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Court approves use of county property for 2016 Boots and Badges event

The Rockwall County Commissioner's Court met, 9:00 a.m., Tues. Sept. 27, 2016, at the Historic Courthouse in Rockwall.

Attending were commissioners Cliff Sevier (Precinct 1), Lee Gilbert (Precinct 2), Dennis Bailey (Precinct 3), David Magness (Precinct 4), and County Judge David Sweet.

Highlighting the meeting was a divided discussion and vote on whether to approve the use of County property for the 2016 Boots and Badges event scheduled for October 27, hosted by SL Nabors Foundation.

Foundation representative Steve Nabors explained to the court that 100% of proceeds from the event would be dedicated to supporting first responders and law enforcement officials.

Sweet told the court that Heath Mayor Brian Barry had been working closely with Nabors in setting up the Foundation. He further clarified that the Foundation was fully insured for the event that would include the sale and consumption of alcohol, beer and wine.

Nabors stated that all legal matters regulated by the Texas Alcohol and Beer Commission have been handled. The Rockwall County News has not received a request for publication of required TABC notices related to the event, and has contacted the TABC with a public information request for the license, permit and other related documents.

Magness stated that he would not support the sale and consumption of alcohol on county property.

The motion was made by Sweet, to include additional language that the sale of alcohol would stop 30 minutes prior to the end of the event concert.

The motion was seconded by Sevier and passed 3-2, with Magness and Bailey opposing.

In other county business, the court:

- Unanimously approved a letter of agreement with the City of Rockwall to hold the Rib and Run event in the parking areas of the Historic Courthouse from 5:00 p.m. Sept. 30 through 7:00 p.m. October 1.

- Unanimously approved a request by Soroptimist International of Rockwall for use of Liberty Hall on Nov. 9, for a fundraiser luncheon and book-signing event. The court asked for future applications to include a request for variance to the official policy against the use of county property for fundraisers.

- Approved the use of county property for Christmas event, scheduled for Sat. Dec. 3.

- Approved a proclamation at the request of County Agent Todd Williams, to declare the week of October 2 – 8, 2016, as "National 4-H Week in Rockwall County."

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Local marching bands prepare for UIL contests

Rockwall County marching bands are gearing-up for 2016 UIL marching band contests.

Under the direction of Doug Fulwood, the Roysce City Mighty Bulldog Band is set to start its Region 3 contest performance, 6:45 p.m., Wed. Oct. 26, at Mesquite Memorial Stadium.

The band is also scheduled to march, Oct. 15, in a contest at Glen Rose, Texas.

With 192 members, the band's show is entitled, "Pure Imagination." Movements 1 – 4 will include, "This is Berk," "Alice's Theme," "Pure Imagination," and "Test Drive."

Mighty Bulldog Band Drum Majors are Kathryn Phan (Sr), Rachel Robertson (Sr), and Ashley Lopez (Sr).

Assistant Directors are Jason Webb, Brody Ross, Emily Hays, Celestino Sosa, Megan Hammer and Carrie Webb.

The band is scheduled to march in the London New Year's day parade, Jan. 1, 2017 in London England. Fundraiser events have been scheduled.

Judging the Region 3-5A contest will be Randy Bartlett, Rodney Bennett of Olney, and Tammy Fedynich of Lubbock.

The Rockwall High School Orange Wave Marching Band is set to march in the UIL Region 25-6A contest, 4:00 p.m., Sat. Oct. 22, at Wylie ISD Stadium.

The band will also march in the Wylie Invitational, Sat. Oct. 15, at Wylie ISD Stadium.

Directed by Brandon Downs, the 192 member band will perform the show, "Encoded," which include the pieces "Xerxes" by John Mackey, "Bring Me to Life" by Evenescence, and "Asphalt Cocktail" by John Mackey.

Orange Wave Drum Majors are Alexis Bailey (Sr), Caroline Couch (Sr), Caleb Dodson (Jr) and Alex King (Sr).

Rockwall High School Assistant Band Directors are Carol Meadows, Jarrod Beard, Whitney Knowles (Color Guard Director), and Russell Lancaster (Percussion Director).

Under the direction of Benjamin Sumrak, the Rockwall-Heath Mighty Hawk Band will perform the show, "American in Paris," by George Gershwin, for the UIL Region 25-6A contest, 4:15 p.m., Sat. Oct. 22, at Wylie ISD Stadium.

