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First Baptist Church of Rockwall choir members Samantha Urbantke (right) and Ronnie Wolfe (left) offer an inspiring performance of the song, "Healing Is In Your Hands," Sunday, July 1, 2017, during the 'Songs of Freedom' concert, at FBC Rockwall. Guest Conductor Trent Blackley (left, at podium) led the combined efforts of the Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra and the FBC Rockwall Choir.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Philharmonic Orchestra joins FBC Choir for special concert

The Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra joined the First Baptist Church of Rockwall Choir, Sunday evening, July 1, 2017, for a patriotic and spiritual Independence Day performance at FBC Rockwall.

The Orchestra and Choir were led by Conductor Trent Blackley, and the Choir was under the Directorship of Cheryl Entrikin.

Blackley serves as Minister of Music & Worship at FBC Rockwall.

University scholastic honors

Locals named to OBU honors lists

Several local residents were among students at Ouachita Baptist University named to the Dean's and President's Lists following the spring semester.

President's List honorees included Kenzie Osborn of Heath, Beth Naylor and Dillon Wester of Rockwall and Aaron East and Daryn McMinn of Roysse City.

To be named to the President's List, a student must compile a 4.0 grade-point average and complete at least 12 academic hours.

Named to the Dean's list were Matthew Alderman and William Jackson of Rockwall and Brook East of Roysse City.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must complete a minimum of 12 academic hours and earn a minimum 3.5 grade-point average, according to the Arkadelphia, Arkansas, university news release.

RSM set for "Peter Pan"

The Rockwall Summer Musicals finished its performance of "Fiddler on the Roof," Sunday, July 2, 2017.

Next in the musical series will be "Peter Pan."

The performance schedule will start 7:30 p.m., August 11 - 12, in the Rockwall High School Performing Arts Center at Utley Middle School.

Shows will also take place:

- 2:00 p.m., Aug. 13.
- 7:30 p.m., Aug. 18 - 19.
- 2:00 p.m., Aug. 20, 2017.

The RSM announced plans to attract aspiring collegiate musical theater students during the summer, and integrate with Actors' Equity members to allow for the co-mingling of the varied talent pool toward providing a healthy mentoring environment for developing performers.

Tickets may be purchased online by visiting rockwallsummermusicals.com.

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The program began with the orchestra performance of Sing the Stars and Stripes, arranged by David T. Clydesdale.

Next the orchestra entertained the audience with "Our Flag (Underscore 1), also arranged by Clydesdale, with narrator Dave James.

Following presentation of the Admiralty Flag of the United States of America by Dane McGuffee (U.S. Marine Corp), the audience and performers recanted a pledge of allegiance to the United States of America.

A Barber Shop Quartet with Barrett Doss, Blackley, Mark Stephens

Rockwall ISD approves next fiscal year budget

The Rockwall ISD Board of Trustees met, Monday, June 26, 2017, and held a hearing on, and adopted the 2017-2018 Budget.

Attending the meeting were Trustees President Stephanie Adams, Russ Childers, Leigh Plagens, Chris Cuny, and Superintendent John Villareal.

Absent from the meeting were Trustees Linda Duran, Jon Bailey and Jim White.

Chief Financial Officer Randy McDowell offered the presentation of the budget overview.

History of property values for Rockwall ISD. Certified values for the current year is \$7,853,000. During 2006 the property values were over \$4.8 Billion.

McDowell noted a significant increase in property values during the past three or four years.

Budget priorities included a 2% salary increase in the amount of \$1100 for teachers, that was approved during the previous meeting; and 2% of the mid-point for all other pay families; teacher starting pay from \$50,000 to \$59,000; health insurance contribution at \$361 per month.

The ISD issued \$75 Million in bonds for this year that will require payments during the next fiscal year.

Cuny interrupted McDowell to point out for the record that the school district does not determine appraised property values, and that responsibility belongs to the Rockwall Central Appraisal District.

Assumptions in the budget included an estimated certified property values with the 6% increase of \$8,361,000,000, with a 98% estimated collection rate. Projected enrollment is 16,265 students.

Proposed expenditures in the General Fund will be \$123,297,261; the Child Nutrition Fund will be \$6,592,630; Debt Service Fund will be \$34,620,009.

The Rockwall County News is researching to determine whether the ISD complied with Section 44.004 subsections (b), (c), and (d), related to publishing required notice of Budget meeting.

A public hearing for the proposed budget and tax rate was opened. Lorne Megyesi of Fate spoke on the challenges of increasing property values. He recommended that the state legislature needs to fix the school funding.

Megyesi expressed concerns about the \$411 increase in taxes, and emphasized that the City of Fate is "taxing our citizens out of their homes." He recommended changing to a flat rate for this fiscal year.

There were no other public comments.

The Budget for General Fund, Child Nutrition, and Debt Service was approved unanimously.

and Dale Ridenour, sang the Star-Spangled Banner with the orchestra and choir, as arranged by Bill Gaither.

With the assistance of narrator Dave James, soloist Barrett Doss sang "There She Stands," arranged by Clydesdale.

Following the performance of "Freedom," arranged by David Hamilton, military veterans were recognized during "Salute to the Armed Forces," arranged by Camp Kirkland.

