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Wounded Afghanistan veteran, family receive keys to new home



Cheers filled the air Friday morning, June 24, as U.S. Army Sgt. First Class Jerry Holcomb, his wife, Terra, and their two sons were awarded their new custom-built, mortgage-free home in Rockwall from the Operation Finally Home Organization. Local builder Mishler Builders and Dallas Home Builders Association and volunteers of goods and services made this home a reality. Eleven-year-old Elijah and his dad cut the ribbon, then the keys were given to the family. Holcomb was severely wounded three times in Afghanistan and received the Purple Heart among many other awards. Pictured from the left are Mike Mishler; 17-year-old Chris Holcomb; Ronnie Lyles with OFH; Trisha Oakes, Terra Holcomb's mother; Holcomb; Elijah; Terra; at back, Danny Oakes, Terra Holcomb's father; Phil Crone of Dallas Builders Association; and Rhonda Mishler.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

by Millie Jean Coppedge

"I wasn't going to break down," said U.S. Army Sgt. First Class Jerry Holcomb as he began to speak to the crowd present at the dedication of the Holcomb's new home in Rockwall earlier this week. But as he pulled the brim of his cap forward, tears ran down his cheeks.

His wife, Terra, looked on with tears in her eyes as her husband thanked everyone for all the community has done for him and his family.

"I'm proud to be an American and I'm proud to be here," he said, his voice cracking.

Local builder Mishler Builders and Dallas Home Builders Association and volunteers of goods and services made this home a reality through the organization of Operation Finally Home.

On Monday, Aug. 10, a groundbreaking was conducted on the site where the new home was to be built. Then on Friday, Jan. 15, a Notes of Love event took place at the partially completed house. School children wrote letters of love and appreciation for Holcomb's service to his nation and to the family for all their sacrifices. Everyone was invited to come to the home and use markers to write welcome home and notes of love on the rafters and inside walls.

Now that the house is finished, all the notes of love, hundreds of them, are sealed underneath the Sheetrock walls of the house to forever comfort the family.

Sgt. Holcomb served in Korea, two tours in Iraq and two in Afghanistan. In 2010, he suffered concussions during two separate grenade explosions, resulting in severe headaches and shrapnel wounds to the right side of his face neck, arm and leg. In October 2010, a third blast threw him from the guard tower and rendered him unconscious with amnesia upon awaking. A Purple Heart veteran, he also suffers from traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder.

A large representation of law enforcement, fire fighters, city and county dignitaries, Patriot Guard Riders, family and friends gathered in front of the house to hear from several speakers.

A ribbon cutting was conducted and the keys to the new home were given to the family. The couple's two sons Christopher, 17, and Elijah, 11, ran from room to room of their new home, overjoyed as Holcomb and his wife slowly moved about the house trying to take in the overwhelming feelings of love and appreciation.



U.S. Army Sgt. First Class Jerry Holcomb held onto his wife's hand during most of an emotional presentation Friday morning, June 24. Holcomb, his wife, Terra, and their two sons, Elijah, 11, and Christopher, 17, were awarded their new custom-built, mortgage-free home in Rockwall from the Operation Finally Home Organization. Local builder Mishler Builders and Dallas Home Builders Association and volunteers of goods and services made this home a reality. "I'm proud to be an American and I'm proud to be here," Holcomb told the crowd of law enforcement, fire fighters, city and county dignitaries, Patriot Guard Riders, family and friends. After the presentation, a ribbon cutting took place at the front door and the family was given the keys to their new home.

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Judge given "Magistrate Warning" in Friday traffic stop incident

Rockwall County Justice of the Peace Linda Whitten, Precinct 4, issued a "Magistrate Warning" June 24, 2016, to Rockwall County Judge David Earl Sweet.

According to the online judicial records, the Warning in Case number G1-16-0156 was related to a "Class A or B Misdemeanor." The information did not include the time and location of the related incident. Nor did the information include a description of the alleged conduct or behavior that prompted the action.

A check of the online records, Tues. June 28, revealed that Sweet's name did not appear in the official Rockwall County Jail inmate list. In response to a request for documents, JP Court 4 stated the request was forwarded to the Rockwall County District Attorney's Office. The RCN responded by requesting that the Court Clerk fill request for records, and inquired into the reason forwarding the request to the D.A.'s office.

A separate inquiry was sent, by email, to District Attorney Kenda Pepper, asking whether Sweet was charged with a crime, and for an explanation of the term "Magistrate Warning." As of Tuesday June 28, the District Attorney has not replied to the inquiry.

Further research uncovered a November 1997 speeding case. According to the online case information, a warrant was issued by JP Larry Holloway for "no liability insurance" in case number CR-97-7109 JP Court Precinct 2, also involving Sweet.

The case was later dismissed on January 30, 2015, by Justice Nancy Beaty, soon after Sweet stepped into the County Judge position.

Prior to serving as County Judge, Sweet served as Mayor for the City of Rockwall.

The County News submitted Public Information Act requests to the Rockwall Police Department, JP Court Precinct 2 and JP Court Precinct 4.

University scholastic honors

Burke named to Dean's List

Asa Burke of Rockwall was included on the Dean's List for the spring semester at Georgia Institute of Technology, according to a news release from the Atlanta college.

This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have a 3.0 or higher academic average for the semester.

Evening with David Gaschen' to benefit CAC

An Evening with David Gaschen & Friends, hosted by Rockwall Summer Musicals, will take place July 23 and will benefit the Children's Advocacy Center of Rockwall County.

The event will open with a reception, followed by the concert at 7:30 p.m. Both will be conducted at the Rockwall High School Performing Arts Center on the Uteley campus, 1201 T.L. Townsend Dr., Rockwall.

