same statute as a Class A, B, or C misdemeanor criminal offense.

JP Precinct 1, Judge Jack James 972-204-6740

Criminal Section

Traffic "Misdemeanors" (TM)

Total cases pending first of month were Non-Parking, 2884; Parking, 1; County Ordinances, 0.

36 cases were filed, and 4 cases were reactivated.

A total of 1938 non-parking cases were on the docket.

22 cases were uncontested, and 199 cases were dismissed by Prosecution.

One case was dismissed by the court, and one involved a court acquittal.

Two cases involved dismissal by pre-trial negotiations after completion of Driver Safety Course, and two cases were dismissed after deferred disposition.

Four cases involving "all other Transportation Codes" were dismissed.

Total of 232 cases were disposed.

Non-Traffic "Misdemeanors" (NTM) - Other State Law, 329; County Ordinances, 0.

2 Non-Traffic Misdemeanor cases were filed.

122 NTM penal code cases were on the docket, and 236 cases involving other state laws were on the docket.

Prosecution dismissed six Penal Code cases and five cases involving other state law.

One case involving other state law was dismissed by the court.

One case involving other state law was dismissed after deferred disposition.

Total number of cases pending by the end of April were 180 Penal Code, and 323 involving other state law.

Civil Section

Total cases pending at the first of April were 271 Debt Claims (DC), 4 Landlord/Tenant (LT), and 30 Small Claims (SC).

Total cases pending at the end of April were 279 DC, 7 LT, and 27 SC.

New cases filed were 19 DC, 5 LT, and 3 SC.

2 LT cases were reactivated.

Total cases on docket were 257 DC, 9 LT, 30 SC.

Default judgments include 5 in Debt Claims, and 1 DC case was dismissed for want of prosecution.

Total cases disposed were 11 DC, 2 LT, and 3 SC. No cases were appealed.

Total Magistrate Warnings were 36 Class C Misdemeanors, 71 Class A and B Misdemeanors, and 45 Felonies.

Nine arrest warrants were issued related to Class C Misdemeanors.

The Magistrate issued three orders for emergency protection; and two orders for ignition interlock device.

The court denied, revoked or suspended a handgun license in two cases.

One case was fully satisfied by community service; another case was satisfied by jail credit.

Fines, court costs and other amounts collected were \$6976 kept by the county, with \$3045 remitted to the state. Total amount collected was \$10,021.

JP Precinct 2, Judge Nancy Beaty 972-204-6730

Criminal Section

Traffic Misdemeanors

Total number of cases pending at first of April were 3714, with 3707 pending at the end of the month, and 2229 inactive cases.

159 new cases were filed, and 27 were reactivated.

Total cases on the docket were 1671.

There were 83 pre-trial uncontested dispositions, 6 cases disposed by court at trial, 16 dismissals after Driver Safety Course, 19 dismissals after Deferred Disposition, 6 dismissals after proof of financial responsibility, and 35 cases dismissed involving other Transportation Code violations.

Total number of disposed cases were 166. The court held 10 Show Cause Hearings.

One case was appealed without a trial.

Non-Traffic Misdemeanors Total cases pending at the first of April were 186 Penal Code, 1788 involving other state law, and 2 county ordinance cases.

Total cases pending at the end of the month were 181 Penal Code (PC), 1761 Other State Law (OSL), and 2 County Ordinance (CO).

The number of new cases were 2 PC and 18 OSL; and reactivated cases were 2 PC and 25 OSL.

Total cases on docket were 109 PC, 434 OSL, and 2 CO.

Pre-trial uncontested dispositions included 3 PC and 23 OSL.

4 OSL cases were dismissed at trial.

Dismissals by deferred disposition were 2 PC and 3 OSL.

Dismissals for all other Transportation Code violations were 2 PC and 15 OSL.

One Show Cause hearing was held for a Penal Code case.

Civil Section Total cases pending at the first of April were 84 Debt Claims (DC), 3 Landlord/Tenant (LT), and 17 Small Claims (SC).

Total cases pending at the end of the month were 76 DC, 1 LT, and 19 SC.

New cases filed were 4 DC, 2 LT, and 2 SC.

Total cases on the docket were 88 DC, 5 LT, and 19 SC.

Cases dismissed for want of prosecution were 4 DC and 1 LT.

Plaintiff non-suits or dismissals included 3 DC and 2 LT.

Juvenile/Minor activity included 2 Transportation Code cases, 1 Truancy, and 1 non-traffic fine-only case.

Total number of Magistrate Warnings issued were 25 Class C Misdemeanor, 53 Class A and B Misdemeanor, and 52 Felonies.

Arrest warrants included 8 Class C Misdemeanors, and 6 Class A and B Misdemeanors.

Total number of "Capias Pro Fine" warrants issued were 20.

The Magistrate held one emergency mental health hearing, and issued two orders for issuance of emergency protection.

The Magistrate issued three ignition lock devices.

Four cases were satisfied by jail credit.

Total fines, court costs and other amounts collected and kept by the county were \$24,340, and \$13,135 was remitted to the state.

Total collected was \$37,475.