The Army flag was held by Dudley Nosworthy; Navy flag, Blake Buchanan; Coast Guard flag, Dane McGuffee; Air Force, Urban Tinckham; Marine, Joe Johnson.

The show continued with performances of "Song for the Heroes," arranged by Richard Kingsmore; "Freedom Battle," arranged by Hamilton; "Row Upon Row," with duet by Stephanie Baugher and Lou Jean Beckett, arranged by Dave Williamson; "African-American Spirituals Medley," arranged by Dan Goeller; "Heal Our Land," arranged by Geron Davis and J. Daniel Smith; "Healing Is In Your Hands," arranged by Mark Bovee, featuring the duet singing of Samantha Urbantke and Ronnie Wolfe.

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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.

Angel Swim slated for July 8

The Angel Swim has been scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 8. Chick-fil-A chicken biscuits and drinks will be sold for \$3.50.

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.

Brothers in Glory to perform at FUMC

The gospel harmony quartet of Brothers in Glory will perform at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 13, in the Open Door Worship Center, Building A, at the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. No advance tickets are required, but a free-will donation will be collected. The event will be sponsored by the Sailsetters, the church's 55-plus fellowship ministry. A cookies-and-punch reception will follow the performance. Complimentary childcare will be available with advance notice. For more details call the church office at 972-771-5500.

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. Workshops will meet Aug. 29 through Oct. 24, plus one rehearsal on Nov. 1. Capricious Pearl will cater to students in grades 6-8 at the same times each Thursday. Workshop will meet Aug. 31 through Nov. 2. rockwallcommunityplayhouse@gmail.com for more details.



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Local woman makes top 5 in Mrs. USA Universal pageant

Kimberly Bader of Rockwall, Mrs. Texas U.S. Universal 2017, earned the fourth runner-up spot at the Mrs. USA Universal Pageant conducted recently at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino in Reno, Nevada.

She was presented with the Gold President's Volunteer Service Award for her community service, according to a news release from the pageant.

The weeklong pageant included photo shoots, seminars, rehearsals and preliminary judging. The final competition took place June 29. Personal interviews and community service comprised half of the delegates' overall scores, with fitness wear and evening gown scoring at 20 percent each. The on-stage question was worth 10 percent of each contestant's final score.

Bader developed a project, One for One, which encourages and inspires children to give up one hour of screen time for an hour of volunteer work each week.

"There are so many wonderful opportunities to volunteer and ways to get involved at every age," Bader said in the news release. "That just one hour a week can make a difference in a local community."

Bader works with school districts across the country to speak via Skype to get children fired up about volunteering. She said she believes that volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy.

"You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in," she said. "Best of all, while a person needs to be age 18 to vote, people of any age can volunteer."

Bader will hold her Texas title until March when she crowns a new Mrs. Texas U.S. Universal in

RCP details upcoming activities

The Rockwall Community Playhouse has a number of events planned for coming months.

An overview of these activities is as follows:

- "Disco Inferno" teen musical performances – July 21-23, 28-30 and Aug. 4-6. Tickets are on sale now.

- "Oklahoma!" The RCP's STAR Players musical features special-needs adults. Rehearsals will begin at 9 a.m. Aug. 1. Volunteers are needed to serve as mentors who will assist actors. Performances are set Aug. 11-13. Contact the RCP if interested in volunteering.

- Children's After-school Workshop registration – Open for "The Wonders of Storybook Land" for grades 1-5 and "Capricious Pearls" for grades 6-8. Workshops begin the week of Aug. 29.

- Painting with a Purpose fundraiser for the RCP will run from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Aug. 1. Cost is \$35 and will allow participants to paint their own masterpieces. Supplies and free wine glass will be provided. Register at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

- The 2017-2018 season will include "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," Sept. 22-26, 29-30 and Oct. 1 and 6-8; "A Christmas Carol," Nov. 24-26, Dec. 1-3 and 8-10; "She Loves Me," Feb. 9-11, 16-18 and 23-25; "Anne of Green Gables," March 30-31 and April 1 and 6-8; and teen musical "We Will Rock You," July 27-29, 2018, and Aug. 3-5 and 10-12, 2018.

- Rockwall's Got Talent – January

Tickets for all performances may be purchased at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org, by calling 972-722-3399 or at the box office a half-hour prior to show time.

The 84-seat RCP theater is located at 609 E. Rusk, two blocks off the square in downtown Rockwall.



Kimberly Bader of Rockwall, right, was named fourth runner-up in the Mrs. USA Universal 2017 pageant. She holds the title of Mrs. Texas U.S. Universal 2017. Also pictured are Mrs. USA Universal 2017 winner, Mrs. Nebraska Amanda Reinert; first runner-up, Dawnel DeRubels, Mrs. California; second runner-up, Dawn Hinton, Mrs. Minnesota; and third runner-up, Charmaine Pozo, Mrs. Arizona.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall Police receive donation from baseball tournament

During the weekend of June 17 - 18, 2017, the City of Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department held a 'Back the Blue' Baseball Tournament at the Leon Tuttle Baseball Complex, to benefit the Rockwall Police Department.

On June 28, the Parks Department presented Chief Kirk Riggs and the Rockwall Police Department with a check for \$4,000.00.

"We would like to express our tremendous thanks to our Community and the Parks & Recreation Department for their continued support," said Riggs.