Mighty Hawk band Drum Majors are Madison Skelton (Sr), Tyler Burden (Sr) and Abigail Forinash (Sr).

Assistant directors are Leighann Buck, Jonathan Morsinkoff and Rod Kostermen.

Fundraisers for the band include selling Butter Braids now until Oct. 24, and the Nov. 5 March-A-Thon.

Judges for the Region 25-6A contest will be Jeff Bradford, Tim Linley and Cody Newman.

Top bands in the Region 25-6A contest will advance to the Area C contest to be held Sat. Oct. 29, at Mesquite Memorial Stadium. On Mon. Oct. 24, the official Area C 6A contest schedule will be announced.

Rockwall County News Briefs

Talking Tombstones lecture set Oct. 14

Meddie Bowles (aka Nancy Beaty) will present the circumstances surrounding the trail and murder conviction of her husband in 1949 as part of the Oct. 14 installation of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series presented by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission from noon to 1 p.m. in the third floor in the historic downtown courthouse.

Pullen plans chili cook-off, fall festival

Pullen Elementary will host its second annual chili cook-off and fall festival from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15. The event will include carnival games, a ninja-style obstacle course, a hayride, music and many other activities. Admission will cost \$4 per person (maximum cost \$20 per family). Family-friendly Halloween costumes are welcome. Rainout date is Oct. 22. For more information, visit the event's Facebook page: Chili Cook-off 2016.

Republican rally slated Oct. 15

The Republicans Under One Tent Rally, hosted by the Rockwall County Republican Women, Rockwall County Republican Men, the Rockwall County Republican Party and the Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club, will run from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 15 at 730 N. Munson Rd., Roysce City. Planned activities include a fish fry and time to meet the candidates. Cost will be \$30 per ticket. The event is open to all Republicans. For more details call 972-772-0496.

CAC Board plans fundraiser, book-signing event

The Child Advocacy Center Board of Directors, with the Rockwall Soroptimists, will host a luncheon fundraiser and book-signing event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 9 in the Rockwall

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Watson, a fourth grade student at Springer Elementary and a member of Rockwall County 4-H, and her goat, Regan, are the only Rockwall County 4-H members who show dairy goats. This year's state fair is the first Reid's first State Fair of Texas show and his first show goats. He showed in the Youth Dairy Goat Show and the Pan-American Dairy Goat Show, which is open to all ages. Reid won Reserve Grand Champion, Junior Doe in the Pan-American Livestock Show and the title of Saanen doe, Lady Frances.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Clown student charged after clown hoax

A resource officer assigned to Uteley Middle School was notified of a "clown threat" posted on a social media website on Oct. 4, according to a Rockwall Police Department news release.

The investigation revealed that a student made the post as a hoax, but the student was detained and charged with making a terroristic threat.

The student was found during the investigation that indicated there

were any credible threats to the students or the community, according to the release.

"We will continue to investigate each reported incident thoroughly and we encourage anyone who receives any such threat or observes any suspicious activity to contact the Rockwall Police Department," according to the news release. The police department did not explain what caused the post to be treated as a "terroristic threat."



This automobile was on display at the annual Rockwall Fire Marshal Division and the Rockwall Fire Department annual open house at Fire Station #2, 920 Rockwall Parkway, on Saturday, Oct. 8. The two wrecked automobiles were used by firefighters to demonstrate the procedures taken by firefighters to rescue or extract passengers from wrecked vehicles. Rockwall Fire Chief Mark Poindexter stressed that there were no fatalities involved in either of these collisions. Especially exciting for the children were the many types of fire trucks on display with an abundance of fire personnel available to answer questions from everyone in attendance.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Local woman selected as Mrs. Texas US Universal

Kimberly Bader of Rockwall was named Mrs. Texas US Universal for 2017.

Bader will share her volunteerism and philanthropy with the Mrs. US Universal community in Reno, Nevada, in November. According to a news release, Bader will compete in the contest next week. Contestants are judged in four categories: fitness, evening gown, and a question.

Bader's volunteerism as my sounds obvious for a Mrs. US Universal. "One for the road" is a phrase I'm choosing to give up one hour of volunteering every week," she said.

Bader's release in response to a question about her platform. "We love our favorite show celebrities, but are we more caught up in the lives than we are with the lives we could touch by giving back. There are so many volunteer opportunities and ways to get that just one hour a week can make a difference."



