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During the Tuesday, June 28, Roysie City City Council meeting, Janet McPherson, executive director of community development congratulated Darwin Whiteside for his 28 years of service on the North Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors. Whiteside is retiring as representative for Roysie City. Also present to honor Whiteside for his volunteer service was NTMWD executive director Tom Kula and Jim Melody, who presently serves as the other representative for Roysie City. Whiteside's wife, Patsy, is pictured at his left. As part of the recognition ceremony, Mayor Janet Nichol presented Whiteside with a framed photo of the Roysie City water tower.

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## County works toward decisions impacting new year's budget

At a special July 19 meeting the Rockwall County Commissioners Court addressed a list of programs and services that must be decided before County Judge David Sweet can complete the first draft of the 2016-2017 budget.

Discussions about indigent/mental health care, a new employee compensation plan and custodial service for county facilities took up most of the five-hour meeting, according to a county news release. The court will vote on the items at their regular July 26 meeting.

The court delayed discussing funding for STAR Transit – a regional public transportation system that includes Rockwall County – and ambulance service until the July 26 session.

Rockwall County faces an increase of almost \$90,000 – from \$26,000 to \$115,125 – for indigent/mental health services due to a decrease in state funding for the North Texas Behavioral Health Authority, according to the release. The NTBHA was created by the commissioners courts of several North Texas counties to oversee a managed behavioral health care service delivery system that serves those eligible for Medicaid and/or public behavioral health funds. The decrease in state funding requires an increase in matching funds from the counties they serve (Dallas, Collin, Navarro, Ellis, Kaufman and Rockwall), according to a NTBHA representative who addressed the court.

Commissioner Lee Gilbert asked how the new matching funds were decided and was told that it was based on county population, not usage. Responding to a question from the court about Collin County, the representative said officials there had opted to fund their own service.

"This is a tremendous increase in matching funds," Sweet said, adding that the court would make a decision about the change at the July 26 meeting.

The court also heard a proposal for a new employee compensation plan from county health and resource director Kami Webb. It was developed by the Benefits/Compensation Committee whose members included Commissioners David Magness and Dennis Bailey and Sheriff Harold Evanson.

A study by Public Sector Personnel Consultants showed that most Rockwall County salaries are competitive with area government agencies, Webb said, according to the release. She also told court members that the current trend in pay plans is to move from automated yearly salary increases to an award system known as the Performance Pay Plan.

The proposal she presented to the court would take effect in January 2018.

"There would be no impact to the current system in 2017," she said. "It would be a year of training," adding that before it can take effect, department heads and elected officials would need to establish performance expectations and a salary range proposal.

Webb pointed out that under the new goal specific plan, all employees would be eligible for merit raises on Oct. 1 beginning in 2018 – not on their hiring anniversary date.

"I 100 percent believe this is the best system for our county," Sweet said in the news release, pointing out it was imperative that department heads and elected officials have a full understanding of the new plan, calling it "an exciting opportunity."

Magness said it was "a big departure from what we've done in the past. It's not perfect in any way ... it's only as good as the reviewer."

Regarding janitorial services for county facilities, the court agreed to consider the cost of having an in-house system versus the current outside contract provider.

## Rockwall County News Briefs

### YMCA offers weekly summer camp

Traditional day camps at the J.E.R. Chilton YMCA provide youth with activities that allow them to experience a variety of different adventures, teach core values, conflict resolution and leadership skills. Participants attend weekly field trips and camps include weekly swim time. Campers spend at least 80 percent of the day engaging in outdoor activities. Camp Dakotah operates weekly from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through Aug. 19. For more information visit [ymcadasallas.org/locations/jerechiltonymca/programs/day\\_camps](http://ymcadasallas.org/locations/jerechiltonymca/programs/day_camps).

### ARC blood drive set at Primrose School

An American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 30 at the Primrose School of Rockwall, 3115 Ridge Rd. Donors of all blood types are needed to help restock the shelves. To schedule an appointment to donate, use the free Blood Donor app ([redcrossblood.org/bloodapp](http://redcrossblood.org/bloodapp)), visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donation appointments and completion of a RapidPass ([redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass)) online health history questionnaire are encouraged to help reduce wait times.

### Holy Trinity schedules vacation Bible school

Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church will host Cave Quest, a vacation Bible school, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in its parish hall July 31-Aug. 4. Each evening will begin with dinner, followed by crafts, music, drama, outdoor play and other activities. Participants will spend each session "spelunking" through activity stations in small groups of up to five, each with its own leader. Each station is designed to reinforce the daily Bible point in a hands-on, interactive way. Register at [groupvbsspro.com/vbs/ez/holytrinity2/gpgs/Home.aspx](http://groupvbsspro.com/vbs/ez/holytrinity2/gpgs/Home.aspx) or email [htbtl.org](mailto:htbtl.org).

### Adventure Guides Program offered at YMCA

Registration for Adventure Guides 2016-2017 school year begins Aug. 1. YMCA Adventure Guides is about adventures, father/child experiences and the building of life-long memories.

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## University scholastic honors

### Hiles makes Dean's List

Rockwall resident Jacob Hiles made the Dean's List at Azusa University for the spring academic semester, according to a release from the Azusa, California, university. Hiles, an English major, was recognized for his academic standing of 3.5 or better grade point average. He is one of 1,958 students who received the same honor, according to the release.