Participating in the presentation were Chief Riggs, Hunter Sullivan (Parks & Recreation Department), Sergeant Jeff Welch, Officer David Andrews, Rockwall Assistant City Manager Brad Griggs, Rockwall Athletics Supervisor David Wilson, Assistant Chief Kirk Aldridge, Lieutenant Andy Villarreal, Lieutenant Bryan Garrett and Drew Jones (Parks & Recreation Department).



The new 2017-2018 board of directors of the Rockwall Soroptimists was installed by member Sandy Hansen at a dinner on June 22 at the Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club. Pictured from left to right are Norma Morris, director; Ariana Hargrove, president-elect; Kim Sweet, president; Rhonda Wright, treasurer; Holly Lyons, director; Kami Webb, secretary; and Brooke McMaster, director. Penny Maris, director, is not pictured.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

University Scholastics

Frazeo tapped for Chancellor's Award

Brandon Frazeo of Rockwall received the University of Wisconsin-Stout Chancellor's Award following the spring semester, according to a news release from the Menomonie, Wisconsin, university.

The award is presented to students who have a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, according to the release.

Frazeo is pursuing a bachelor's degree in applied science.

Matke earns master's degree

Paige Matke of Rockwall graduated with a Master of Science degree in learning sciences and technology from Lehigh University, according to a news release from the Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, university.

Commencement exercises were conducted May 22, according to the release. She was one of nearly 1,500 graduates.

Roland, Harrelson receive degrees

Two local residents were among students who graduated from Midwestern State University in May, according to a Wichita Falls news release.

William Thomas Roland of Rockwall received a bachelor's degree in marketing, while Kevin Ryan Harrelson of Roysse City earned a bachelor's degree in applied arts and sciences.

Harrelson graduated summa cum laude, according to the release. For summa cum laude honors, a student must achieve a grade-point average of 3.9-4.0.

Rockwall Chamber, June Ribbon-Cuttings/Grand Openings/ New Chamber Members

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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 exhibition, prizes, appetizers and a cash bar. Admission will be free for museum members; 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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- Rowlett - Walmart Neighborhood (Dalrock and Hwy 66)
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- Fate - Fate Grocery Store.

Regional News Briefs

Ladonia Rodeo set, July 7 - 8

The Ladonia Rodeo Association will hold the 52nd Annual Ladonia Rodeo & Frontier Days, starting 8:30 p.m., on Friday and Saturday, July 7 - 8, 2017, at the Eastman Arena located on FM 64 at CR 3360 in Ladonia, Texas. The event will include Mutton Bustin (Sheep Riding) for children 6 years and under (\$20 entry fee), and Kids Boot Find for and Calf Scramble for children 6 years and under (Prizes awarded in children's events). Contest events will include Bull Riding, Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Ranch Bronc Riding, Steer Wrestling, Calf Roping, Break-away Roping, Team Roping and Barrel Racing. For more information contact Triena Duncan at 903-450-5231 or Discha Threlkeld at 903-456-6465. Funds are used to promote the Sport of Rodeo in the local area, sponsor youth ball teams and awarding scholarships to a local senior in the Future Farmers of America. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

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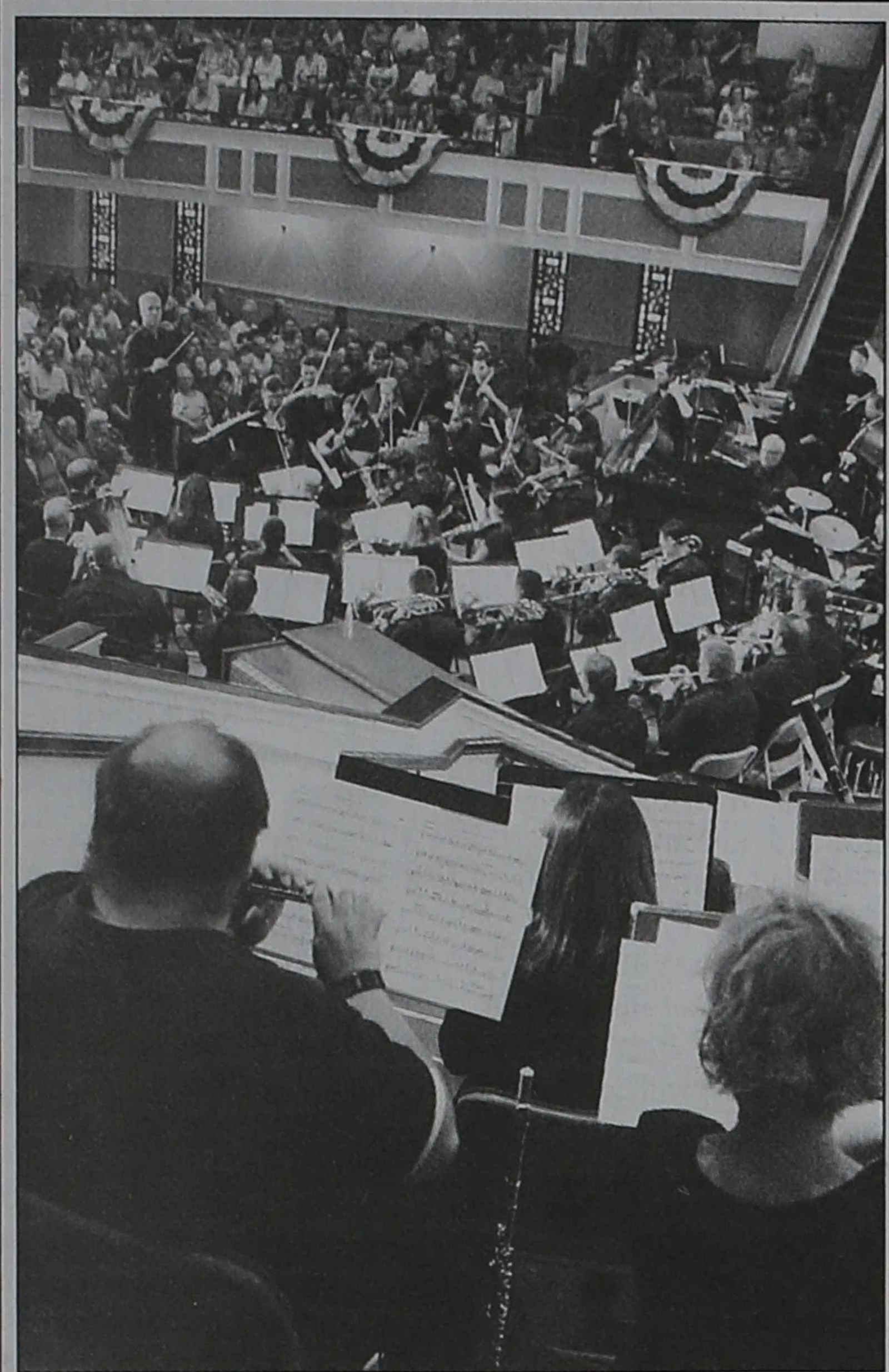
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The Rockwall Independence Day parade included live entertainment by Rockwall School of Music students (from left) Jane Jeray (lead singer), Will Colacecchi, Mateo Young and Blake Adams. The parade was held Tuesday, July 4, 2017, following a route from Utey Middle School to Dobbs Elementary. Not pictured are Music Director Randy Rost, students Braeden Fithian, Makenna Kirkwood, Charles Cole, and Cora Zerkakos.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