Kimberly Bader

Bader is a marketing and graphic design professional, as well as an actress appearing in nearly two dozen television shows, commercials and movies, according to the news release. She is publishing a cookbook centered on her family history.

Bader, her husband, John, and their teenage son moved to Rockwall from Austin in 2015.

P&Z Commission plans Oct. 11 hearing

The Planning & Zoning Commission for Rockwall will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, in the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, in the council chambers.

The commission members will consider two consent agenda items, as well as an appointment to the Architectural Review Board, according to the meeting agenda.

Several public hearings will be conducted and the commission members will receive the director's report.

[Publisher's note: The Rockwall County News finds no records indicating required P&Z notices have been published.]

Rockwall County Obituaries

Donald Jim Becknell

Services for Donald Jim Becknell were conducted at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016, in the Cottonwood Creek Church with the Rev. Al Draper and Dwayne Cain officiating. Burial followed in the Nevada Cemetery in Nevada, Texas. The Rest Haven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



He died Saturday, Oct. 8. Born Nov. 13, 1931, to Donald N. Becknell and Merle Cowgill Becknell in Nevada, Texas, he married Peggy James Becknell on June 5, 1952, in Nevada, Texas. The two were married for 65 years.

He served in the Korean War and retired from Texas Aluminum in Rockwall. He served as mayor of Roysce City and on the City Council.

His greatest accomplishment was the love he had for his family. He and his wife enjoyed attending sporting events, school plays, graduations, weddings and family gatherings.

He was Mr. Fix-it, repairing cars and air conditioners, cut out Christmas decorations, helped with school projects and made wooden toys.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Becknell of Roysce City; his children, Jim Becknell, and his wife, Lori, of Kingwood, Ronny Becknell and his wife, Carla, of Caddo Mills and Mike Becknell and his wife, Tammy, of Roysce City; eight grandchildren, Wes Becknell, Kyle Becknell, Parker Becknell, Matt Becknell, Steven Lamb, Justin Becknell, Haylea Lopez and Shelby Jones; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Hostesses for the Friday Study Club 97th annual Reassembly Tea event, Sept. 16, 2016, are (left to right), Jane Buie, Ramona Dennison, Janie Curtis, Becky Cecil, Peg Pannell Smith, Ruth Peck, Kathy Melston, Darlene Bealmear and Linda Cardwell.

The event took place in the Community Room of the Rockwall County Library. The ladies club held its first meeting Feb. 27, 1919, in the home of Mrs. Hugh Lofland, one of the founders. According to information from the organization, object of the club has been to "stimulate intellectual and moral development and promote every interest for the community." Two of the club's long-time and ongoing projects are the Terrell State Hospital and the Rockwall County Library.

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- TXism: "a sight for eyes"
- TXism: "active as in a hen house"
- "Big Bopper's" "Chantilly"
- Lake State Park (Burnet Co.)
- Kenny Rogers early group: "Christy Minstrels"
- Alkman after 1993 Super Bowl: "to Disney World"
- TXism: "salt some (save)"
- TXism: "don't chickens until they hatch"
- "Yo Digo Creek"
- TX Cynthia Ann was kidnapped in a Comanche
- org. of TX news-papers (abbr.)
- impostors
- in Hardin County off highway 69
- "America's Dairyland" (abbr.)
- Spring, TX
- horse pace
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- "George H.W. Bush Pacific War"
- TX among the states
- TXism for "skunk"
- TXism: "fit a fiddle"
- how TXns drink tea

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- a salt marsh in South America
- TX B.J. Thomas' "Eyes _____ York Woman"
- this county has the smallest geographical area in TX
- TX Strait's "All My Live in Texas" (var. spelling)
- hosp. unit for patients who are critical (abbr.)
- TXism: "don't bite off you can chew"
- drought-resistant TX crop of the pea family
- TXism: "chew _____ awhile" (think)
- Cowboys "got _____" in 1971, 1977, 1992, 1993, & 1995
- home of the hated Giants & Yankees (abbr.)
- TXism: "_____ half a mind to"
- TX Roy Orbison's last hit
- cowboys use a hat to scoop _____
- TXism: "mad as a _____ on rooster"
- "Cowntown" (abbr.)
- TXism: "limp as a dish _____"
- TX no longer produces this mineral
- Clint Black recording label
- Gilmer hosts the "East Texas _____"
- TX Miss America of 1975: Shirley _____
- TX "tame as _____ dog"
- more uninteresting
- male beef cow
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- very dark? (2 wds.)