Gaschen, an internationally renowned vocalist and stage performer, is best known for his lead in "Phantom of the Opera," which he has

performed more than 1,300 times in the U.S. and Europe. A native of Lubbock, he was inducted into the West Texas Walk of Fame in 2006 along with the late Buddy Holly.

Gaschen, as well as a few friends from Rockwall Summer Musicals, will be accompanied by James McQuillen, entertaining with an array of classic songs and Broadway favorites.

Tickets cost \$50 for adults and \$25 for children ages 8-17. Purchases may be made online at the RSM online box office at buy.tickettothecity.com/purchase.php?event_id=4641.

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Helping Hands seeks school supply sponsors

Rockwall County Helping Hands is seeking sponsors to help local families with school supplies. Eligible children are enrolled in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Of the 15,000 students in the Rockwall ISD, approximately 23 percent fall within the federal income poverty guidelines, while in the Roysse City ISD, the number is 30 percent, according to information from Helping Hands. A \$20 sponsorship provides one basic school supply pack. To make a donation, visit friendraising.donorpro.com/campaigns/333.

Democratic men to meet July 2

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will conduct its next luncheon on Saturday, July 2, at noon at Arboledas Mexican Grill, 1103 Ridge Rd., Rockwall. The group meets for lunch on the first Saturday of each month at various restaurants. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the future of Rockwall County and Texas are invited to participate.

Rockwall city offices to close for holiday

City of Rockwall offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Republic Waste Services will run its normal collections schedule, according to information provided by the city.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Fraya Howell Fisk

Memorial services for Fraya Howell Fisk, 72, of Roysse City will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 2, 2016, in the First United Methodist Church, 305 N. Josephine St., Roysse City with the Rev. Chris Everson officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 1, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Roysse City Chapel.

She died June 22.

Born Jan. 19, 1944, in Roysse City to Clifford D. and Mary Hazel (Craig) Howell, she was an administrative assistant for the Roysse City Independent School District until her retirement in May 2011. She attended the First United Methodist Church in Roysse City and was an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Friday Study Club in Rockwall.

She was known for her gracious manners and gentle smile. She had a God-given way of making people feel welcome and comfortable.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Paul Fisk of Roysse City; her sons, Cliff Fiske and his wife, Lynne, of Garland and Tony Fisk and his wife, Heath, of Heath; a brother, Butch Howell and his wife, Donna, of Roysse City; her brother-in-law, Jerrell Bailey of Roysse City; and three grandchildren, Piper, Jill and Sutton.

Her parents and one sister, Ouida Baley, preceded her in death.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 305 N. Josephine St., Roysse City, TX 75189, the American Lung Association at lung.org or the American Cancer Society at cancer.org.



Rockwall Area Chamber feted for media, communication efforts

Local chambers from across the state of Texas gathered Monday, June 20, in Corpus Christi for the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives Annual Excellence Awards. The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce received several recognitions.

In the Marketing Campaigns and Marketing Brochures categories, the chamber won for its branding campaign and its women's initiative conference, "What's Your Super Power?" Each effort earned a first place award, according to a TCCE news release.

In the Social Media Campaign category and Newsletters/Weekly Online Communication Campaigns, the chamber took second-place finishes for its annual Yee-Haw Banquet-online voting and its Chamber to Partner/Partner to Partner efforts respectively.

"Chambers of commerce are the voice of business and quite often the communities they serve," Aaron Cox of the TCCE said. "This highly competitive process demonstrates how these organizations fulfill this task with excellence daily, often with little or no accolades. This award demonstrates the exceptional work carried out by Rockwall Area of Chamber of Commerce and provides them well deserved recognition."

The overall competition had more than 200 entries from which the best were judged by panels of experts.

"This prestigious honor is cause for the staff, members and community to celebrate," said Eddie McBride, 2016 TCCE Board chairman and president/CEO of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. "This type of recognition is indicative of the great work, creativity and innovation that exists in these chambers. Congratulations to all."

The awards honored organizations for efforts in marketing, communications and media outreach. Awards are judged in seven categories: Outstanding Chamber Map, Outstanding Brochure, Outstanding Magazine or Directory, Excellence in Print or Electronic Newsletter, Outstanding Chamber Website, Excellence in Social Media Marketing and Communications and Outstanding Marketing Campaign.



Monique Cooper, Dorothy Spradlin and president Dana Macalik are shown accepting the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives 2016 Excellence Awards presented Monday, June 20, in Corpus Christi to the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

University Scholastics Degrees

Burke receives finance degree

Brian David Burke of Rockwall recently was awarded a bachelor's degree in finance from Kutztown University, according to a news release from the Kutztown, Pennsylvania, university.

Burke received a Bachelor of Science of Business Administration degree.

Locals earn UNT degrees

More than a dozen local residents were among students receiving degrees from the University of North Texas during spring commencement exercises, according to a news release from the Denton university.

Honorees included, from Heath, Phillip Michael Martin, bachelor's degree in mechanical and energy engineering; Kaleigh Denise Moore, bachelor's degree in rehabilitation studies; and Sean Patrick Watson Jr., bachelor's degree in journalism.

Rockwall graduates included Leah Kamil Bellows, master's degree in speech-language pathology; Tyler Jesse Cerrato, bachelor's degree in electrical engineering; Jacqueline Renee Giunta, bachelor's degree in integrative studies; Abbey R. Groom, bachelor's degree in journalism; Alyssa Jade Joplin, bachelor's degree in criminal justice; Thomas Scott Matthews, bachelor's degree in kinesiology; Kelly N. McDuff, bachelor's degree in marketing; Matthew Markus McIntosh, bachelor's degree in mechanical and energy engineering; Fernando Resendiz, bachelor's degree in social work; Courtney Elizabeth Selby, master's degree in educational leadership; Alina Soaita, bachelor's degree in French; Trevor O. Wilkinson, bachelor's degree in biology; Annie K. Young, bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies; and Sumbel Aurang Zeb, master's degree in interdisciplinary studies.