The Rockall Philharmonic Orchestra concert with the First Baptist Church Rockwall Choir, was accentuated by the creatively subtle and distant sound from the woodwind section, positioned at a higher point in the FBC worship center. Guest conductor for the show was Trent Blackley (back, left), Minister of Music and Worship for FBC. The combined group performed a patriotic and spiritual show entitled, "Songs of Freedom."

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

No condemnation in the Lord Jesus ...

God's word teaches us that His beloved saints and children are counted as having died with the Lord Jesus who died for all of mankind, and alive with the resurrected and living Lord Jesus who was given a new and glorious body.

While people are alive, they are under the man-made laws and ordinances. With death, they are no longer under the rules and cannot be punished for violation of the rules. This is basic common sense, but this basic principle sets the foundation for the true status of God's beloved.

Through Jesus the living Messiah and Son of God the Creator, people are freed from the law.

It is written, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1).

The King James Bible includes the following, which was not in the earliest known texts, "who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit." Truth is, because of righteousness and the new birth, God's beloved are counted as dead with the Lord Jesus who blotted "out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross" (Col. 2:14).

One of the ancient Hebrew traditions dealt with situations of debt. When a debtor was unable to satisfy a respective creditor, proof of debt was nailed at the front gate.

After learning about the debt, another person could pay the debt on behalf of the debtor. When this is done, the debt note hanging on the gate was folded closed, signifying there is no more debt. All the terms and conditions of the debt were satisfied by the third party.

Jesus took the debt, and associated condemnation that was on all of mankind, out of the way. The debt instrument was folded and satisfied so there would be no condemnation. Jesus nailed the folded debt to his cross. This liberated condition is by the spiritual legal authority that is in the name of the Son of God, and not by people's deeds.

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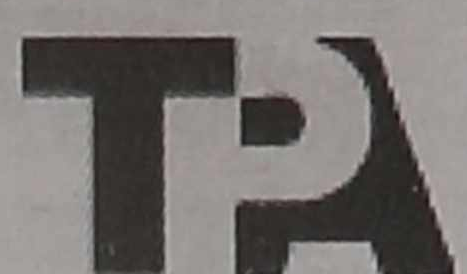
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The Developer, The 160 Fate Investment Land, LLC, will be the Payor for the contract for Rockwall County Municipal Utility District No. 8. Plans, specifications and bid documents are available at <http://www.civcastusa.com>; Keyword: 04023-08B02. Contract 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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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. 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 11:30 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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The annual Celebrate Freedom conducted Friday, June 30, at Royse City High School started off with a bang at 6 p.m. as this group of kids rode the Pirates Revenge ride. There were rides and inflatables for the children, live music presented throughout the evening by three different bands and foods cooked on site by vendors. Those attending bought blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the evening. Fireworks began at 9:30 p.m.
Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



Members of the Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution boldly march onward, Tuesday, July 4, 2017, at the intersection of Boydston and Clark Streets, during the Rockwall Independence Day parade, Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Opinions

In Congress, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,--That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States.

To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us;

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States;

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world!

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent;

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury;

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered

only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here.