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Sol M. Mirasol

Funeral mass for Sol M. Mirasol, 74, of Rockwall was conducted at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016, in the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Rockwall with Father Gil Medina officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Sept. 30.

Born Jan. 4, 1942, in the Philippines to Pancracio and Gervasia (Miraflors) Mirasol, he lived in Rockwall for four years after having resided in Lake Jackson for 16 years and Atlanta, Georgia, for 10 years.

A dedicated member of the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, he retired from Dow Chemical Co. in 2008 after 30 years of service as a chemical engineer. A loving husband, father and grandfather, he and his wife moved to Rockwall to be closer to family.

Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Evangelina Mirasol; a daughter, Sue McKamy, and her husband, Matt; his grandchildren, Evan and Marilyn McKamy; several brothers; one sister; and a host of nephews and nieces.



Winners of Ambassadors Tournament recognized

More than 160 golfers played a two-flight day of golf benefiting Rockwall County Helping Hands on Sept. 23 at Buffalo Creek.

Winners, according to a news release issued by Helping Hands, included:

• 1st Place Gross: The Branch Law Firm (Trey Manis, Teal Willis, Nick Zieball, Jay Jordan)

• 1st Place Net: Northstar Bank (Chris Campbell, Tim Reynolds, Spencer Turner, Kevin Fowler)

• 2nd Place Net: Green Electric Solutions (Jay Humphrey, Tommy Humphrey, Jase Williamson, Travis Wilderman)

• 3rd Place: Joseph Murphy Team (Joe Murphy, Mark Bovee, Jared Eislor)

More than 20 volunteers also were involved, as were corporate and individual sponsors, according to the release.

County Commissioners Court meeting (Continued from Page 1)

• Heard a presentation by Rob Whittle of Whittle Development about the concept plan for Munson Road Estates. Whittle expects the plan involve 2-acre lots on 37 acres of land south of Highway 276.

• Approved the rescinding of the Court's prior action regarding proposals with Texas Fire and Sound for work at the County Courthouse Building.

• Approved paid claims in the amount of \$122,355.99; claims in the amount of \$830,548; and payroll in the amount of \$568,519.

• Approved the replat of lots 23, 24, 42, 43 and part of lot 44 at Rise Beach Estates located at 3202 Troy Road, Wylie, Texas.

• Discussed the issue of Rockwall County subdivision regulations. Magness explained the county had Extra-territorial agreements with all cities except Fate and Wylie. He explained regulations cover road specifications, drainage, lot site sewer, and flood plain issues. County Health Coordinator Merritt addressed questions from the commissioners. Magness expressed his wishes for the county to hand off septic and regulatory responsibilities to the cities. Merritt answered those and sewer issues were regulated by the county in accordance with state law. After Magness reiterated his wishes, Merritt insisted he would comply with state statutes, and further explained that property owners in ETJs are not represented by elected city officials. During the Oct. 4 special meeting, Magness said he met with City Manager Michael Kovak, who sent it back to the city. Kovak relayed the city's desire to increase the lot size restriction from state required 1.5 acre limitation, to 5 acre lots. No action was taken on the item.

• Approved the reassigning of storage space for the Auditor's and assigning space for the Courthouse Deputies. The auditor's office was moved from the Human Resources to the Indigent Care and the deputies will also use the Indigent space.

• Approved an increase in retirees stipend from \$200 to \$300 retiree. It was clarified that the action involved 59 retirees.

• Approved a clarification related to the dollar amount budgeted for a non-law enforcement education incentive. Auditor Lisa Caudill explained that after finalizing the budget, she discovered an additional \$3,900. Constant also said the education incentive was strictly for employees hired into positions that did not require a college degree.

• Approved out-of-state travel expenses for Deputy Tim Williams to attend training classes in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina Oct. 28, 2016, related to Southern Software Training.

• Approved the awarding of a contract for the purchase and installation of a radio frequency identification (RFID) library system to EnvisionWare, as recommended by Library Director Mark McCulley. Other bidders for the contract were Tech Logic, Inc. and Bibliotheca which acquired 3M's library division.