Rounding out the list of local graduates were Roysse City's Aaron Murray Henson, bachelor's degree in communication design; Katrina Paulette Watson, bachelor's degree in applied arts and sciences; and Shayla Renee Wright, bachelor's degree in integrative studies.

County library offers Teen Reading Program

A teen reading program is underway at the Rockwall County Library.

The program will run until Aug. 6 and is open to students entering grades 6-12.

Reading lots must be completed to be eligible to be turned in. Turn in completed logs at the Youth Services desk. Each completed/returned log entitles the participant to a raffle ticket for the end-of-summer prizes that will be drawn on Monday, Aug. 8.

A list of prizes is available at the Youth Services Desk. Grand prize will be a Kindle Fire.

Related events include a Teen Movie Matinee, slated for 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5 ("Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2"); Painting With a Twist at the library, Tuesday, July 12 (registration required beginning at 10 a.m. on the day of the event); and Perot Museum Tech Truck (exploration of science concepts via the museum's mobile discovery lab), 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19.

All events are offered free of charge, but are only for students entering grades 6-12. Attended events count as two hours on reading logs.

All activities will be conducted at the library, which is located at 1215 E. Yellow Jacket Ln., Rockwall.

Register for the program at the Youth Services Desk.

For more details, visit rockwallcountytexas.com/library or call the Youth Services Desk at 972-204-7740.

RSM offers youth camp in August

Rockwall Summer Musicals will offer a summer camp for individuals ages 6-18 in August.

Each participant in this musical theater camp will learn one acting scene with partners, one tap routine and one group number from "Mary Poppins," which RSM will produce this summer.

Spots are limited. The "Mary Poppins" camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 15-19.

Cost to participate will be \$250 and will include tuition, a student ticket to a RSM show and a RSM summer 2016 T-shirt.

To register, visit rockwallsummermusicals.org/summer-camp.

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Heath offices closed; parade may produce delays

Area residents should plan ahead for brief traffic delays related to the Independence Day parade, according to a City of Heath news release. The intersection of Laurence Drive and FM 740/FM 1407 will be closed from approximately 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. on Monday, July 4, to accommodate the parade. Also, the City of Heath offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.

RCP offers kids' summer workshop

Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk (two blocks from the square in downtown Rockwall), will offer a summer camp from 9 a.m. to noon July 5-15. Registration will open at 9 a.m. July 5. Students will learn basic theater techniques, from stage direction and performing techniques. A free performance for friends and family will be offered at the end of camp, and each child will receive a Camp RCP T-shirt. For more information, visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org and click on Youth Programs.

Republican Lunch Bunch to meet July 6

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6, at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at door. No reservations required for this informal social gathering open to all area Republicans. For more details call Dalton Kennimer at 972-636-4034.

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Rockwall Reads slated for summer

The librarians of the Rockwall Independent School District will initiate the Rockwall Reads program, a community outreach program designed to encourage a lifelong love of reading, this summer. According to information posted on the school district website, RISD librarians are partnering with the Rockwall ISD Nutrition Department and the Rockwall County librarians to make books accessible to local children who may not have books in their homes or access to the library during the summer months. Librarians will be in the cafeteria at Dobbs Elementary and Rochell Elementary with a cart of books and an activity from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday through July 27.

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But perfect love casts out
fear.
1John 4:18

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 TXism: "___ as small town gossip"</p> <p>5 TXism: "he'll kick you ___ a funeral home" (mean horse)</p> <p>6 "___ the Man"</p> <p>7 car horn sound</p> <p>8 Cowboys Jason Witten is one ___</p> <p>9 TXism: "rough ___ cob"</p> <p>16 "R" of R.I.P.</p> <p>18 "The Gospel ___ to John"</p> <p>21 TX George Strait 3rd album: "Right ___ Wrong"</p> <p>22 West TX climate</p> <p>23 black-eyed legume</p> <p>24 complain again?</p> <p>30 members of TX-originated Church of the Nazarene</p> <p>34 "six" in old Rome</p> <p>35 TXism: "mean as ___ bull"</p> <p>36 Blu-ray</p> <p>37 this TX Coleman was "Hellga" on American Gladiators</p> <p>39 TXism: "___ like chili and pepper"</p> <p>43 on a ___ of ten</p> <p>44 TX Fort Bliss site: "___ Mesa"</p> <p>45 Rockets star Olajuwon before "Hakeem" (init.)</p> <p>46 ailments</p> <p>47 incapacitate or deactivate</p>	<p>49 highest civil court: ___ Court of Texas</p> <p>52 former star TX center Charles ___ Aldrich</p> <p>53 TX Sissy played this Loretta in "Coal Miner's Daughter" (init.)</p> <p>54 dish of coarsely ground corn kernels</p> <p>55 birth name of ex-Cowboy Dorsett</p> <p>58 "___ Pa Kettle"</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34</p> <p>35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46</p> <p>47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59</p> <p>60 61</p>
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1 Roby is the seat of this county

2 TX Charley Pride's "Is Anybody Goin' to San ___"

3 TXism: "___ his own two feet"

4 TX "honky ___"

9 Canadian h.s. class

10 TXism: "___ a wildcatter with a bank balance"

11 Acton State Park is less than one ___

12 nickel or dime, e.g.

13 commands

14 farm-to-market thruway (abbr.)