### Locals students honored at Texas A&M University

Several local residents were among students recently named to the Dean's Honor Roll or Distinguished Student list at Texas A&M University, according to a news release from the College Station campus. The Dean's Honor Roll, a student must take at least 12 semester hours during the summer semester and have earned a 3.75 or higher grade point out of a possible 4.0. To be listed as a Distinguished Student, a student must have earned a 3.5 to 3.74 grade point while taking at least 12 hours during the summer semester. The Dean's List honorees, according to the news release, included: Leah M. Briggs of Rockwall, a senior studying human resource management; Andres Caballero of Rockwall, a senior studying medical sciences; Ted A. Gates of Rockwall, a senior studying production science; Luke D. Glastad of Heath, a junior studying medical sciences; Charli V. Helfrich of Rockwall, a junior studying biomedical sciences; Jessica M. Hoffman of Rockwall, a senior studying health; Rebecca L. McDonough of Rockwall, a senior studying communication; Kathleen E. Meyer of Heath, a senior studying interdisciplinary studies; Logan P. Nixon of Rockwall, a senior studying industrial distribution; Jesse D. Norris of Heath, a senior studying nuclear engineering; and Leah C. Perry of Rockwall, a sophomore studying business administration. Other honorees include: Amanda R. Phillips of Rockwall, a senior studying recreation, park and tourism science; Kirstin T. Pruitt of Heath, a sophomore studying general engineering; Thomas M. Rester of Rockwall, a sophomore studying business administration; James H. Hlman of Rockwall, a senior studying health; Colton L. Smith of Heath, a junior studying civil administration; Jennifer E. Stubbs of Rockwall, a junior studying university studies; Christine L. Van of Rockwall, a senior studying health; Michael P. Weidman of Rockwall, a junior studying civil engineering; Tyler A. Wiener of Heath, a junior studying industrial engineering; and Erica N. D. of Heath, a sophomore studying interdisciplinary sciences. The Distinguished Student list were: Olivia L. Corneau of Rockwall, a senior studying sociology; Kristina M. Cross of Rockwall, a junior studying kinesiology; Carley A. Gates of Rockwall, a senior studying animal science; Laura-Noelle Grumbine of Rockwall, a sophomore studying political science; Sumner T. Johnson of Rockwall, a sophomore studying communication; Benjamin T. Jones of Rockwall, a senior studying chemistry; Emilie C. Klein of Rockwall, a junior studying disciplinary sciences; Tyler A. Lew of Rockwall, a sophomore studying electronic systems energy technology; Taylor B. Reno of Heath, a senior studying sociology; and Nathan C. Thames of Rockwall, a senior studying petroleum engineering.

## Elections Administrator offers presentation to Commissioners Court

Elections Administrator Chris Lynch spoke to the Rockwall County Commissioners about the Primary Elections, during a workshop meeting held Thurs. June 2, 2016 in the County Courthouse on the square in Rockwall.

He began with, "For everything I have not done, I have tried to be transparent, so I welcome every opportunity to come in here to talk about anything and everything" related to elections.

Several weeks after the March 1 elections Lynch discovered electronics issues related to the flash cards. He made the decision to replace all of the flash cards that go in the electronic machine, for early voting which will start Oct. 24.

After the March 1 Primary Election, Lynch discovered a "deviation of about 200 votes on the high side." The problems were related to processing of data from two of the precincts.

"There was one specific location where the polls were not closed by the presiding judge," said Lynch. Later, he revealed that certain republican voters were checked in as democrats, which resulted in their inability to vote democrat in the May runoff election.

He also explained that if the polls are not closed, there will be bad data. He went on to explain, "If I do not have the right information, there was either a problem with the card, or there was a flaw in the initial tabulation, a bad read."

He clarified it's one of the flaws with using an operating system that is "10-plus years old."

Lynch emphasized plans to increase the level of training for election judges. He said that during training they are expected to run the "polling location professionally, efficiently, and within the parameters of the Texas Election Code."

He compared Collin County with Rockwall County's election system.

State law requires Collin County to run a 12-hour per day early voting schedule because the population is over 100,000. Rockwall County followed the 8-hour schedule because the county population was lower than the statutory divide.

Collin County is a "Vote Center" county that utilizes only electronic voting systems without the use of paper ballots. Lynch expressed an interest in moving Rockwall toward a Vote Center County, and acknowledged the move would take ballots out of the hands of nearly one third of the voters who request ballots.

He emphasized that in Vote Center Counties, people do not have to worry about what precinct to go to; simply go to any voting location that is convenient for the voters.

Lynch recommended using the same voting locations for the November general election.

He explained that the future of ballots is moving toward a "next generation" ballot which includes a barcode. Developed by Engineering Software and Network Services (ESNS), the new ballot would be placed in a machine by which the voter makes selections.

Lynch said they plan to lease additional equipment to offset the limitations of the current 65 machines for early voting.

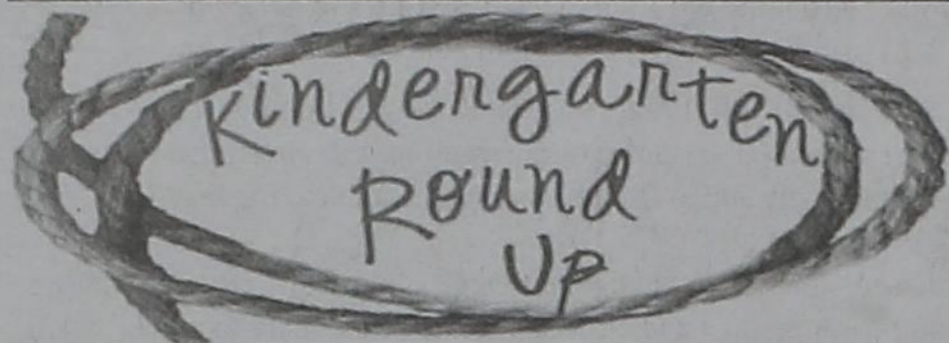
The presentation and questions did not address legal and financial comparisons between the current practice and the procedures required under Titles 5 and 6 of the Texas Election Code, specifically in the context of ballot form/preparation and counting of votes.

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**Rockwall County Obituaries**

**Ronald Ray Rich**

Memorial services for Ronald Ray Rich, 52, of Rockwall were conducted at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 22, 2016, at the Saturn Road Church of Christ in Garland with Mike Sullivan officiating. Burial was planned for a later date in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died July 18.  
Born Feb. 2, 1964, in Dallas to Charles Ray Rich and Inell Marie (Armstrong) Rich, he raised his children believing in the Lord. He never wavered in his faith and relationship with Jesus. In his final days he knew the Lord had prepared a place for him.



His presence was big and he enjoying making people laugh. He was a devoted husband and father and never missed any activity in which they were a part. He would yell loudly, just enough to embarrass them because he knew deep down they expected to hear him yell. He was proud of them in every way.