• Approved a one-year renewal agreement, effective Oct. 1, 2016, with Dr. Vincent Ramos DBA Psychological and Forensic Health Services (PFMHS) to provide 45 hours per week of health services for Rockwall County jail inmates at a weekly rate of \$1,350 to be paid out of the commissary funds.

• Approved a contract for road improvements for Alexander to XIT Paving & Construction. Recommended amount to be paid would be \$194,575.

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County Courthouse Liberty Hall. Author Carter Hopkins will have his newly released book, "The Lincoln Prophecy." Proceeds from the luncheon and signed book purchases will benefit the Rockwall County Historical Foundation. Luncheon tickets cost \$20 and can be purchased online at rockwallCAC.org or by calling 214-274-4270.

Prayers for reconciliation, unity planned

Prayers for reconciliation and unity will be offered at the Presbyterian Church of Rockwall, 602 White Hills Dr., at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9. Pastor Cheryl Taylor invites the community to come together to pray for unity and heal the brokenness in the wake of a grueling and divisive election season. The service is intended to provide peace and solidarity as the community moves into a new election year that ultimately is in God's hands.

Fisher to be recognized Nov. 10

Terry Fisher, the first Rockwall soldier to be killed in World War I, will be recognized by Dick Clark, member of American Legion Post 117, at the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series presented by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission from noon to 1 p.m. in the third floor in the downtown courthouse on Nov. 10. The Rockwall post, named after the legendary Fisher, is one of the oldest in the U.S.

Soroptimists offer educational, training grants

Women who are the primary wage earners for their families and seek to continue their education or receive training can apply for Soroptimist Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards. A \$1,000 cash grant is available to each award recipient. One will advance to the regional level, where she could receive additional funding. Recipients can use the funds to offset expenses for books, childcare, carfare or any other education-related expenses. Application deadline is Nov. 15. Apply at soroptimist.org/live-your-dream-awards.html or by contacting Judy Canterbury at 760-419-5224 or judykan41@gmail.com.

Moreno finishes basic training

U.S. Air Force Robert C. Moreno III recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

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

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

Moreno, the son of Sherri Moreno and Robert Moreno Jr. of Rockwall, is a 2016 graduate of Rockwall-Heath High School.

Birth Announcements



Wesley Andrew Becker

Andrew and Ashleigh Becker of Mesquite are proud to announce the birth of their son, Wesley Andrew Becker, at 2:03 p.m. on Sept. 14, 2016, at Baylor Scott & White Hospital of Rowlett.

The infant weighed 6 pounds, 1.4 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

He was welcomed home by siblings Bentley and Brenleigh.

Grandparents are Brenda Judd of Mesquite and Julie Becker of Spokane, Washington.

Great-grandparents are Glen and Linda Judd and Karl and Trish Becker, all of Mesquite.

Not-so-scary Hayride set this weekend

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's annual Not-so-scary Hayride, open to youngsters ages 10 and under, will run from 2:4 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14, and from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15, at Myers Park East. Each session will include a monster mash of snacks and storytelling, and each child will receive a pump. Parents should bring cameras to capture the memories. Cost is \$5 or \$15 for Rockwall residents. Pre-registration is required and can be completed at playrockwall.com/program/not-scary-hayride.

FOL plans brunch, holiday fashion show

Friends of the Rockwall County Library will host a brunch and holiday fashion show fundraiser at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18, in the library's Community Room, 1215 E. Yellow Jacket. Tickets cost \$25. Reservations may be made by emailing Pat Callahan at pat2792@att.net or by calling 214-738-7547. Tickets also may be purchased at upcoming FOL lunch meetings.

Area News Briefs

Garland Symphony Orchestra opens new season

The Garland Symphony Orchestra will celebrate its 2016-17 season, Symphony Goes Wild!, at the Granville Arts Center Brownlee Auditorium, in Garland beginning at 8 p.m. Oct. 21. Season tickets are available at costs starting at \$61. Single tickets are priced at \$17.50, \$27.50 and \$37.50. To purchase, call 972-926-4222 or email info@garlandsymphony.org.

Rockwall had several opening parade of... above are K.K. Tu... and Payton Jones... Rockwall-Heath High School... Jones is the Beg... Texas. Jones is a stu... mentary and has been... Winner of three state co... national competitions... Jorette of Texas 2016.
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Know the basics ... baptism, Part 3

People can feel when they are filled with food and drink. If the food and drink are nutritious and good for the body, they feel good and their immune system works much better. When the food is toxic and bad for the body, they feel bad and their immune system is not as effective.