15 TXism: "___ it in the bud"

17 TXism: "would ___ the mineral rights in Texas for it"

19 this Brand was Reese on TV's "Laredo"

20 Seminole is the seat of this county

24 Andrews Co. was named for this 1st fatality in the Texas Revolution (init.)

25 unit of work or energy

26 TX Woodward was a Boss in 1967 film "___ Hand Luke"

27 TXism: "numerous as ants on ___ worm"

28 this Judith was a TX-trained astronaut who died in Challenger disaster on FM 1750, nine miles so. of Abilene

29 ___ pimple

31 TX Mary Kay ___

32 TX LBJ's "Great ___ program"

33 ___ ointments

40 TXism: "don't give a hoot ___ holler"

41 this Lewis was Speaker of TX House five times

42 TX-filmed 1991 "Necessary ___"

48 this Jack was in film "4 for Texas"

50 cattle ___

51 "___ Tin Tin"

56 hammer's victims

57 TXism: "___ load off" (sit)

Final performances of the Rockwall Summer Musicals' presentation of the classic musical "Carousel" will be offered this weekend under the direction of Barbara Doud. Pictured above are a few of those involved, including, from the left, Molly Pope, Krysteena Segovis, Clayton Sackett, Katie Wick and Lucy Shea. Remaining performances are set for 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, July 1-2, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 3, at the Rockwall High School Performing Arts Center on the Utley campus, 1201 T.L. Townsend Dr., Rockwall.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Christian connection to Declaration of Independence

Keneth Shores, Rockwall, Texas
 On July 4, 2016, we will again celebrate the separation of the thirteen Colonies from Great Britain officially with the Declaration of Independence. This was the beginning of freedom by choice, under the control of "We The People". Our government cannot include religion as how laws and rules would be enforced. We the people, are to vote on who will enforce our constitution and Declaration of Independence as written by our founding fathers. The majority were Christians at that time, "We the People" of God fearing Christians to make up our government. The United States of America as a "Christian nation" according to the only proven history book, "The Bible" inspired and written by our heavenly Father which defines to become a Christian.

After death, God gave each person the freedom of choice to accept God's free gift. "John 3:16, For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (NIV)". All denominations of Christians understand and honor this by turning to God through Jesus Christ to follow His way to our lives. Therefore if "We the People" joined together and elected Christians to make up our Government, we govern under His rules.

From 1942 until 2010 there has been 34 Presidential & Representative elections. Only 8 times were more than 50 percent of the registered voters, voted. This is per our government records. How many of the voters took the time to research each candidate before voting?

On Friday June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court Justices announced a decision that across our fifty states, they must perform the same marriages. According to the Bible, God states that a marriage is to produce God's children, how can same sex marriages ever be called a marriage?

The second sentence of the original July 4, 1776 Declaration of Independence states, "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 Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness".

What right does the Creator referred to in this document. What right does a person have to change God's rules? Because of such things, our country is falling apart. Our government is too big and has too much control over individuals. Government decisions are not necessarily good for the individual.

Nothing to celebrate the limited freedoms we now have, we should also take time to get on our knees and thank God for His gifts also. We the People must stand together, and through prayer and uniting with one another, help guard our country from destruction.

On the fourth of July, include with your celebration a commitment to pray for our nation and join with others to denounce anything that is in violation to God's rules as stated in the Bible. On the Fourth of July your declaration of Independence to do as God's way.

Our founding fathers sacrificed their wealth, family and lives to create the United States of America. The battles and wars have been because the American people trusted God through prayer and His directions as illustrated in the Bible. Within the past hundred years, people and leaders have allowed the influence of God to take place instead of obeying God's word, the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution as designed by our founding fathers.

May God's forgiveness, God Bless America.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
Right to liberty ... Part 5 (continued)

As a side-note, there is some disagreement about whether God's born-again children during the Age of the Grace of God will be saved from the tribulation period prophesied of and recorded in Revelation.

There is no dispute over whether they will be saved from the day of the wrath of God. My understanding is the saved born-again children of God will be brought up to be forever in heaven with the Lord in heaven, before the tribulation period.

My reason for this opinion is the language in the book of Revelation does not match the language used in the Epistles and Acts.

It repeatedly refers to God's beloved saints who will be cleansed by the blood of the Lamb, and who will suffer great tribulation under the "Beast." But, it does not mention born-again people who are sealed with the Holy Ghost, which is unique to the period of time described by Paul as the Dispensation [Administration] of the Grace of God (Ephesians 3:2).

The Epistles and Acts reveal the ability and spiritual right for all Christians to pray by the spirit of God (a.k.a. speak in tongues) (1Cor chapter 14). This is not mentioned in the book of Revelation.

The Epistles and Acts include numerous references to being saved, yet Revelation makes no mention of being saved from great tribulation or the judgment of God.

According to Acts, the people who were of "the way" were called "Christians." Yet, the term "Christian" is not used in Revelation.

Based on my research, the period of the Grace of God began at the time of the events recorded in Acts 2:1-4, and will end at the event described in 1Thess 4:13-18 and 1Cor 15:51-54). The events found in Revelation will begin after the end of the administration of the Grace of God, when the born-again children of God will be brought up to heaven.

The administration called the Day of the Lord referenced in Acts 2:20 also began at the time of Acts 2:1-4, but will end at the time when the Lord will return to the earth and ultimately execute final judgment according to the power and authority from his Father, the Creator of the heavens and the earth.

This is an important subject that warrants more discussion because it makes all the difference in how Christians live and make decisions.

Returning to the original subject, the Christians who suffered during the time recorded in Acts, saw Jesus' suffering and death as an example. He suffered with trust in His Father's ability to judge righteously, and the hope of the future resurrection. One change was they had the hope of the Day of Christ (1Peter 2:21-23).

The Christians did not burn out their lives over politics. They endured hardships and spoke the truth. They pressed forward with their right to travel, speak, print, publish, and bear the full armor of God in the ministry.