We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

[Signed by the following delegates from the 13 Colonies:]

Georgia – Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, George Walton; Maryland – Samuel Chase, William Paca, Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll of Carrollton; Delaware – Caesar Rodney, George Read, Thomas McKean; Massachusetts – John Hancock, Samuel Adams, John Adams, Robert Treat Paine, Elbridge Gerry; North Carolina – William Hooper, Joseph Hewes, John Penn; Virginia – George Wythe, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Harrison, Thomas Nelson Jr, Francis Lightfoot Lee, Carter Braxton; New York – William Floyd, Philip Livingston, Francis Lewis, Lewis Morris; Rhode Island – Stephen Hopkins, William Ellery; South Carolina – Edward Rutledge, Thomas Heyward Jr, Thomas Lynch Jr, Arthur Middleton; New Jersey – Richard Stockton, John Witherspoon, Francis Hopkinson, John Hart, Abraham Clark; Connecticut – Roger Sherman, Samuel Huntington, William Williams, Oliver Wolcott; Pennsylvania – Robert Morris, Benjamin Rush, Benjamin Franklin, John Morton, George Clymer, James Smith, George Taylor, James Wilson, George Ross; New Hampshire – Josiah Bartlett, William Whipple and Matthew Thornton.

How accidental are America's accidental civilian killings across the Middle East?

by Peter Van Buren
WeMeantWell.com

US Secretary of Defense James Mattis has said "civilian casualties are a fact of life in this sort of situation," referring to America's war against Islamic State.

How can America in clear conscience continue to kill civilians across the Middle East? It's easy; ask Grandpa what he did in the Good War. Civilian deaths in WWII weren't dressed up as collateral damage, they were policy.

Following what some claim are looser rules of engagement in place under the Trump administration, US-led coalition air strikes in Iraq and Syria killed 1,484 civilians in March 2017 alone. Altogether some 3,100 civilians have been killed from the air since the US launched its coalition war against Islamic State, according to the NGO Airwars. Drone strikes outside of the ISIS fight killed 3,674 other civilians. In 2015 the US destroyed an entire hospital in Afghanistan, along with doctors and patients inside.

That all adds up to a lot of accidents — accidents created in part by the use of Hellfire missiles designed to destroy tanks employed against individual people, and 500 pound bombs that can clear a football-field sized area dropped inside densely inhabited areas. The policy of swatting flies with sledgehammers, surgical strikes with blunt instruments, does indeed seem to lead to civilian deaths, deaths that stretch the definition of "accident."

Yet despite the numbers killed, the watchword in modern war is that civilians are never targeted on purpose, at least by our side. Americans would never intentionally kill innocents.

Except we have.

The good guys in World War II oversaw the rapid development of new weapons to meet the changing needs of killing entire cities' worth of innocents. For example, in Europe, brick and stone construction lent itself to the use of conventional explosives to destroy cities. In Japan, however, given the prominence of wood construction, standard explosives tended to simply scatter structures over a limited area. The answer was incendiary devices.

To fine-tune their use, the US Army Air Force built a full-size Japanese village in Utah. They questioned American architects who had worked in Japan, consulted a furniture importer, and installed tatami straw floor mats taken from Japanese-Americans sent off to internment camps. Among the insights gained was the need for incendiary devices to be made much heavier than originally thought. Japanese homes typically had tile roofs. The early devices tended to bounce right off. A heavier device would break through the tile and ignite inside the structure, creating a much more effective fire.

Far from accidental, firebombing Japan had been planned in War Plan Orange, written long before Pearl Harbor. As far back as the 1920s, US General Billy Mitchell had said Japan's paper and wood cities would be "the greatest aerial targets the world had ever seen." Following the outline in War Plan Orange, the efforts were led by Curtis "Bombs Away" LeMay, who expressed his goal as "Japan will eventually be a nation without cities, a nomadic people."

LeMay also helped run the US bombing campaign against North Korea during that war, claiming that American efforts killed some 20 percent of the civilian population. The man many call the architect of the Vietnam War, Robert McNamara, worked for LeMay during the WWII firebombing campaign. McNamara as Secretary of Defense went on to order the use of napalm in Vietnam, often against undefended civilian targets. The accidents of civilian deaths in war turn inside tight circles.

The skill with which America tuned its WWII firebombing into an exquisite way to destroy civilians reached its peak on March 10, 1945, when three hundred American B-29 bombers flew virtually unopposed over Tokyo's most densely populated residential area. They dropped enough incendiary bombs to create a firestorm, a conflagration that burned the oxygen out of the air itself.

What was accomplished? One hundred thousand dead, a million people made homeless. The raid remains the single most destructive act of war ever committed, even after Hiroshima.

The problem, however, for the US with such raids was their inefficiency in killing civilians. The logistics of sending off 300 planes were daunting, especially when an hour or two of unexpected wind or rain could negate much of effort. There was no question firestorms were the very thing to systematically commit genocide in Japan. But what was needed was a tool to create those firestorms efficiently, and to make them weather-proof.

It would only take science a few more months after the Tokyo firebombing to provide that tool. A single atomic bomb meant one plane could do the work of 300. And the bomb would create a fire so powerful and large and hot that weather would have no effect; it was foolproof. There could be no better weapon for destroying whole cities and all of the people in them, and it has only been used by one nation. Twice, because the 85,000 killed in Hiroshima were not enough.