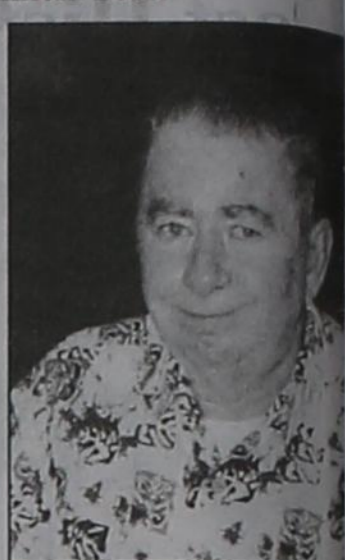
He was passionate about the special needs baseball Angel League; he was Coach Rich and players from 3 to 33 loved him. He also was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan who never missed a game. He was loved by all who knew him and always was willing to help those in need.

Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Lisa Rich of Rockwall; his children, Andrew Rich, Darby Rich and Ryann Rich, all of Rockwall; his parents, who reside in Dallas; his brother, Charles "Eddy" Rich and his wife, Teresa, of Winchester, Indiana; and a sister, Beverly Meeks and her husband, Bobby, of Lancaster.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Earl Edward and Anna Mae Rich, and his maternal grandparents, Jack Armstrong and Nan Byrum Armstrong Alexander.

**Robert 'Bob' Winfield Scott**

Graveside services for Robert "Bob" Winfield Scott, 78, of Rockwall, previously of Amarillo, will be conducted at 11:15 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 1, 2016, in the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



He died July 22.  
Born May 9, 1938, to Winfield William Scott and Vera (Gover) Scott in Worcester, Massachusetts, he grew up in Milwaukie, Oregon. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He was an engineer at Pantex in Amarillo and later worked in the construction industry for many years.

He had been a resident of Rockwall since 2005.  
He and Carol were members of the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Rockwall. He collected Lionel trains and loved cars. He enjoyed traveling to Las Vegas, often vacationing there with his wife. He loved his family and was blessed to have been able to move closer and live near his sons and grandchildren for the past few years.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 58 years, Carol Scott; his daughter, Shelly Nonus and her husband, Drew, and Abby Scott; his grandchildren, Shelly Nonus and her husband, Drew, and Abby Scott; siblings, Eddy and her husband, Zoran, Kathy Ostar and her husband, Eddy, and a host of other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; in parents-in-law, Q. and Johnnie Rucker; his brother-in-law, Vern Rucker; a nephew, Rucker; and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Rucker.

As an alternative to flowers, the family has suggested memorial donations may be made in his name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or stjude.org, the donor's favorite charity.

**Ribbon-Cuttings/Grand Openings**

- Fenton Nissan Rockwall, 1700 E. I-30, Rockwall
- Dunhill Homes, 2201 Brooks Trail, Heath

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is a program designed to strengthen the relationship and communication between dads and their children between the ages of kindergarten through fourth grade.

For a complete list of scheduled events, visit ymcadallas.org/jerchiltnymca/adventure\_guides.

**Next mobile spay/neuter hospital set Aug. 5**

The Spay/Neuter Network 45-foot Hospital Bus, promoted by Rockwall PAWS, will be in Rockwall on Aug. 5 in the I-30 area near the Walmart parking lot. Procedures are done on site. Low-cost procedures are available; walk-up vaccines also will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon. Check for specials at spayneuternet.org. To make an appointment or for more details call 972-472-3500 or 817-423-5500. Space is limited. Be sure dogs' collars cannot be slipped and that cats are secure carriers. Services also available throughout the Metroplex including the clinic in Crandall, the Hope Mobile or via transport depending on locations.

**Democratic Men's Group to meet Aug. 6**

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will conduct its next luncheon at noon on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Johnny Carino's, E. I-30, Rockwall. The group meets for lunch on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the direction of Texas and Rockwall County are welcomed. Guest speaker for this month will be David S. Longtime activist in Rockwall political and community affairs.

**ARC blood drive set at local bookstore**

An American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled to run from 6 p.m. Aug. 7 at the Half Price Books, 959 I-30, Rockwall. Donations of all blood types are needed to help restock the shelves. The Cross is thanking those who come in to donate blood or plasma through Aug. 31 by emailing them a \$5 Amazon.com gift card code. To schedule an appointment to donate, use the free iDonor app (redcrossblood.org/bloodapp), visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donation appointment and completion of a RapidPass (redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) health history questionnaire are encouraged to help reduce wait times.

**Gospel quartet to perform at FUMC**

At 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7, at the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, a gospel harmony quartet, Spiritual 4-Cast of Rockwall, will perform in the Open House contemporary worship space. The public is invited. The event is being sponsored by the FUMC active seniors group, the Sails. No advance tickets will be required, but a donation basket will be passed around.

**Republican Women to meet Aug. 8**

The Rockwall County Republican Women will have their next meeting Aug. 8 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Marjorie McCarty, a member of Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's campaign team, will be the guest speaker. National delegate D'rina Randall and Deanna Kuykendall will provide a recap of their experience at the Republican National Convention. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.; the program will begin at 7 p.m.

**RISD convocation planned for 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.

**RCISD new students schedule**

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New student enrollment dates are as follows:

- Davis Elementary - Aug. 9, 10 and 12, 9 a.m. to noon, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Aug. 11, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Aug. 15-17, 9 a.m. to noon, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
  - Anita Scott Elementary - Aug. 8, 10 and 12, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Aug. 11, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
  - W.R. Fort Elementary - Aug. 1-2, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Aug. 10 and 12, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Aug. 11, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
  - Miss May Vernon Elementary - Aug. 9, 10 and 12, 9 a.m. to noon, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Aug. 11, noon to 7 p.m.
  - Cherry Intermediate - Aug. 2-3, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
  - Herndon Intermediate - Aug. 8 and 10, 8 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Aug. 11, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
  - Middle school - Aug. 8-12 by appointment only. Call 972-636-1000 to schedule an appointment.
  - High school - New student registration packets will be available at the front office of the school beginning Aug. 5. Official enrollment begins Aug. 5 and will be by appointment only.
- All offices closed until 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18, for RCISD convocation.