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"Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."
 Psalm 150:6

"Let the peace from God rule in your hearts, to the which also you are called in one body, and be thankful ..."
 Colossians 3:15

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding;"
 "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path;"
 Proverbs 3:6

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

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

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Northstar Builders Group, LLC is the Construction Manager for Rockwall ISD and is accepting proposals for construction of the New Elementary School #14. Proposals should be submitted to 270 N. Denton Tap Road, Suite 250 Coppell, TX 75039 no later than 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday July 19, 2016.

Bid documents can be obtained from Northstar Builders by emailing Chadd Guitreau at chadd@nstarbuilders.com.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF BETH Y. JAMES, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Beth Y. James, Deceased were granted to the undersigned on the 23rd day of May, 2016 by the County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to Duane Hinshaw within the time prescribed by law. My address is: 5208 Estate Lane Plano, Texas 75094 Executor of the Estate of Beth Y. James, Deceased CAUSE NO. PR16-0059

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS: TO ALL PERSONS INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF BOBBY RUSSELL SPURRIER, Deceased CAUSE NO. PR16-0076 COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 401.003 OF THE TEXAS ESTATES CODE in this estate on June 09, 2016, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs of BOBBY RUSSELL SPURRIER, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

Said application may be heard and acted on by said Court at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 A.M. on the first Monday following the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 403, in Rockwall, Texas. All persons interested in said estate are cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written contest or answer to this application

should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention or response in writing with the County Clerk of Rockwall County, Texas on or before the above noted date and time. If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at the office of the Rockwall County Clerk in Rockwall, Texas, this 17th day of June, 2016. Shelli Miller, County Clerk Rockwall County, Texas By: Tina McClaine, Deputy

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS: TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF RANDALL MATTHEW DAVENPORT, Deceased CAUSE NO. PR16-0072 COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed a First Amended Application For Determination Of Heirship and for Letters of Independent Administration Pursuant To Section 401.003 in this estate on June 24, 2016, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs of Randall Matthew Davenport.

deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

Said application may be heard and acted on by said Court at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 A.M. on the first Monday following the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 403, in Rockwall, Texas. All persons interested in said estate are cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written contest or answer to this application should they desire to do so.

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Legal Notices

Renewal Application has been made for a Private Club Registration Permit, Food and Beverage Certificate and Beverage Cartage Permit. For An Unincorporated Association of Persons dba. Los Pinos Private Club, at 1111 E. Main St. Royse City, Rockwall County Texas 75189. Said application has been made to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code. Officers: Dayany Janypcy Reyes (President) Cornelia (nmn) Muniz (Secretary)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Rockwall County invites the following:

Request for Proposal for Road Improvements to a designated portion of the subdivision known as Alexander Ranch; specific roads are McKinley Lane, Reagan Court and Alexander Lane.

Specifications are on file in the Rockwall County Auditor's office, 1111 East Yellowjacket Ln., Ste. 202, Rockwall, Texas 75087 and also on the Rockwall County website: www.rockwallcountytexas.com.

Sealed submittals shall be marked on the outside "16-06-009 Road Improvements", to Lisa Constant Wylie, Rockwall County Auditor, 1111 East Yellowjacket Ln., Ste. 202, Rockwall, Texas 75087. The deadline for submission is Monday, July 18, 2016 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

Rockwall County
Lisa Constant Wylie
Rockwall County Auditor

Royse City Police Blotter June 17-23

- Friday, 17 June: Suspicious person, 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Suspicious person, 100 block E. NSR; Welfare concern, 500 block New Street; Alarm, 200 block Falling Leaves Trail; Welfare concern, Area of Lakes Drive; Disturbance, 200 block W. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 1500 block E. I-30; Theft, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Assault, 300 block E. I-30 NSR; Disturbance, 300 block Medina Court; Intoxication arrest, 100 block E. I-30 NSR; Fail to identify arrest, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Possession controlled substance arrest, I-30 SSR near S. Erby Campbell Boulevard
- Saturday, 18 June: Alarm, 1000 block Oak Grove Lane; Disturbance, Area of Ellis Lane and Cool Lane; Welfare concern, 100 block W. I-30 NSR; Welfare concern, Area of FM 35 and I-30 SSR; 700 block FM 2642; Alarm, 800 block E. Old Greenville Road; Alarm, 3100 block Overstreet; Disturbance, 300 block W. Main Street; Accident, 300 block College Avenue; Noise Disturbance, block Oak Grove Lane; Suspicious person, 1500 block Trent Drive; Driving while intoxicated arrest, block E. I-30 SSR; Assault, 400 block Rustic Meadows Drive; Possession of drug paraphernalia, I-30 SSR and S. Erby Campbell Boulevard
- Sunday, 19 June: Noise disturbance, 300 block N. Houston Street; Suspicious vehicle, Area of Campbell Boulevard and Hwy 66; Reckless driver, I-30 westbound near the 82-mile marker; Alarm, block E. Hwy 66; Disturbance, 1500 block Lorena Drive; Theft, 1400 block Laurel Lane; Reckless driver, I-30 westbound near the 82-mile marker
- Monday, 20 June: Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound near the 74-mile marker; Medical assistance, block W. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 3000 block Spruce Street; Accident, Westbound on Erby Campbell Boulevard; Accident, 100 block E. I-30 NSR; Medical assistance, 300 block N. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Alarm, 2400 block Perdenales Drive; Alarm, 800 block S. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Alarm, 6500 block W. Suspicious vehicle, 700 block FM 2642; Welfare concern, I-30 westbound near the 82-mile marker
- Tuesday, 21 June: Suspicious vehicle; 300 block Wooded Way; Alarm, 200 block N. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Criminal mischief, 500 block E. County Line Road; Accident, Area of Old Greenville; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound near the 75-mile marker; Suspicious vehicle, 300 block N. Houston Street; Suspicious vehicle, 300 block Charles Street
- Wednesday, 22 June: Alarm, 200 block N. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Medical assistance, 800 Mackenzi Drive; City ordinance violation, 900 block Walnut Street; Suspicious person, Area of Wood Creek; Grand Prairie Police Department warrants arrest, I-30 westbound near the 75-mile marker; Driving while license invalid arrest, 100 block E. I-30 SSR
- Thursday, 23 June: Welfare concern, 700 block Rowdy Drive; Alarm, 500 block Tripp; Suspicious person, Area of Hwy 66 and N. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Accident, I-30 eastbound near 78-mile marker; Welfare concern, 400 block Sandy Lane; Welfare concern, 600 block Timberhaven; Reckless driver, Area of Hwy 66 eastbound; Suspicious person, 300 block E. Main Street; Medical assistance, Area of I-30 SSR near Pullen Road; Suspicious vehicle, Area of New Street and Old Greenville Road; Welfare concern, 300 block Panola Court; Driving while license invalid arrest, I-30 NSR and 2642; Driving while license invalid arrest, Area of Live Oak Street and Elm Street

