

Rockwall County Obituaries

Glenn A. Elliott

Graveside services for Glenn A. Elliott, 89, of Dallas were conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park, Rockwall. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Dec. 9.
Born Aug. 20, 1926, in Van Zandt County to Omer Melvin Elliott and Audrey (Childress) Elliott, he retired from Sears Mail Order after 34 years. He had lived in Dallas for 67 years and was a member of the Rylie First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 70 years, Lenora (Massey) Elliott; two sons, Billy Elliott and his wife, Sherry, and Charles Wayne Elliott; three grandchildren, Michael Chad Elliott and his wife, Heather, Lori Ann Elliott and her husband, Barrett Christie, and Curtis Glenn Elliott; one great-granddaughter, Chaney Danielle Elliott; and two sisters, Viola Holloway and Nellie Davis.

His parents and one brother, Eddie Ray Elliott, preceded him in death.

Ida M. Morrow

Services for Ida M. Morrow, 84, of Rockwall were conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, 2015, in the First Baptist Church, M.L. Jones Chapel, with Pastor Steve Swofford officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park, Rockwall. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Dec. 10.
Born March 16, 1931, in Talpa to Dillard and Vida (Pelton) McIntire, she worked as a realtor for Coldwell Banker Real Estate and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Joe Poindexter and Mark Poindexter, both of Rockwall; one daughter-in-law, Christine Riley Poindexter of Allen; one sister, Della Nelson of Garland; seven grandchildren, Mande Freeland and Melissa, Michele, Andrew, Mindy, Ginger and Zach Poindexter; and seven great-grandchildren, Colby, Makyna, Layla, Trey, Ty, Tripp and Levi.



Robert 'Rob' Wayne Ramage

Memorial services for Robert "Rob" Wayne Ramage, 68, of Roys City will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating.

He died Dec. 10.

Born Nov. 5, 1947, in Princeton, Kentucky, to Robert Benjamin Ramage and Dorothy Elizabeth (Beaver) Ramage, he was a security officer. A Christian, he was family oriented and had a heart for caring for animals, especially rescues. He was an artist and enjoyed drawing caricatures and animals, as well as working on wood-burn projects. He loved collecting rocks and traveling and often combined the two hobbies, even asking friends who traveled to bring a rock back to him.

He was married to his wife for more than 40 years. The couple enjoyed a 25th anniversary trip to Austria.

He had been a resident of Roys City for 29 years.
Survivors include his wife, Diane Ramage; his son, Michael Wayne Ramage; his daughter, Elizabeth Suzanne Brice, and her husband, Ben; his grandchildren, Jessie Taylor Vantreese, Benjamin Brice and Brandon Alexander Brice; his sister, Linda Sue Ramage and his puppy friends, Buddy and Penny.

His parents preceded him in death.

William 'Bill' Arthur Sechrest

Graveside services for William "Bill" Arthur Sechrest were conducted at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, 2015, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park with Pastor Steve Swofford officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Thursday, Dec. 10, in Deer Park.

Born March 17, 1930, in Chattahoochee, Florida, to John Clay and Minnie Lee Sechrest, he graduated from Gadsden County High School and served in the U.S. Air Force. A year before service ended, he married Jacqueline Mae Morris. He graduated from Florida State University with a degree in finance.

In 2009, following a successful and varied career, he retired from Lakeside National Bank in Rockwall.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Jackie Sechrest; three children, Marsha, Arthur and Mark; his grandson, Matthew; granddaughter, Samantha; and his great-granddaughters, Sadie and Sadie.



University Scholastics News

Littlefield enrolls at McMurry University

Brianna Littlefield of Roys City has enrolled as a first-year student at McMurry University in Abilene, according to a university news release.

The university, founded in 1923, enrolls more than 1,200 students and has an average class size of 16.

"Refugee" surge risks spreading viruses ...

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being monitored in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua. The viruses originated in monkeys in Uganda, and are known to be transmitted by mosquitoes, that are also found in Texas. Viruses include the Zika and Chikungunya viruses, lately found in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, among other countries. These, and other viruses found in Central America, result in respiratory influenza complications and significant aching of joints especially in people with arthritis issues, that can be debilitating.