**University Scholastics Degrees**

**Davis earns ASL degree**

Rebecca Davis of Rockwall earned an Associate of Science degree in American Sign Language studies from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, according to a university news release.

Graduates were recognized during a May 14 commencement ceremony at the UALR Jack Stephens Center.

**Barsoum earns bachelor's degree**

Christina Barsoum of Royse City graduated from the University of Dallas on May 15, according to a university news release.

Barsoum majored in psychology and was one of almost 300 students receiving degrees.

**RCISD school supply lists posted online**

School supply lists for many of the Royse City Independent School District campuses have been posted online at rcisd.org/supplies.

Lists are posted for the following campuses, according to the website:

- Vernon
- Scott
- Fort
- Davis
- Herndon
- Cherry
- Royse City Middle School

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- former Austin lake event: "\_\_\_\_ Fest"
- TX Oveta \_\_\_\_\_
- Hobby was 1st secretary of U.S. HEW Dept.
- former race at TX "Oatmeal Festival": "\_\_\_\_-Thon"
- TXism: "chew \_\_\_\_\_ awhile"
- many TXns fought here in '60s & '70s
- 25-cents (2 wds.)
- Cowboys' radio announcer, Brad \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "covered \_\_\_\_\_ on grass"
- TX electronics co.
- TX \_\_\_\_\_ is pecan
- church affiliation of TX Paul Quinn College (abbr.)
- TXism: "come hell or water" (determination)
- large mammals
- "that is" abbr.
- male French name
- "this" south of the border
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ a horse of a different color"
- near Mexico: "Confederate Reunion"
- TXism: "in \_\_\_\_\_ age" (long time)
- Hardeman Co. seat
- album by TX-born Johnny Mathis: "The \_\_\_\_\_ Collection" (2011)
- \_\_\_\_\_ on the back
- Historic Site: \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ pasture" (retired)
- TXism: "a \_\_\_\_\_ man" (good roper)
- former spouse
- TX-born Reynolds book: "I'll Knew \_\_\_\_\_"
- Jeff Bridges is a \_\_\_\_\_ marshal in TX-filmed "True Grit"
- TX-born Cyd Charisse broke into show biz as Lily \_\_\_\_\_
- TX sculptor, Elisabet \_\_\_\_\_
- small U.S. state (abbr.)
- TX O.A. Phillips book "He Ain't \_\_\_\_\_"
- average \_\_\_\_\_ in intensity
- Rains Co. seat
- Santa \_\_\_\_\_ National Wildlife Refuge
- TXism: "all \_\_\_\_\_ no cattle"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ some gravel" (fell)
- TXism: "she's \_\_\_\_\_ ringed" (engaged)
- "By the Time \_\_\_\_\_ Phoenix"
- TX historian: \_\_\_\_\_
- Fehrenbach \_\_\_\_\_
- Corpus Christi: "The Sparkling \_\_\_\_\_ City by the \_\_\_\_\_"
- \_\_\_\_\_ hour \_\_\_\_\_
- discharged \_\_\_\_\_
- 1950s blue jeans patch (2 wds.)
- famous TX dance spot: "\_\_\_\_\_ Hall"
- TX "Eagle" Don \_\_\_\_\_
- Cruz time zone at work (abbr.)
- TX Jeannie C. \_\_\_\_\_ Riley sang "Harper Valley \_\_\_\_\_"
- 1950s \_\_\_\_\_ when the Astros don't give up a run
- song by TX Mark Chesnut: "Too Good \_\_\_\_\_" (1990)
- female deer \_\_\_\_\_
- bean \_\_\_\_\_
- find not guilty \_\_\_\_\_
- "a \_\_\_\_\_ a dozen"
- Calhoun was in \_\_\_\_\_
- "Pure Country" with TX Strait (1992)
- boxing assoc. \_\_\_\_\_
- TX or NE city \_\_\_\_\_
- TX King Vidor directed this Robert in "The Citadel" (1938)

**DOWN**

- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ (2011) \_\_\_\_\_"
- coach, Tom (init.) \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "wouldn't touch that \_\_\_\_\_"
- oil drilling \_\_\_\_\_
- TX Audie Murphy was one in WWII



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

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

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**Senior Services**  
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In compliance with Tex. Occ. Code Ch.2303.151 notice is hereby given on abandoned vehicle burnt dodge ram truck no identification towed from east of Corporate Crossing along Capital Blvd and along Data Dr. Now located at Dallas Towboys VSF Lic 0628232, 291 National Dr. Rockwall, TX 75032, vehicle may be claimed by owner/lienholder upon receipt of storage and tow fees accrued to which are \$494.85 and increase \$21.65 daily until 45 days at which time all rights/ownership shall be forfeited of said vehicle which will be sold at a public auction if not claimed on or before **August 29, 2016.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Catherine Marie Mudgett, Deceased, were issued on July 8, 2016, in Cause No. PR-16-0073, pending in the County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas, to: Philip Michael Mudgett. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Jack K. Robinson, Jr. Attorney at Law Mailing Address: 2931 Ridge Road, Suite 101-162 Rockwall, TX 75032 DATED the 20th day of July, 2016.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Anita Lagene Shipley, Deceased, were issued on July 25, 2016, in Cause No. PR16-0074, pending in the County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas, to: Christopher Todd Shipley. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Jack K. Robinson, Jr. Attorney at Law Mailing Address: 2931 Ridge Road, Suite 101-162 Rockwall, TX 75032 DATED the 25th day of July, 2016.

**Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain**  
To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals on 7/28/2016: This is to give notice that the Rockwall HDC has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance Program under HOME contract 1002413, 1002414, 1002415, 1002433. The HDC proposes to reconstruct up to 50 single family housing units within Rockwall County. The project may include activities at the following address: 142 Renee Dr that occupies approximately 1/4 acres of the 100-year floodplain. The Rockwall HDC has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: a reduction in scope, alternate locations, and no action. The scope and location of project activities were chosen based on minimum improvements necessary to correct the health and safety risks existing

facilities pose to the natural and human environment, project shall comply with and local floodplain protection procedures. Additionally, activity will have no significant impact on the environment because the proposed project will be constructed on existing building footprint at elevations above the base flood level and flood insurance will be provided for the homes. Additionally, there shall be no significant impact to impervious surface, best management practices shall be employed during construction and the activity shall comply with state and local flood management procedures. The Rockwall HDC has reevaluated the alternative to building in the floodplain and has determined that this is a practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 are available for public inspection, review, copying upon request during regular business hours at Rockwall HDC for receipt comments. There are three primary purposes for this notice: (1) People who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns, provide information about these areas; (2) An adequate public notice program can be an important public education tool. The dissemination of information and requests for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupation and modification of these special areas; and (3) As a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in action taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continuing risk. Written comments must be received on or before August 4, 2016 by Rockwall HDC at 787 Hail Drive, Rockwall, TX 75087 (972) 772-9856. Attention: Donna Allen, President, during regular business hours at Hail Drive, Rockwall, TX 75087. Comments may also be submitted via email to [Calgrants@rockwalltx.net](mailto:Calgrants@rockwalltx.net). Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición a la HDC.

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- Saturday, 9 July:** Noise disturbance, 300 block Pin Oak Lane; Welfare concern, 100 block W. Main Street; Suspicious vehicle, 1000 block Pullen Road; Burglary of a residence, 200 block Sandy Lane; Alarm, 2300 block E. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 800 block Kim Lane; Alarm, 1400 block N. Josephine Street; Assault, 1700 block Audrey Drive; Medical assistance, I-30 SSR near the 75-mile marker; Alarm, 200 block Dye Drive; Welfare concern, I-30 eastbound near the 74-mile marker; Medical assistance, 1600 block Audrey Drive; Suspicious person, 400 block Live Oak Street; Accident, I-30 eastbound near the 81-mile marker; Accident, I-30 westbound near the 80-mile marker; Criminal mischief, I-30 near Erby Campbell Boulevard; Suspicious person, 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Suspicious vehicle, 700 block Brookhaven Drive; Suspicious person, 900 block Saint Matthew Circle; Noise disturbance, 200 block E. County Line Road; Theft, 5400 block CR 2526
- Sunday, 10 July:** Noise disturbance, 1700 block Audrey Drive; Driving while license invalid arrest, I-30 eastbound near the 74-mile marker; Medical assistance, 2600 block Marsha Lane; Suspicious vehicle, 900 block Pullen Road; Accident, I-30 westbound near the 76-mile marker; Alarm, 400 block Rustic Meadows Drive; Alarm, 3100 block Overstreet Lane; Criminal mischief, 1600 block Cardinal Point; Suspicious vehicle, 1300 block Hwy 66; Suspicious person, Area of FM 35
- Monday, 11 July:** Welfare concern, 3400 block Overstreet Lane; Alarm, 800 block Rowdy Drive;

- Alarm, 100 block W. Main Street; Suspicious vehicle, Area of Hidden Creek Drive; Possession of paraphernalia arrest, 300 block W. Main Street; Possession of drug paraphernalia arrest, 300 block W. Main Street
- Tuesday, 12 July:** Suspicious person, I-30 SSR and Circle Lane; Medical assistance, 700 Nancy Drive; Assault, 500 block Baldwin Street; Assault arrest, 300 block W. County Line Road; Welfare concern, 1000 block N. Houston Street; Burglary of a motor vehicle, 900 block Wood Street; Suspicious person, 1400 block Claire Lane; Disturbance, 1200 block Tyler Court; City Ordinance violation, A Rolling Meadows; Suspicious vehicle, Area of Spruce Street and Chestnut; Possession of a controlled substances arrests, I-30 SSR and FM 35; Burglary of a residence, 800 block Wood Street
- Wednesday, 13 July:** Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound near the 76-mile marker; Suspicious person, 800 block Brookhaven Drive; Accident, Area of Hwy 66 and Erby Campbell Boulevard; Suspicious person, 1300 block High Meadow Drive; Reckless driver, Area of FM 2642 and I-30 NSR; Welfare concern, 1800 block Green Terrace Drive; Suspicious person, 1300 block Hidden Creek Drive; Suspicious vehicle, 1400 block Erby Campbell Boulevard; Driving while license invalid arrest, 200 block May Street; Driving while license invalid arrest, 400 block W. I-30 NSR
- Thursday, 14 July:** Suspicious person, Area of N. Houston Street; 911 hang up, 1300 block S. Court; Disturbance, 300 block Rustic Grove Lane; Reckless driver, Area of I-30 eastbound; Noise disturbance, 300 block Midnight Drive; Driving without a license arrest, Area of Preston Drive and FM 35; Assault, 1500 block Sam's Circle; Driving while license invalid arrest, 600 block E. I-30 NSR; Possession of marijuana arrest, I-30 NSR near-mile marker 77A; Rockwall County Sheriff's Office/Mesquite Department warrants arrest, Area of Lakes Drive and Medina Court

# Opinions

## Allen Dulles: architect of America's secret government

Michael Swanson

Freedom Foundation (fff.org)

Talbot has written an important book that is destined to be a classic, because it helps us confront the darker aspects of our nation's history. As American citizens we vote in elections and in private and public life we are constantly being managed by a national-security state. The book *National Security and Double Government*, by Michael Talbot, describes this as a network of "several hundred managers of strategy, intelligence, diplomatic, and law enforcement agencies responsible for protecting the nation and who have come to be largely immune from constitutional and electoral restraints." Talbot's revelations of Edward Snowden exposed secret surveillance activities that fit with what Glennon describes. Decisions are monitored, recorded, and track all electronic communications of American citizens without any public debate and without much of the knowledge of many of the members of Congress of the extent of these activities are the most visible example of acts made in secret by the national-security state outside of the public eye and even outside of normal processes. Today we have secret courts with secret budgets.

of Staff and the passage of the National Security Act of 1947. In the years that followed, the CIA engaged in secret operations that resulted in the overthrow of governments in Iran, Guatemala, Laos, and elsewhere. In the 1960s Army Intelligence, the FBI, and the CIA also surveilled members of the anti-war and civil-rights movements, who were viewed as disloyal to American foreign policy. It also engaged in assassination plots against foreign leaders. All of that was secret and kept hidden from the American people until Congress launched a series of investigations into the activities of the American intelligence community in the 1970s.