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The Declaration of Independence

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 to 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 has 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 Tyranny, 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.

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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.


The 56 signatures on the Declaration:

- Georgia: Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, George Walton.
- North Carolina: William Hooper, Joseph Hewes, John Penn.
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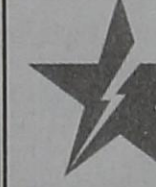
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Opinions

Slug wars

by Jill Pertler
Slices of Life

Anyone who gardens grapples with the reality of pests. Most often, pests want to eat your garden before you get the chance to do so yourself. Or, they destroy the prettiness of plants by chewing holes in leaves and such. Pests are like a plague and a curse to gardeners everywhere.

My particular pest of choice is the common slug. Although I suppose I didn't choose them; they chose me, or better put, my garden.

I have a host of hostas and slugs treat them like a smorgasbord. Typically, by mid-summer my garden is a regular slugfest. I've tried eliminating the slugs – or at least limiting their numbers – without much success. They can be voracious (and slimy) little invertebrates.

I read up on slug removal; you'd be surprised at the number of ways to thwart a slug. There are commercial products, which in some cases could be harmful to pets and other animals. I wanted to kill the slugs, not my cats.

You can get rid of slugs the old fashioned way – by picking them off the plants, but that's rather tedious. A similar technique involves placing a board (or other flat object) in the garden overnight. Slugs supposedly crawl under the object and you can remove the board – and slugs – in the morning. Picking slugs off the ground involves touching them. They are slimy. I'm no ghostbuster and try to reduce the slime in my life whenever possible.

Some experts advise putting down sharp groundcover around plants to repel (and probably puncture) the slugs. Crushed eggshells, diatomaceous earth or coffee grounds all do the trick. Trouble is, I have a lot of plants, and we don't drink that much coffee. Plus, stabbing a slug seems painful (to the slug).

Slugs can be their own worst enemy. Some species are carnivorous. My garden should be so lucky. My slugs seem more intent on breeding than eating one another. Hence my (over) population problem.

My research took a turn for the positive when I remembered a critical and game-changing fact about common, garden-variety backyard slugs: they love beer. They love it so much they will actually

crawl into a container of beer and drown not only their sorrow, but themselves.

True life can be weirder than fiction, especially if you are an inebriated slug.

As a gardening guru, I'd heard of this practice, but hadn't even tried it. It seemed like a waste of beer. I attempted the same technique with ginger ale once, thinking the sweet liquid might lure the slugs. They are attracted to yeast, not sugar.

This year, I decided to tap the keg and see if an open bar would put an end to my slug-ish backyard buffet. I got little plastic containers and poured in a couple ounces of beer and put them near the hostas.

What do you know? It worked. The next morning I awoke to slug-filled cups. I also managed to save the life of a beetle that was frantically treading beer when I checked one container. Maybe beer has a more universal appeal than I thought.

And, if it can help me help my hostas, well, I'll drink to that. I won't be drinking beer. I've got to save that for the garden.)

After 'Brexit' can we exit a few things too?

by Ron Paul

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Last week's UK vote to leave the EU may have come as a shock to many, but the sentiment that led British voters to reject rule from Brussels is nothing unique. In fact it is growing sentiment worldwide. Frustration with politics as usual, with political parties that really do not differ in philosophy, with an economy that serves the one percent at the expense of the rest of society is a growing phenomenon throughout Europe and in the United States as well. The Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump phenomena are but one example of a frustrated public sensing something is very wrong with society and looking for a way out.

What is happening in the UK, in Europe, and in the US, is nothing less than a breakdown of the entire system. The EU was meant to be a customs union where post-World War II Western Europe could rebuild itself through free trade and a reduction in bureaucracy.

Through corruption and political ambition it became an unelected bully government in Brussels, where the well-connected were well compensated and insulated from the votes of mere citizens.

Whatever happens in the near future – and it is certainly not assured that the vote to "Brexit" will actually end in the UK's departure from the EU – a line has been crossed that supporters of more personal liberty should celebrate. Rule from London is preferable to liberty-minded Britons than rule from Brussels. Just as Texans should prefer rule from Austin to rule from Washington. That doesn't make either option perfect, just more likely to produce more freedom.

Is Brexit the first victory in a larger freedom movement? Can we get out of a system that creates money out of thin air to benefit the ruling class while impoverishing the middle class? Can we get out of a central bank that finances the wars that make us less safe? Can we exit Executive Orders? Can we exit the surveillance state? The PATRIOT Act? Can we exit NDAA and indefinite detention? Can we

exit the US worldwide drone program, that kills innocents overseas and makes us ever-more hated?