These were tactics of vengeance matched with weapons designed to carry them out as horribly as possible. They worked well: the firebombing campaign over Japan, including the atomic bombings, purposely killed more than one million civilians in just five months in 1945.

It was only after WWII ended, when accurate descriptions from Hiroshima began finding their way back to America, that the idea of firebombing as a way to shorten the war, to spare lives in the long game, came into full flower. The myth, that the atomic bomb was in fact a reluctant instrument of mercy, not terror, was first published in Harper's Magazine in February 1947 under the name of Secretary of War Henry Stimson. The actual writing was done by McGeorge Bundy, who later as National Security Adviser helped promote the American war in Vietnam that took several million civilian lives.

The majority of Americans, recovering their consciences post-war, were thus nudged into seeing what was actually a continuation of long-standing policy of civilian genocide in Japan as an unfortunate but necessary step toward Japan's surrender, and thus saved innumerable lives that would have been lost had the war dragged on. This thinking lives on today on politically correct ground under the banner of great powers having to reluctantly put aside what is moral in peace for what is expedient in war. A "fact of life," according to the US Secretary of Defense.

So look deeper into history if you want to understand the morality-free rise in civilian deaths across America's battlefields in the Middle East. We don't like to think of ourselves as the kind of people who willfully kill innocents, but we were pleased by it only a skip back in history; your grandfather flew missions over Japan to burn children to death. Accidents of course happen in war, but there is a dark history of policy that demands skepticism each time such claims are made.

Hold government officials responsible for statutory violations

A widely recognized problem in governments is non-compliance with state law.

Solution: Call on the House and Senate to amend Penal Code Section 39 Abuse of Official Capacity and Official Oppression to:

- 1. Remove "with intent to harm or defraud another;" and**
- 2. Remove "intentionally or knowingly."**

Intent of the government officer logically goes to sentencing or punitive damages.

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Royse City News

RC refinances current debt, reaches for more debt

During the regular meeting of the City of Royse City, Inc., held Tuesday, June 13, 2017, the council unanimously approved an ordinance "authorizing" the issuance and sale of Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2017; and levied an Annual Ad Valorem Tax that would provide for the security and payment of the "Certificates of Obligation" loan.

Attending the meeting were Mayor Janet Nichol, Council member Bruce Bradley Place 3, Council member James Branch Place 5 and Council member Tom Crowley Place 6.

Absent from the meeting were Council member Charles Houk Place 1, Council member Matt Wheatley Place 4, and Mayor Pro Tem Council member Clay Ellis Place 2.

According to the minutes of the meeting, Financial Advisor Steven Adams said four bids were taken that morning around 10:00 a.m., for the issuance of \$4,650,000. The municipality will be indebted to the winning bidder, Hutchison, Shockey, Erley & Co. with an interest rate of 2.96 percent over the amount of the loan.

Adams explained the loan would be used for vehicles and equipment with a repayment over four years; and, land, drainage and streets with a repayment over twenty years.

The council then voted unanimously to approve the issuance and sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017; and the levying of an Annual Ad Valorem Tax that would provide for the security and payment of the bonds.

Adams explained that six bids were received. Again, the city will be indebted to Hutchison, Shockey, Erley & Co. for \$7,645,000 with an interest rate of 1.89% over the loan amount, to refinance existing Series 2007A Certificates and Series 2007B Certificates.

It is unknown whether City Mayor Janet Nichol will bring City Manager Carl Alsbrook and Secretary Debra Sorenson into compliance with state law that requires notices be published in a newspaper that is published in the county where the city is located, and that holds a USPS Second Class Periodical Permit in a Post Office of origin located where the newspaper is published.

The statutes related to the levying of Ad Valorem Taxes provide for the filing of civil actions in cases where required notices are not published, for the purposes of state law.

The Rockwall County News did not receive an order from Sorensen

for publication of the required notices related to the levying of the Annual Ad Valorem Taxes.

The council set a time, date, and location for public hearing on nine proposed involuntary annexation actions.

The proposed involuntary annexation actions include, property along Highway 66 in Rockwall County, FM 548 in Rockwall County, FM 35 and FM 2453 in Rockwall County, FM 1777 in Collin County, CR 1031 in Collin County, FM 2642 in Hunt and Collin Counties, CR 2597 in Hunt County, I-30, CR 2509, and FM 1565 and in Hunt County, West I-30 in Hunt County.

It is unknown whether the city will publish the required notices of the involuntary annexation public hearings in a newspaper of general circulation located in Rockwall County, for purposes of state law.

The Rockwall County News has not received an order for publication of the required involuntary annexation notices of public hearing.

The city set the "public hearings" for Tuesday, July 11, 2017.

The city council also opened two "public hearings" to take testimony concerning a voluntary annexation action related to 65.92 acres of land located along FM 548 in Rockwall County. The required notice of public hearing was not published in accordance with state law. No one spoke about the item.

The council passed the consent agenda, which included the minutes for the May 23 and May 25, 2017 meetings, and a resolution appointing Dr. Tim Swofford as Health Authority.

Attending the May 23 regular meeting were Ellis, Bradley, Wheatley, Branch and Crowley.

Absent from the meeting were Nichol and Houk.