What David Talbot has done in his newest book, *The Devil's Chessboard: Allen Dulles, the CIA, and the Rise of America's Secret Government*, is trace the origins of this system of "secret government" through a biography of one of its architects. The Devil's Chessboard seeks to shine a torch down the well of "deep politics" as Peter Dale Scott — an important scholar of American power — has termed this underworld of unaccountable authority. "Until we have a full reckoning of the Dulles era and its high crimes, the country cannot find its way forward," writes Talbot.

### No ordinary boy

Allen Dulles was a strange and unusual child. One summer as a teenager he, along with his older sister, was given the job of looking after his five-year-old sister Natalie. They were playing near a lake when Natalie fell into it. She got carried away by the water and then suddenly went underwater with only her pink dress remaining above

it. The older sister screamed for help, but young Allen Dulles just sat there and watched. Only after a few moments, which seemed like an eternity, did he start to yell for help. Finally their mother came and jumped in the water to save the little girl. What was odd was that Allen was a good swimmer. But he simply seemed too fascinated to bother to act. He was no ordinary boy.

Allen Dulles and his brother, John Foster Dulles, became public figures when they served together as director of the CIA and secretary of state during the Eisenhower administration. But they played key roles behind the scenes before that. During World War I their uncle was Secretary of State Robert Lansing and both of them served as aides during the peace negotiations in Paris after the war. Then they both worked at the powerhouse Wall Street law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell, which had as its clients many of the largest corporations in the United States. In the 1920s, it had huge dealings with American corporations that had investments in Germany during the rise of Hitler.

During World War II, Allen Dulles went to Geneva, Switzerland, as an agent of the American Office of Secret Services (OSS), ostensibly to be one of the top American spies in Europe. He protected the interests of Sullivan and Cromwell clients and engaged in conversations with people on all sides of the conflict, including members of the Nazi SS. Towards the end of the war he negotiated with Karl Wolff, an assistant to SS chief Heinrich Himmler, for German forces to surrender in Italy before the Nazis' total surrender. That policy, though, went against Roosevelt's demand for unconditional surrender and later became a bone of contention with Joseph Stalin. Dulles, though, would do what he thought was best in his own mind.

During the war Dulles received information about the Nazi concentration camps, but passed almost none of it on to his superiors. He sent 300 memos back to his bosses and not a single one of them had any sense of urgency about the Final Solution. When he referred to those camps, he blandly referred to them as "concentration" of the populace.

Most of his interest was taken up in psychological warfare tricks and planning out grand postwar strategies for Europe. As the war came to an end, he and other OSS men close to him, such as James Jesus Angleton, helped some Nazi intelligence officials and war criminals escape capture. They worked with Gen. Reinhard Gehlen, who had been Hitler's head of intelligence against the Soviet Union, to build a new Cold War spy agency for the new West German government.

Allen Dulles formally retired from the government, but played a critical role in creating the postwar intelligence community in the early months of the Cold War. The OSS was disbanded, but a group of OSS men, including Dulles, and men who would later become key figures in the CIA, such as Richard Helms, Tracy Barnes, and Frank Wisner, met and plotted out a new intelligence agency. Dulles placed himself at the center of this issue and helped to write and lobby for the creation of something called the Office of Policy Coordination. It operated officially as a part of the State Department, but under the leadership of Frank Wisner it engaged in covert action against the Soviet Union, including the funding of political parties in Italy and Greece. Its operations eventually got rolled up into the CIA in 1948. So Allen Dulles was a central figure in creating the structures that grew into the national-security state.

(Continued in the Thurs. Aug. 4, 2016 edition of RCN)

### Hold government officials responsible for statutory violations

A widely recognized problem in Texas and local governments is selective compliance with state law (Texas constitution, public laws, state statutes and subordinate ordinances).

**Solution: Call on the House and Senate to amend Penal Code Section 39.02 Abuse of Official Capacity to:**

1. Remove "with intent to harm or defraud another;" and
  2. Remove "intentionally or knowingly."
- Intent of the government officer logically goes to sentencing or punitive damages.

## The path to Fed-exit

Paul

Institute

Talbot has proposed that the liberty movement capitalize on the "Fed-exit": a campaign to "secede" from the Federal Reserve. Fed-exit could be accomplished with a few simple policy changes. (1) People who are interested in the protection of their natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns. This information should be made available in public areas; (2) An adequate notice program should be implemented to support public education. The dissemination of information and requests for public comment should be facilitated. Federal efforts should be made to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the modification of these areas; and (3) A system of fairness, when the government determines its participation in activities that take place in floodplains should be determined. Comments may be submitted via email to [email address].

## MOTB – the best for the dress

Pertler

re-entering the wedding stage of life – better put, re-entering my own wedding we've been on sabbatical, during which I experienced all other stages – from the baby shower to kindergarten and high school graduation stages and everything in between. Now, the cycle has come full circle and I do believe back to weddings. (Cue "Here Comes the Bride.")

I am attending a number of nuptials in the near future, but one particular has piqued our interest: the wedding of our daughter. It means one thing – wedding plans.

I am overwhelmed by the scope of planning opportunities left through an average wedding today. But there is one thing that has me focused to the point of distraction. The dress.

I have completed numerous shopping trips – online and to real life where I tried various necklines, hemlines and waistlines. I once seriously considered getting but then had second thoughts. This has happened three or four times. In the meantime, dressmakers have chosen and bought their dresses. They'll be beautiful. The flower girls have theirs. They'll be adorable. My husband and sons have all purchased brand new suits. They'll be handsome. Even my daughter has said yes to it. It's gorgeous and she'll be magnificent.

I don't get me wrong. I understand the overall insignificance of the decision. I'm the mother of the bride for goodness sakes. I don't care about what I wear. All eyes will be on my sweet girl. As they should be.