Getting out of NATO would be a good first move. This Cold War relic survives only by stirring up conflict and then selling itself as the only option to confront the conflict it churned up. Wouldn't it be better to not go looking for a fight in the first place? Do we really need another NATO military exercise on the Russian border? It should be no surprise that NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg was busy mungering on the eve of the Brexit vote, warning UK citizens that they vote to leave they could face increased terrorism.

Likewise, the US would do well to exit the various phony "trade" agreements that provide advantage to the well-connected while harming the rest of us.

The act of exit is liberating. We should make a longer list of things we would like to get out of. I am only getting started.

RC Chamber lauded at state gathering in Corpus Christi

Representatives of chambers from across the state gathered Monday, June 20, for the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives Annual Excellence Awards. The awards honor organizations for exceptional efforts in marketing, communications and media outreach.

Awards are judged in seven categories: Outstanding Chamber Map, Outstanding Brochure, Outstanding Magazine or Directory, Excellence in Print or Electronic Newsletter, Outstanding Chamber Website, Excellence in Social Media Marketing and Communications, and Outstanding Marketing Campaign.

In the category of Brochures Roysse City Chamber of Commerce and graphic designer Julie Fowler were honored, winning second place.

"Chambers of Commerce are the voice of business and quite often the communities they serve," Aaron Cox of TCCE said in a news release from the chamber. "This highly competitive process demonstrates how these organizations fulfill this task with excellence daily, often with little or no accolades. This award demonstrates the exceptional work carried out by Roysse City Chamber of Commerce and provides them well deserved recognition."

The overall competition had more than 200 entries from which the best were judged by panels of experts.

"This prestigious honor is cause for the staff, members and community to celebrate," said Eddie McBride, 2016 TCCE Board chairman and president/CEO of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. "This type of recognition is indicative of the great work, creativity and innovation that exist in these chambers."

Vets invited to ride in Heath's July 4 parade

The City of Heath's Annual Independence Day Parade will take place Monday, July 4, and as always, veterans from any branch of the U.S. military are invited to ride on the Veterans Float.

"We have this float so that our community can honor our veterans for their extraordinary gift of service," Heath Mayor Brian Berry said in a city news release. "It is because of them and the many other brave men and women who have served in our Armed Forces that we are able to celebrate independence."

Active members of the military also are encouraged to participate. Staging for the parade will begin at 8 a.m., with judging slated to begin at 8:30 a.m.

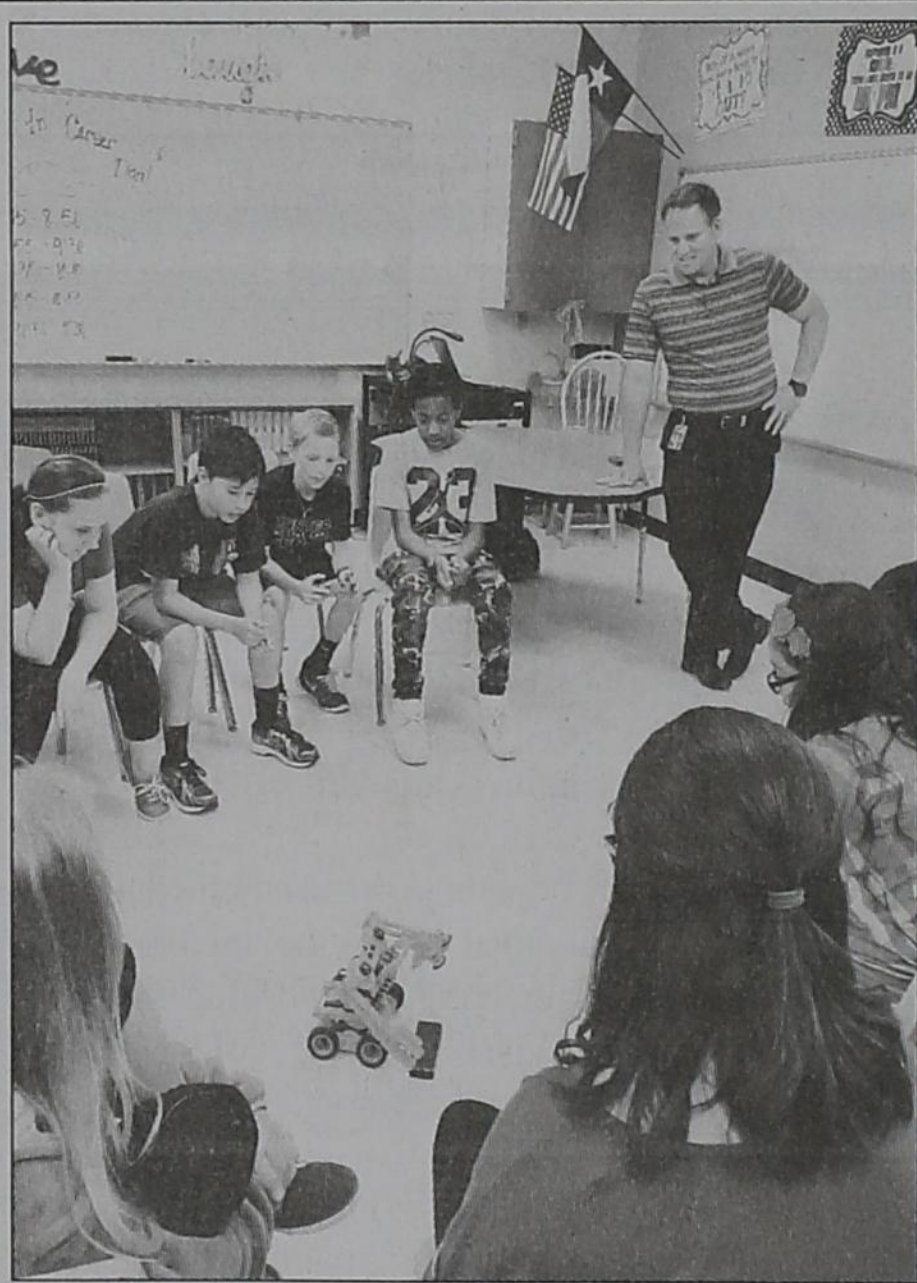
The parade will begin 9 a.m. at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary, 330 Laurence Dr. The route will follow Laurence Drive, right on Smirl Drive, around to Larry Drive, left on Laurence Drive, and end at the starting point. Traffic will be blocked at Terry Lane, Chris Cuny Pkwy, Hubbard Drive and Laurence Drive (west of FM 740).