They know a cup is filled with liquid because they can see, touch, taste and smell what's in the cup.

How do people know they are filled with holy spirit?

The spirit from God cannot be perceived by senses. It's not seen, touched, tasted, or smelled. The baptism of water is a good way to symbolically feel like baptism of spirit has occurred. Truth is, there are no feelings associated with receiving holy spirit.

What did God give us to manifest the existence of holy spirit?

1Cor. 12:7-9, "But the manifestation of the spirit is given to everyone to profit withal." It goes on to name nine ways to profit from the manifestation of the single gift of holy spirit. Verse 10 reveals that it includes speaking in tongues. Comparing with Acts 2:4, 10:45-46, 19:1-6, speaking in tongues most surely be the right way to manifest the existence of holy spirit in people.

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County approves budget, tax cut

A \$32.5 million budget that includes a 37.59-cent tax rate, two cents lower than the current 39.59-cent rate, was approved for the new fiscal year by the Rockwall County Commissioners Court on Sept. 13.

For a \$350,000 home, the homeowner will pay \$1,315.65 in property tax at the new .3759 per \$100 valuation tax rate, according to a news release from the county.

The 2017 budget includes a \$90,000 increase in funding for the North Texas Behavioral Health Authority, which oversees a managed behavioral health care service delivery system serving eligible low-income residents. Rockwall joined six other North Texas counties in making up for a loss of state funding for the organization.

Also included in the 2017 budget is funding for a new employee pay plan developed by the county Benefits Committee. The Performance Pay Plan includes salary increases based on merit, according to the release, and it was developed after a market study was completed.

"Department heads and managers will be trained on how to evaluate performance measures of their employees and how to set improvement and service goals. Each department will receive a set amount of money, and it will be up to them to distribute it among their employees."

The new budget also includes funding for a county-operated in-house janitorial service. The change is an effort to provide a service more tailored to the county's needs for its facilities.



Rockwall had several twirlers that were a part of opening parade of the 2016 State Fair of Texas. Shown above are K.K. Tunnell, Chailie Alsaffar, Jenna and Payton Jones. Tunnell marches with the Fall-Heath High School band during half-times and intermissions. She is the Beginning Junior Miss Majorette of Texas. Jones is a student at Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary and has been twirling since was 5 years old. She is the winner of three state competitions and participant in national competitions, she is the Intermediate Miss of Texas 2016.

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County Commissioners Court meeting ...

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approved a copier lease with CPI for the Justice of the Peace at a monthly cost of \$232.

approved, but took no action on an item submitted by Sweet for the renewal of a professional services contract with Judy provide "public relations" services for the commissioners. Sweet moved to not renew the contract. After some questions on an incentive, Auditor L. Sweet decided to remove the item, and place it on for the Oct. 4 special meeting.

In the special meeting, Sweet explained he was testing an idea with someone to offer services of writing articles about that would be "good" and "positive." They had been about \$1,180 per month. Sweet told the commissioners that was submitted to a publication entitled "Herald Banner," a main website. The Judge did not propose ways to establish a contract for the publication; whether a request for proposals would be used; and did not cite state law authorizing the county to use for public relations. Following Sweet's presentation, the commissioners were silent and no motion was raised on the item.

into a closed meeting to deliberate about contemplated litigation regarding overtime compensation compliance Department of Labor Directives. After reconvening from meeting, Gilbert moved to authorize a one-time payment of \$30,000 to compensate for overtime payment errors. The motion was unanimously approved.

approved the following consent agenda items: Minutes of meeting; J.P. Precinct 2 judicial activity report; J.P. Precinct activity report; Treasure monthly report; Indigent Health expenditure-case report; Auditor's acknowledgment of the with the Texas Department of Public Safety to provide a record information for the Elections Office due to Voter registration at no cost to the County; Auditor recommendation to H.W. Lochner, Inc. for engineering services provided from 20, 2015 thru July 22, 2016 at FM 740 from FM 1140 to the amount of \$19,753.67; and acknowledging the Keefe Network Agreement for Commissary Services at the rate of \$1 per the Court approved bid award on July 19, 2016.

approved Non-emergency budget transfers including 2016-33 500 from the Emergency Management Fund budget to Training, from office supplies resulting from additional needed to cover travel and training expenses; and 2016-34 250 from the County Agent General Fund budget to FCS lease/Travel from Capital Outlay resulting from additional needed to cover travel and training expenses.