During the May 23 meeting, the council opened three public hearings:

- Zoning change from Planned Development (based on Single-family 2) to Planned Development for single-family 1, related to properties at Tracts 5, 6, and 6-1 of the James Roads Survey. The change was for Ridge Park. The applicant was Awad Eskander. No one spoke on the issue.

- Specific Use Permit (SUP) application for an Auto Service Station locate at Tract 12 of the J. Stephenson Survey, or lot 4 of Erby Campbell Retail Two. It was related to a request from Kwik Kar, to be located between the current Wal-mart and Tractor Supply stores.

No one spoke on the issue.

- SUP application for Building Material Sales at property located at 5901 FM 2642, north Verandah and adjacent to The Meadows, zoned for Commercial 2. The request was for approval of the sale of rock and stones storage materials at the property. No one spoke on the issue.

In all three public hearing issues, the Planning and Zoning Commission alleged to have heard testimony in public hearings. Neither the city nor the commission published required notices of public hearings in a newspaper, for purpose of state law.

The approved consent agenda included the minutes of the May 9, 2017 meeting.

In other business, the city:

- Heard a presentation by Shannon Raymond on the April monthly revenue and expenditure report. It was reported that Sales Tax represented 23% of the General Fund. Sewer expenditures were ahead of the budgeted threshold because treatment services/debt payments to North Texas Municipal Water District was paid in advance. Lift station repairs were reportedly higher than normal.

- Approved a Subdivision Improvement Agreement for Public Improvements with Vista Estates related to the Vista Oaks Subdivision.

- Approved an ordinance related to a re-plot of CVS Royse City addition, voiding the previous re-plot, for property to be located at the northeast corner of Erby Campbell and I-30.

- Approved the zoning change from Planning Development single-family 2, to PD single-family 1.

- Approved the SUP for the auto service station known as Kwik Kar.

- Approved a resolution for elevations and other submitted materials for Kwik Kar.

- Approved an ordinance related to the SUP for the sale of building materials on property between Verandah and The Meadows subdivisions. The applicant was John Knight.

- Approved an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances to adopt the 2009 International Mechanical Code.

- Re-appointed Jim Melody to the North Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors.

Fate News

Municipality approves 7% salary increase for City Manager, with \$12,000 retention bonus

The City of Fate, Inc. council members unanimously voted to increase the annual salary of City Manager Michael Kovacs, by 7% to include a \$12,000 retention bonus payable the last pay period of the fiscal year. Reasons for the bonus were not disclosed.

According to the minutes of the Monday, June 5, 2017 regular meeting, the council went into closed meeting to "to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee regarding the city manager.

Attending the meeting were Mayor Lorne Megyesi, Council members Joe Burger (Mayor Pro Tem), Steve Herrmann (Deputy Mayor Pro Tem), Nikki Robinson, Blake Buchanan, and David Billings. Absent was Council member Lance Megyesi.

The council held a public hearing on a zoning request submitted by Jo Ann Buis, change the zoning of 4.10 acres from Agricultural District to Planned Development District For Rural Residential uses, and altered Development Standards for a single-family residential dwelling on property located north of Prince Lane, approximately 3500 feet west of the intersection between Prince Lane and Highway 66.

Director of Planning and Development Services Will Rugeley explained that the application seeks to establish PD zoning in order to construct a single-family residence so the applicant lives in close proximity to family.

Rugeley reported that "notification was published and property owners were notified in accordance with Texas LGC Chapter 211."

Section 211.006 states in short, "Before the 15th day before the date of the hearing, notice of the time and place of the hearing must

be published in an official newspaper or a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality."

Rugeley failed to state whether the required notice was published in a newspaper selected in accordance with Texas Government Code Sections 2051.044, and 2051.048 requiring selection of newspaper that is published either in the city, or published in the county where the city is located.

The Rockwall County News did not receive from the City Secretary and the PZ Commission orders for publication of the required notices of hearing.

Rugeley said no correspondence was received in support or opposition to the application.

No one spoke on the issue.

Buis said she hopes to build a home that will be almost completely behind her daughter's existing home.

The council unanimously approved Buis's application for zoning change.

In other business the city:

- Approved resolution R-1454 selecting SC TS Investments, LLC as the developer for the privatization and redevelopment of approximately 402 acres of land on the northwest corner of Brown Avenue and E. Fate Main Place.

Assistant City Manager Justin Weiss said the property with a metal building is owned by the city in the downtown area across from the Department of Public Safety Station.

Weiss explained that on direction by the council, city staff prepared and published a Request for Proposals for the privatization and redevelopment of the city owned property.

The Rockwall County News did not receive an order for publication of the required notice of request for proposals.

One development team attended the pre-submittal conference. Following a deadline extension, one complete application was submitted by SC TS Investments, which was the same group that attended the conference.

- Approved Ordinance 0-1762 declaring the public necessity for the provision of adequate neighborhood and community park and recreation facilities; a park and recreation improvements plan to include a parks and trails master plan and project list; park districts within the city and the levy of a park development fee and park dedication requirements for the development or redevelopment of residential property in each park district.

- Took no action after discussing the Unified Development Ordinance regulating the subdivision of property, uses, structures, and signage. Kovacs explained the UDO is still in legal review by City Attorney Debra McDonald. Kovacs said they were shooting for the July 17 meeting to present the UDO. He anticipates a need to discuss policy options like a sidewalk replacement 50/50 program during the July 10 meeting.