Best Decorated Awards will be presented in several categories, including float, bicycle, wagon/stroller, golf cart, off-road vehicle and antique car. Awards for Best Costume, Most Patriotic Pet, Most Spirited and the Mayor's Award also will be given. The city's Special Events Board also will award Best Neighborhood/HOA Float for the first time this year.

Parade entry awards will be presented during a patriotic celebration immediately after the parade in Towne Center Park, featuring a live barbershop quartet and free popsicles and pie – both blueberry and cherry.

Area residents should plan ahead for brief traffic delays related to the parade, according to the city news release. The intersection of Laurence Drive and FM 740/FM 1140 will be closed from approximately 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. on July 4 to accommodate the parade.

City of Heath offices will be closed on that date in observance of the holiday.



Sixth grade students at Springer Elementary participated in the school's annual Career Day on May 25. Students rotated through five presentations to learn about different careers and what education/training is required for each field. They also participated in hands-on activities to gain a deeper knowledge of each career presented. Pictured above is Paul Copioli, president of Vex Robotics, speaking to students. Other presenters not pictured included Jeremy Standifer of the Book Club Café; Carrie Valentino, ICU nurse at Baylor Scott & White Hospital, Kevin Weable partner/marketing director at The CORE and Paul Leighton, train engineer at KCS Railroad.

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Rockwall July 4 parade set for 11 a.m. at Utley

The Fourth of July parade in Rockwall will begin at 11 a.m. at Utley and will end at Dobbs Elementary, according to a news release from the City of Rockwall's Parks & Recreation Department.

The best locations for parade viewing will be along Townsend Drive and Clark Street, according to city officials.

The city still is accepting applications for floats, vehicles and individuals interested in riding bikes in the parade; contact the Parks & Rec Department's Andrew Ainsworth at aainsworth@rockwall.com.

Free hot dogs will be distributed at Harry Myers near the pool area from noon until 2 p.m. or while supplies last. The public pool and spray ground will be open.

Live music from Railhead will be offered at the park near the big pond from 7:45 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., followed by fireworks at dusk (start time will be anywhere from 9:20 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.). The best viewing areas for fireworks are Harry Myers Park, Dobbs Elementary, Tuttle Athletic Complex and the Rockwall Independent School District's Administration Building.

The field across from Harry Myers Park will be open for parking at a cost of \$5 per vehicle and benefitting the Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club.

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Meeting to focus on high-speed rail

Individuals interested in learning more about high-speed passenger rail services between Houston and North Texas are invited to come to a public meeting set for 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 16, at the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington, Rockwall. Rebecca Cowle, outreach manager for Texas Central, a group promoting high-speed passenger rail service in Texas, will be the guest speaker. The event is being hosted by the Rockwall County Democratic Party. For more details, visit rockwallnews.com.

RISD plans Super Summer Registration

The Rockwall ISD is planning a Super Summer Registration, which will allow parents/students new to the district to complete enrollment for all children at one stop rather than driving to individual schools from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, at Utley Middle School. Parents of returning students also may attend to complete their on-back-to-school forms. This event has been scheduled in addition to normal August registration dates.

RISD convocation set Aug. 15

Convocation for the Rockwall ISD will run from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 15, at Lake Pointe Church Rockwall, 701 E. Rockwall.

Lecture to focus on Flight of our Fathers

The Sept. 9 installation of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series presented by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation and Rockwall County Historical Commission from noon to 1 p.m. on the third floor in the historic downtown courthouse. The topic will be the history of the No. 1 British flight training school in Texas, commanded by Joe M. Hood, USN (Ret.), will share the story of the largest facility of its kind was used to train more than 2,000 British and American pilots between 1941 and 1945.

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RC plans Celebrating Freedom event July 1

Celebrating Freedom will be hosted by Roysse City beginning 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 1, in the Roysse City High School stadium. Tracy Lawrence will take the stage at 7 p.m. Matthew Middleton of Texas Drive will play at 8:20 p.m. Kids activities also are planned. Food will be available for purchase. Those planning to attend should bring lawn chairs. No alcohol will be allowed on the premises. Alcohol will not be allowed. Fireworks will begin at 9:30 p.m. Admission is free. The stadium will be open, but activities will take place in the south end of the parking lot, according to information provided by the city.

RSM to stage 'Carousel,' 'Mary Poppins'

Rockwall Summer Musicals will present "Carousel" through July 3 and "Mary Poppins" Aug. 12-21 at the Rockwall Performing Arts Center on the Utley Middle School campus. Discounts will be available for churches, groups or season subscribers. For advance tickets or more information visit rockwallsummermusicals.org.

Hot Summer Nights continue in Roysse City

Hot Summer Nights at City Lake Park, Roysse City, continue July. Upcoming movies include "Jurassic World," July 7; "The Good Dinosaur," July 21; and "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" on Aug. 1. Those planning to attend should bring lawn chairs and/or blankets and mosquito repellent. Additional activities are planned. For more details, visit the city's Facebook page at facebook.com/cityofroysse.

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