The CDC reported high risk alerts for people traveling to Central America. The agency also warned that people traveling from Central America to the United States carry a high risk of transmitting the viruses to others.

The Rockwall County News will continue to contact various federal and state officials for more information and related documents.



Brenda Craft, left, spoke through laughter and tears as she received various awards and gifts at her retirement party Friday, Dec. 11. She has been the secretary for the City of Roys City for 22 years. Mayor Janet Nichol presented her with a plaque honoring her service. Many who attended the event spoke briefly, telling of Craft's dedication and service and of how she went over and beyond to see that the city operated smoothly.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Warren is candidate for Heath City Council

David Warren has announced plans to seek the Place 5 Heath City Council seat in the May 7 city election.

Warren serves on the city's Planning & Zoning Commission, according to the news release announcing his candidacy, and has played a role in guiding the municipality's growth while working to balance economic and residential development.

"Heath is faced with a booming housing market that has over 2,500 home sites slated for construction," Warren said in the release. "This building boom will almost double the current population of Heath and add new stresses to the community."

Warren said "intelligent decisions" are needed to help guide economic development, infrastructure and transportation as the city grows, according to the release.

"Management is key to balancing growth with the desires of all citizens," he said.

To prepare himself for service on the city council, Warren has attended every possible meeting, including budget planning special meetings, according to the release.

"I wanted to be informed on the processes and procedures of the council and municipal management prior to making the decision to run for council," he said.

A resident of Heath since 2009, Warren has served on two homeowners' association boards, which provided him with experience in dealing with community budgets, architectural covenant controls and community members.



Mike Shipman

Services for Mike Shipman, 55, of Rockwall were conducted at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Elmo Cemetery in Elmo.

He died Dec. 7.

Born Nov. 27, 1960, to Walter Robert Shipman and Dollie Jean (Lawson) Shipman, he loved his country and served in the U.S. Army, where he enjoyed his tour in Germany. He loved and was proud of all U.S. veterans.

He was a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, where his workers called him Rocket Man because of the speed with which he did his job.

He enjoyed baseball, especially watching the Cincinnati Reds, had many hobbies and enjoyed music from the '60s and '70s classic rock and had an extensive collection of albums and memorabilia. He loved Dr Pepper, T-shirts and shorts; his pets were Jasper and Scarlett; being Papa to his granddaughter; and his wife and best friend. He would do anything for anyone.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Shipman; his daughter Amber Wells and Mollie Shipman; his granddaughter, Melissa Wells; his siblings, JoAn McKee, Walter Shipman and his wife, Gwynn, Paula Stowe, Jeff Shipman and his wife, Lisa, Greg Shipman and his wife, Lori, and Billy Shipman and his wife, Dona; his sister-in-law, Michelle Brown, and her husband, Billy, and Crystal Brown and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Diana Hammock; parents; and his dog, Jasper.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers memorial be made to Wounded Warriors at woundedwarriorsproject.org.



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by Danette McNew, D.D.S.



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- TXism: "got as much to ___ a hibernating bear"
- this Guthrie was in several of TX Willie's Farm Aids
- teen hangout
- TXism: "he'll kick you ___ a funeral home" (mean horse)
- get older
- TX cattle baron: John
- TX Freddy Fender hit: "Before the Teardrop Falls"
- it's an arc from Bay City to South Padre Island
- first 2 vowels
- class for all TX 6-man football teams
- once a big TX Panhandle ranch
- 48th TX gov., Greg
- Tom Green Co. seat
- this Couples won 1987 Byron Nelson Classic in TX (init.)
- cucumber-like fruit
- this Sterling was 31st gov. of TX
- Dublin's county
- Alamo hero: James
- Australian bigfoot
- TX Audie Murphy film: "___ of Fort Petticoat"
- Rice won the 1966 College Bowl
- in Fort Bend Co.: ___ ville, TX