I have just one daughter and this is my only shot at filling the role of MOTB. The more I go through life, the more I realize that moments shouldn't be squandered. It is an important day and I want to feel good in my skin (or lace over satin, as the case may be).

While this whole dress ordeal isn't important to anyone else, it is important to me. There are numerous beautiful choices to choose from. I am contemplating why I'm having such a hard time with the choice. It's pretty simple, really.

I am not sure I'm ready to be the mother of the bride. My daughter and her fiancé are ready. They are a beautiful couple. We love each other.

My daughter, however, has always been a little stunted. It seems I'm always playing catch-up when it comes to understanding the significance of this thing called life. Most people are able to look forward and anticipate milestones. I live in the day (but usually not the night). I am still shocked that my daughter is a grown up. I wish she'd be a little girl forever. But that is not the case (thank goodness) and now I am soon-to-be the mother of the bride.

I know I'm not old enough, not ready enough to be the mother of the bride. At least not in my mind. The numbers would prove me right. (How and when did this happen?)

The dress brings about such tugging feelings. I don't feel appropriately dressed to be right here right now. But I am. That's life.

I need a dress.

How will I find one. Perhaps I already have. I just need to pull it out, or swipe the plastic – if we are being honest. Which I am. I've got to wear something. The alternative wouldn't be good. But we don't want to go there.

I just get shopping.

will simply allow Congress and the people to learn the full truth about the Fed's conduct of monetary policy.

However, the desperation with which the Fed fights the audit bill suggests it believes increased transparency will boost support for Fed-exit. Considering what we discovered from the limited audit of the Fed's activities during the 2008 financial crisis, the Fed's fears may be justified. That audit revealed that between 2007 and 2008 the Federal Reserve loaned over \$16 trillion — more than four times the annual budget of the United States — to foreign central banks and politically-influential private companies! Imagine what would be revealed by a full audit that includes looking at the Fed's recent explosion of money creation via "quantitative easing."

Once Congress and the public know the full truth about the Fed's operations, we can begin working on ending, or at least reining in, the Fed. A good next step would be to explicitly forbid the Fed from making "loans" to private businesses or foreign governments. Section 13(3) of the Federal Reserve Act, which the Fed claims gives it the authority to provide "emergency assistance" to private companies, must be repealed.

Congress should also pass legislation reversing President Ronald Reagan's executive order creating the "Plunge Protection Team." Created after the 1987 stock market crash, the Plunge Protection Team's "job" is to intervene whenever the financial markets appear to be on the verge of a meltdown, in order to prolong the Fed-created illusion of economic prosperity.

Congress should also restrict the Fed's ability to purchase government securities, which the Fed uses to monetize the federal debt. Congress should also stop the Fed from manipulating interest rates. These actions would reduce the economic instability wrought by the Fed's monetary policy. Ending the Fed's monetization of the debt could also force Congress to not just halt the growth of, but actually begin to roll back, the welfare-warfare state.

The best way to rein in the Fed is to restore the gold standard. However, this must be a true gold standard, not thephony post-war Bretton Woods gold standard or the "gold price rule" promoted by the supply-siders. The "gold price rule" requires the Fed to raise interest rates whenever the price of gold matches or exceeds a Fed-determined target. Thus, this rule still allows the Fed to attempt to "fix" the price of money. It just provides the Fed with another after-the-fact indicator that the latest inflationary bubble is about to burst.

The most important step toward Fed-exit and the restoration of a true free-market monetary system is the repeal of all laws that in any way restrict individuals from using alternative currencies. Under a free-market monetary system, some individuals will choose to use metal-based currency, while others will choose to use digital currency. Some may even stick with fiat money. The important factor is not the type of currency individuals use, but that people have the right to decide for themselves what unit of exchange they use for their economic transactions.

As long as the Federal Reserve is allowed to manipulate the value of money and support the welfare-warfare state, we will never have a truly free market or a free society. Therefore, all those who seek liberty, peace, and prosperity should join the effort for a Fed-exit.

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### Legal Notices

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Rockwall County invites sealed bids on the following bid numbers for road construction materials for the Road & Bridge Department:

Bid 17-07-015 Hot Asphalt Concrete                  Bid 17-07-023 Cement Treated Material Super Slurry  
 Bid 17-07-016 Asphalts & Emulsions                  Bid 17-07-020 Corrugated Metal Pipe  
 Bid 17-07-017 Gas and Diesel

Bid specifications are on file in the Rockwall County Auditor's office, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Ste 202, Rockwall, Texas and on the County website at www.rockwallcountytexas.com.

Bids must state a unit price for the materials and be submitted in a sealed envelope marked on the outside with the appropriate Bid Number and Product Name, to Lisa Constant Wylie, Rockwall County Auditor, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Ste 202, Rockwall, Texas 75087, on or before Friday, August 5, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

Rockwall County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Upon acceptance of bid and award of a contract by Rockwall County Commissioners Court, remittance shall be made through invoicing at the awarded unit price.

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 Rockwall County  
 Lisa Constant Wylie  
 Rockwall County Auditor



The J.E.R. Chilton YMCA Father of the Year recently was recognized at a YMCA board meeting. Bill Migneault Jr. received the award after having been nominated by his wife, Tara. The award is designed to "recognize the significant impact fathers make in the lives of their children." Pictured above, from the left, are Migneault, center, with his wife and YMCA board of management president Brett Packer.  
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Bill Migneault Jr. recognized as YMCA Father of the Year

Bill Migneault Jr. was honored as the J.E.R. Chilton YMCA Father of the Year at a recent YMCA board meeting. Board chairman Brett Packer presented the award. Migneault was nominated for the award by his wife, Tara. Each year, the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas marks Father of the Year by honoring local fathers.

The Father of the Year award was created to recognize the significant impact fathers make in the lives of their children, according to a news release from the local YMCA. Each year the YMCAs make nominations from family members in each local community. "Every year we receive so many outstanding nominations for this award," Gordon Echtenkamp, president/CEO of the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas, said. "Narrowing the field is always a difficult task, yet we realize what wonderful and positive parenting is happening on a daily basis in our community."