JP Precinct 3, Judge Mark Russo 972-204-6720

Traffic Misdemeanors Total cases pending at first of April were 632 Non-Parking, with 657 pending at the end of the month, and 333 inactive cases.

89 new Non-Parking cases were filed, and 6 were reactivated.

Total cases on the docket were 394 Non-Parking.

There were 33 pre-trial uncontested dispositions, 5 cases disposed by court at trial, 11 dismissals after Driver Safety Course, 9 dismissals after Deferred Disposition, 1 dismissal after proof of financial responsibility, and 5 cases dismissed involving other Transportation Code violations.

Total number of disposed cases were 64 Non-Parking.

The court held 5 Show Cause Hearings.

Non-Traffic Misdemeanors Total cases pending at the first of April were 24 Penal Code (PC), and 218 involving other state law (OSL).

Total cases pending at the end of the month were 27 Penal Code (PC), and 210 Other State Law (OSL).

The number of new cases were 3 PC and 2 OSL; and reactivated cases were 5 OSL.

Total cases on docket were 19 PC, and 35 OSL.

Pre-trial uncontested dispositions included 1 OSL.

3 OSL cases were disposed by the court at trial.

Dismissals for all other Transportation Code violations were 6 OSL.

Civil Section Total cases pending at the first of April were 20 Debt Claims (DC), 4 Landlord/Tenant (LT), and 19 Small Claims (SC).

Total cases pending at the end of the month were 16 DC, 5 LT, and 15 SC.

New cases filed were 4 LT, and 2 SC.

Total cases on the docket were 20 DC, 8 LT, and 21 SC.

Cases dismissed for want of prosecution were 2 SC.

Juvenile/Minor activity included 3 Transportation Code cases, 1 Truancy, and 1 parental contribution to nonattendance.

Total number of Magistrate Warnings issued were 16 Class C Misdemeanor, 13 Class A and B Misdemeanor, and 14 Felony.

Arrest warrants included 2 Class A and B Misdemeanors, and 2 Felony.

The Magistrate issued 6 orders for emergency protection.

The Magistrate issued 1 ignition lock devices.

Eight cases were satisfied by jail credit.

Total fines, court costs and other amounts collected and kept by the county were \$8226, and \$4911 was remitted to the state.

Total collected was \$13,137.

JP Precinct 4, Judge Liana Whitten 972-204-6710

Traffic Misdemeanors Total number of cases pending at first of April were 1649 Non-Parking, with 1702 pending at the end of the month, and 548 inactive cases.

112 new Non-Parking cases were filed, and 3 were reactivated.

Total cases on the docket were 1250 Non-Parking.

There were 32 pre-trial uncontested dispositions, 2 cases disposed by court at trial, 4 dismissals after Driver Safety Course, 15 dismissals after Deferred Disposition, 1 dismissals after proof of financial responsibility, and 5 cases dismissed involving other Transportation Code violations.

Total number of disposed cases were 59.

The court held 12 Show Cause Hearings.

Non-Traffic Misdemeanors Total cases pending at the first of April were 42 Penal Code, and 90 involving other state law.

Total cases pending at the end of the month were 44 Penal Code (PC), and 89 Other State Law (OSL).

The number of new cases were 2 PC and 2 OSL; and reactivated cases were 1 OSL.

Total cases on docket were 24 PC, and 62 OSL.

1 OSL cases were dismissed at trial.

Dismissals by deferred disposition were 2 OSL.

Civil Section Total cases pending at the first of April were 23 Debt Claims (DC), 11 Landlord/Tenant (LT), and 32 Small Claims (SC).

Total cases pending at the end of the month were 24 DC, 15 LT, and 32 SC.

New cases filed were 5 DC, 20 LT, and 4 SC.

Total cases on the docket were 27 DC, 31 LT, and 37 SC.

Total default judgments were 2 DC, and Agreed judgments were 2 DC.

Cases dismissed for want of prosecution were 3 LT.

Plaintiff non-suits or dismissals included 10 LT.

Juvenile/Minor activity included 1 Transportation Code case, and 1 Truancy.

Total number of Magistrate Warnings issued were 33 Class C Misdemeanor, 50 Class A and B Misdemeanor, and 22 Felony.

Arrest warrants included 28 Class C Misdemeanors, and 1 Class A and B Misdemeanors.

Total number of "Capias Pro Fine" warrants issued were 5.

The Magistrate issued 1 order for issuance of emergency protection.

The Magistrate issued 4 ignition lock devices.

10 cases involved "driver's" license denial, revocation or suspension hearings.

Fine and court costs were satisfied by community service in 1 case.