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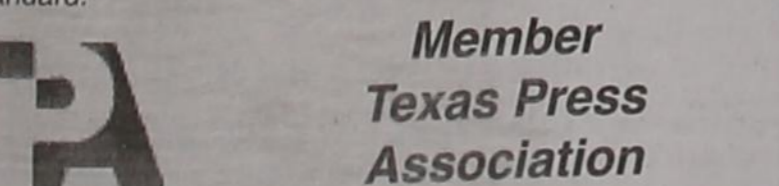
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4	3-12-39 05/08/14	820111400J00900 00 SEPTEMBER 15, 2016	CITY OF ROWLETT VS. BUENAVIDA HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICE COMPANY, ET AL	Lot 9 of Heritage on the Lake PH 3 Situated in City Block J in the City of Rowlett, Rockwall County, Texas as shown by deed recorded in Volume 3099, Page 226, of the deed Records of Rockwall County, Texas and more commonly addressed as 9621 Heartstone Lane, Rowlett, Rockwall County, Texas.	\$142,590.00

Sale #	Cause # Judgment Date	Acct # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged Value
5	3-14-39 07/06/16	0224-0000-0005-00-0R SEPTEMBER 15, 2016	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. LEAH ANN DOOLEY	All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated in Rockwall County, Texas, and being part of the Lewis B. Wilson Survey, Abst. No 224 and part of land in said survey described in deed from Dobson to Taylor of record in Volume 40, Page 500, of Rockwall County Deed Records, and more particularly described and bounded as follows: BEGINNING at a point on South bdry. of above named Dobson to Taylor land 1727 feet West from fence corner marking S.E. corner of said Dodson to Taylor land and at intersection of center drain ditch with fence and South bdry. of said Taylor land, an iron stake for marker on E. edge of said drain ditch, and said S.E. corner of Dobson to Taylor land being further identified as being 601.2 varas North form original S.E. corner of said L. Wilson Survey; THENCE N. 22 deg. 40 min. W. along center of said drain ditch a distance of 608 feet to corner, an iron stake for marker on Easterly bank of said drain ditch; THENCE East 1914 feet to iron stake for marker of Westerly edge of public road; THENCE North along Westerly edge of said road 1091 feet to iron stake for corner at N.E. corner of Taylor land; THENCE West 2606 feet to iron stake for corner N.W. corner of Taylor land; THENCE South 1652.03 feet to iron stake for corner at S.W. corner of Taylor Land; THENCE East and along fence 926.3 feet to center of said drain ditch and place beginning, and containing 75.691 acres of land. (12882)	\$399,440.00
6	3-14-44 07/06/16	3171-0001-0052-00-0R SEPTEMBER 15, 2016	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JOHN ARTHUR CRONK, ET AL	Lot No. 52, Block No. 1 of Buffalo Creek Country Club Estates, Phase One, an Addition to the City of Heath, Rockwall County, Texas, According to the Plat thereof recorded in Slide B, Page 373 of the Plat Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (31064)	\$389,150.00

(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Rockwall County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Rockwall, Texas, September 15, 2016

Sheriff Harold Eavenson
Rockwall County, Texas

By *R. Darlington* 513
Deputy
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Notes:

The Minimum Bid is the lesser of the amount awarded in the judgment plus interest and costs or the adjudged value. However, the Minimum Bid for a person owning an interest in the property or for a person who is a party to the suit (other than a taxing unit), is the aggregate amount of the judgments against the property plus all costs of suit and sale. ALL SALES SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SINCE THE DATE OF THE JUDGMENT. For more information, contact your attorney or LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP., attorney for plaintiffs, at (972) 961-0086

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Opinions

Economic ideas The ancient Romans, who went from a love of law to corrupting government and price controls

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Edward Ebeling
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Ancient Romans failed to leave any systematic body of thoughts or ideas, just like the ancient Greeks had failed to. Indeed, many of the ideas the Romans expressed on such economic themes were borrowed from the Greeks. The Romans were mostly concerned with matters of government, and have sometimes been referred to as "doers" rather than philosophers on these matters. It was in the Roman Empire in which they did leave a body of thought, and one that had a lasting influence and significance for future generations, especially in the West up until our own time was in the area of law and their main contribution has been seen to be the legal order which is a founded part of the Western economic traditions of the modern world.