The city council is scheduled to meet for a budget workshop, starting 9:00 a.m., Saturday, July 8, in the Fate City Hall located at 1900 CD Boren Parkway.

Follow the Rockwall County News for publication of the required budget and ad valorem tax notices. Another meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 10, and the next regular meeting is set for Friday, July 14.

Rockwall County Monthly Reports, April 2017 ...

(Continued from the June 29, 2017 edition)

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.

Juvenile Probation Department - BCB, \$22,166.80; ECB, \$22,166.80.

Indigent Health Care Fund - BCB, \$48,487.18; R, \$40,159.96; D, -\$18,190.11; ECB, \$70,457.03.

Bail Bond Board Fund - BCB, \$1,304,391.38; R, \$533.13; D, -\$350; ECB, \$1,304,574.51.

Adult Probation Department - BCB, \$483,968.55; R, \$220,242.23; D, -\$218,705.11; ECB, \$485,505.77.

Juvenile Probation Grants - BCB, \$7,306.92; R, \$58,378; D, -\$46,866.37; ECB, \$18,818.55.

County Insurance Trust Fund - BCB, \$893,116.52; R, \$352,617; D, -\$354,222.74; ECB, \$881,510.94.

Radio Interoperability Fund - BCB, \$593,591.74; R, \$60,356.85; D, -\$78,112.10; ECB, \$75,936.49.

Facilities Improvement - BCB, \$64,007.43; ECB, \$64,007.43.

Election Services Fund - BCB, \$80,069.61; R, \$4,370.44; D, -\$9,184.09; ECB, \$75,255.96.

Chapter 19 Fund - BCB, -\$2,154.75; R, \$4,370.44; D, -\$4,370.44; ECB, -\$2,154.75.

County Clerk Bonds-8280 - BCB, \$23,394.83; ECB, \$23,394.83.

County Clerk Bonds-3716 - BCB, \$374,908.81; ECB, \$374,908.81.

District Clerk Registry - BCB, \$104,542; ECB, \$104,542.

District Clerk Escrow - BCB, \$593,305.31; ECB, \$593,305.31.

District Clerk General - BCB, \$3,569.44; ECB, \$3,569.44.

District Attorney Escrow - BCB, \$50,308.23; ECB, \$50,308.23.

District Attorney Merchant - BCB, \$2,303.80; ECB, \$2,303.80.

District Attorney Seizure - BCB, \$99,820.45; ECB, \$99,820.45.

District Attorney Fee - BCB, \$33,032.52; ECB, \$33,032.52.

Tax Assessor-Sales Tax - BCB, -\$1,584; ECB, -\$1,584.

Tax Assessor-VIT Escrow - BCB, \$151,043.79; ECB, \$151,043.79.

Tax Assessor-Auto Registration - BCB, \$290,692.57; ECB, \$290,692.57.

Tax Assessor-Property Tax - BCB, \$59,161.88; ECB, \$59,161.88.

Tax Assessor-Tax Escrow - All categories \$0.

Tax Assessor-Boat Registration - BCB, \$16,686.59; ECB, \$16,686.59.

Sheriff Public Support - BCB, \$46.50; ECB, \$46.50.

Sheriff Law Enforcement - BCB, \$198,430.46; ECB, \$198,430.46.

Sheriff Cash Escrow - BCB, \$152,406.06; ECB, \$152,406.06.

Sheriff Operating - BCB, \$866.11; ECB, \$866.11.

Sheriff Inmate Trust - BCB, \$38,025.74; ECB, \$38,025.74.

Sheriff Lease - BCB, \$18,229.25; ECB, \$18,229.25.

Sheriff Pending Forfeiture - All categories \$0.

Sheriff Law Enforcement - BCB, \$109,515.90; ECB, \$109,515.90.

Jail Inmate Trust - BCB, \$108,113.63; ECB, \$108,113.63.

Library Operating - BCB, \$260,350.74; ECB, \$260,350.74.

Library Reading for Adults - BCB, \$28,437.97; ECB, \$28,437.97.

Juvenile Probation Restitution - BCB, \$2,483.71; ECB, \$2,483.71.

Adult Probation Operating - BCB, \$166,764.64; ECB, \$166,764.64.

Grand Totals - BCB, \$55,310,655.99; R, \$2,956,182.17; D, -\$4,398,216.11; ECB, \$53,868,622.05.

County Treasurer's Monthly Report - Debts, April

Accounts Receivable - \$22,321,120.17.

Debts due by the County

Long Term Debt Obligations of the County

County Library Series 2015 PIBs Refunded = \$8,114,728.

New Courthouse Series 2009 LTRBs = \$28,764,125.09.

Road Improvements Series 2009 UTRBs = \$12,529,918.81.

Refunding Series 2010, LTRBs = \$6,106,090.

Road Improvement Series 2010 UTRBs = \$2,786,272.50.

Road Improvement Series 2012 UTRBs = \$18,499,317.50.

Road Improvement Series 2012A UTRBs = \$26,540,850.

Road Improvement Series 2013 UTRBs = \$19,607,012.50.

Road Improvement Series 2016 UTRBs = \$19,607,012.50.

Subtotal of Long Term Debt and Total Debts due = \$141,906,464.52.

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