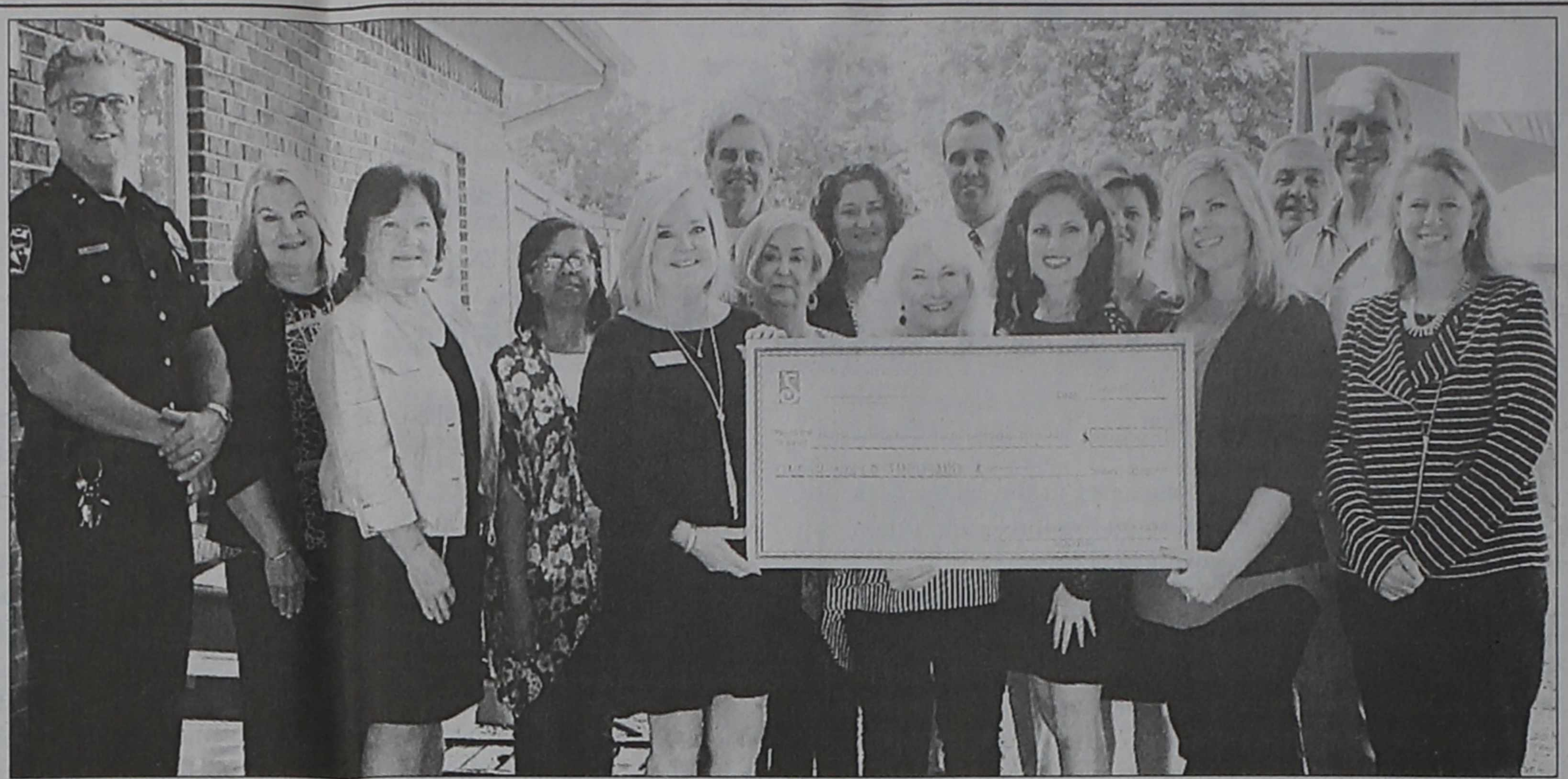
Three cases were satisfied by jail credit.

Total fines, court costs and other amounts collected and kept by the county were \$9681, and \$5933 was remitted to the state.

Total collected was \$15,614.

The Constitution of most of our states (and of the United States) assert that all power is inherent in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves; that is their right and duty to be at all times armed and that they are entitled to freedom of person, freedom of religion, freedom of property and freedom of press.

Thomas Jefferson



Rockwall Soroptimists president Holly Lyons and Shelli Miller, club member, are shown presenting a check for \$100,000 to the Board of Directors of the Children's Advocacy Center for Rockwall County. The presentation check includes the value of the past year's rent and utilities and a cash donation of \$20,000. The CAC is a major project of the Rockwall Soroptimists and funds are raised from their annual Rockwall Country Fair. Pictured from the left are Kirk Riggs, Debbie Moeller, Cindy Paris, Veronica Chancellor, Miller, Brad Epstein, Cindy Lindley, Mackenzie Lozano, Penny Maris, Ryan Bierds, Patricia Mejia, Felicia Oliphant, Lyons, Larry Parks, Rick Carroll and Kenda Culpepper.

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Rockwall County Sports Notes

RHS Football Camps slated

The Yellowjackets will host a series of football camps for several student age groups. The camp for students going into kindergarten through sixth grade will run from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. July 31-Aug. 3. The camp for incoming seventh and eighth grade students will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. July 31-Aug. 3. The camp for incoming ninth grade students will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 7-11 at the Kyle Practice Field. Cost is \$80 for each of the camps. For more information or to register, visit the RISD website, click on Athletics and look for information about Summer Camps.