## Rockwall ISD to hold special session

The Rockwall ISD Board of Trustees will meet in a special session, 6:00 p.m., Mon. Aug. 1, 2016, at the Administration Center, Room 600.

The Agenda will include consideration to approve the 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates.

Under the Finance, Operation and Facilities Department, the Board will be given information about an update from the Emergency Planning Committee.

The Board will consider approval of guaranteed maximum contract for Elementary #14.

The Board will also consider approval of personnel resignations and employment.

An insurance update will be given regarding the District's roofs.

Board of Trustees are Linda Mitchell Duran, President and 3 Trustee; Stephanie Adams, Vice President and Place 7; Childers Secretary and Place 2; Jon Bailey, Place 4; Chris Cunny, Place 1; Leigh Plagens, Place 6; and Jim White, Place 5. Superintendent of schools is John Villarreal.

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### Women of Influence Tea set Aug. 20

Tickets for the Rockwall County Republican Women's Association Women of Influence Tea are currently available. The event will take place at Occasions in Royse City. Guest speaker will be Debra Georgatas, radio show host of "Ladies, Can We Talk?" Doors open at 10 a.m. for the silent auction viewing; the program will begin at 11 a.m. Tickets cost \$30 and may be purchased by contacting Janice Carson at 469-337-3335 or Tiffany Miller at 972-977-3335. Table setting also may be purchased at a cost of \$300.

### 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. Commander 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.

### Last day to register to vote is Oct. 11

The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 8 election is Tuesday, Oct. 11, according to the Texas Secretary of State's website. Voting in the election will run from Oct. 24 through Nov. 4. For more details or information about registering locally, visit [rockwallcountytx.gov](http://rockwallcountytx.gov).

## Rockwall County Entertainment

### Live music events offered weekly in downtown Rockwall

Downtown Rockwall's newest public space, San Jacinto Plaza, will play host to weekly musical events scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings through September. Performances will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Café-style tables and chairs, as well as bar stools, are available in the space. Guests are welcome to bring their own chairs, food and beverages, according to information on the City of Rockwall's website. Visit [rockwall.com/mainstreet/events.asp](http://rockwall.com/mainstreet/events.asp) for a list of upcoming bands.

### 'Legally Blonde the Musical' set at RCP

"Legally Blonde the Musical," a story about a sorority girl who enrolls at Harvard Law School to win back her ex-boyfriend and defies everyone's expectations while remaining true to herself, will be performed at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk (two blocks east of the square in downtown Rockwall) on July 22. Show times are 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays at 2 p.m. Sundays, July 22-24 and 29-31. Parental guidance is suggested. Tickets may be purchased online at [rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org](http://rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org), by calling 972-3399 or at the box office a half-hour prior to show time.

### RSM presents 'Evening with David Gaschen & Friends'

Former Broadway star of "Phantom of the Opera" David Gaschen will perform a special benefit performance at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Performing Arts Center at Utley Middle School, 1201 Townsend Dr. Gaschen, an internationally renowned vocalist and stage performer who has performed as the lead in "Phantom of the Opera" on Broadway, will perform an array of classical songs and Broadway favorites. Proceeds from the Rockwall Summer Musicals presentation will benefit the Children's Advocacy Center of Rockwall County. Tickets can be purchased through the RSM Office at [rockwallsummermusicals.org/tickets](http://rockwallsummermusicals.org/tickets). Cost is \$50 for adults and \$25 for youths 8-17.

### County library offers Teen Reading Program

The teen reading program at the Rockwall County Library will run until Aug. 6 and is open to students entering grades 6-12. A completed/returned log entitles the participant to a raffle ticket for the end-of-summer prizes that will be drawn on Monday, Aug. 8. Attended events count as two hours on reading logs.

# Royse City Book Lovers' Club shared knowledge, information



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The poem featured below was taken from one of the booklets from the Royse City Book Lovers' Club. The club was organized in 1907 and federated in 1923.

### If God Should Go On Strike

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike,  
Because He was not treated fairly in things He did not like,  
If only once He'd given up and said, "That's it, I'm through!  
'I've had enough of those on earth, so This is what I'll do.  
'I'll give my orders to the sun -- cut off the heat supply!  
'And to the moon -- give no more light and run the oceans dry.  
'Then to make things really tough and pass the pressure on,  
'Turn off the vital oxygen until every breath is gone!"  
You know He would be justified, if fairness was the game,  
For no one has been more abused or met with more disdain,

Than God, and yet He carries on, supplying you and me  
With all the favors of His grace, and everything for free.  
Men say they want a better deal, and so on strike they go.  
But what a deal we've given God to whom all things we owe.  
We don't care whom we hurt to gain the things we like;  
But what a mess we'd all be in, if God should go on strike.

-- Author Anonymous

The members met on alternate Thursdays at 3 p.m., September through June, in the alternate members homes.

Various members would read self-chosen books, then give a critique to the group. They shared knowledge about a vast number of topics such as the Bible or life in countries across the world such as Egypt, Italy and the Holy Land. They studied about Abraham Lincoln and even comedians like Erma Bombeck who wrote a top-selling book called "If Life is a Bowl of Cherries, What Am I Doing in the Pits?"

The club also took on certain projects like their yearly collection of Christmas gifts for the patients of the Terrell State Hospital.

Refreshments were served during the meetings.

It is not known exactly when the Book Lovers' Club disbanded nor why, but they were still meeting in 1981, according to one of their booklets.

The photo and information for this article came from Deloris Cross Ballard, curator and docent of the Zaner Robison Historical Museum.



These ladies are thought to be the Royse City Book Lovers' Club of 1954. From left to right, back row, are Wanda Bounds, Aniece Smith, Vera Hayes and Vivian Hicks. None of the individuals in the middle row could be identified. At front are Molly Jones, Pearl Sorrells, Mrs. Henry Pullen, Mrs. Newt Burton, possibly Mary Davis, Bess Maldon, Anna Davis and Jerrie Taylor. Should any mistake be made in the names, know that memories fade with time and the best was done to correctly identify the members.  
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