Roman Philosophers and Anti-Commercialism
Roman law was laying the foundation for a society of commerce and exchange. Roman philosophers were following a different path than most prominent of these thinkers were Cicero, Seneca, and Marcus Aurelius. In general, they disapproved of the wealth and the trade of the Empire fostered in Rome. They saw these as a source of vice and a weakening of the moral spirit of the men of the time.

Stoic philosophy was tinged by what has sometimes been called "the good life," belief that one should adjust to the circumstances of life as it is, and accepts it as good and inevitable during the course of one's life. In the words of Marcus Aurelius: "Do not let your business, and learn to love what you were and as to the remainder of your life, be entirely resigned, but let the gods do their pleasure with your body and soul. Do not include the idea that happiness could only come by the removal and removal of oneself from desire, particularly outward desires and wants. Man's happiness, they argued, does not come from the attempt to constantly increase one's means to more ends could be satisfied. No, that was the path that led to other than permanent frustration. They say a different route to happiness. We find it expressed in the words of an philosopher, Epicurus: "If you wish to make a person happy, do not give him more money, but diminish his desire."

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Legal Notices

Rockwall Central Appraisal District Board of Directors

Request Citizen Participation in the selection of Appraisal Review Board Appointments for 2017-18

The Board of Directors with the authority of appointing Appraisal Review Board members. Qualified members must be citizens of Rockwall County of good character, integrity, and self-governed. Members serve two-year terms and may be reappointed for a second term (six years).

Members cannot be employed by any of the taxing units in Rockwall County, owe delinquent taxes and must be present at several days in June, July and once a month in August. Members must attend an education seminar conducted by the Comptroller of Public Accounts and are eligible to attend for all meetings.

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Royse City High School's Mighty Bulldog Band performs a piece entitled, Pure Imagination, written by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley, The music was arranged for the RCHS band by Scott Ward. Shown during the football game against Wylie East, Fri. Oct. 7, 2016 at Wylie ISD Stadium, are Color Guard members (from left) Sydni Sheffield (Fr) and Madisen Pereida (Sr). The band is scheduled to compete, Sat. Oct. 15, at the Glen Rose marching contest. The band will compete, Wed. Oct. 26, in the UIL contest at Mesquite Memorial Stadium.

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Royse City High School varsity Lady Bulldogs Raven Rayson (11) quickly bumps the ball off for a pass against Wylie East, Fri. Oct. 7, 2016, at Wylie. The Lady Bulldogs (District 1-8) fell to Wylie East 3-0, 25-18, 25-18. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Powell, Blick win Poetry 5K

The Poetry 5K and Family Fun Run/Walk was held Sat. Oct. 14, 2016, in Poetry, Texas.

More than 200 people participated in the event. Winners in the 5K received Dick's Sporting Goods gift certificates and medals.

Placing in the events were:
Men's division – Brandon Powell (1st), Sean Baird (2nd), Patterson (3), Michael Lewis (4), Joshua Lewis (5), and Noah (6).

Women's division – Vivian Glick (1), Tiffany Hauerwas (2), Buhr (3), Bellanny Fuller (4), Brittany Prather (5), Natalie (6).

Fun Run winners were:
Adult division – Allen Walzel (1), Heather Prather (2), Lisa (3), Michael Tollison (4), Mindy Lecroy (5), and Kimbre (6).

Children's division – Haley White (1), Braylon Hill (2), Raney (3), Clara Herrmann (4), Brooks Walzel (5), and Ben Major (6).

The event was followed by a Fun Fest which included face painting and tattoos, balloon lady, Steel City Pops, bounce house, Mexican food, music, and various vendors offering crafts, personal safety, homemade soaps, pies, Christian retail, beer, salsa, organic fruit and products and hair accessories.

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Sports results

Varsity football

10/7 RCHS at Wylie East
(Loss) 38-0.

Varsity volleyball

10/7, RCHS at Wylie East
(Loss) 3-0, 25-18, 25-19, 25-18.

10/7, Longview at RHHS
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Rockwall High School Sen
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Hunter Honeycutt (center)
Presa Thornton, Amanda
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