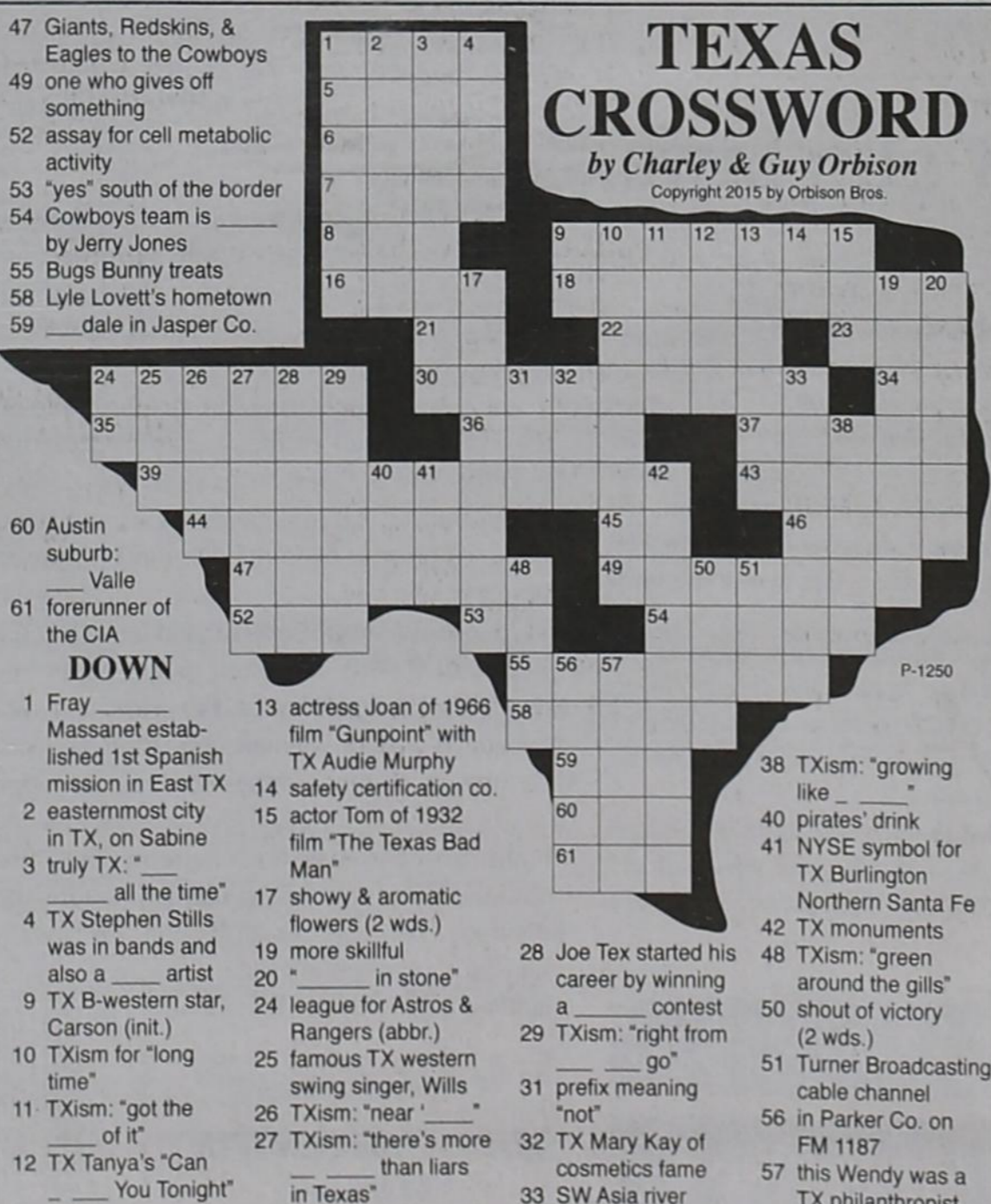
DOWN

- Giants, Redskins, & Eagles to the Cowboys
- one who gives off something
- essay for cell metabolic activity
- "yes" south of the border
- Cowboys team is ___ by Jerry Jones
- Bugs Bunny treats
- Lyle Lovett's hometown
- ___ dale in Jasper Co.
- Austin suburb: ___ Valle
- forerunner of the CIA
- Fray ___ Massenet established 1st Spanish mission in East TX
- easternmost city in TX, on Sabine
- truly TX: "___ all the time"
- TX Stephen Stills was in bands and also a ___ artist
- TX B-western star, Carson (init.)
- TXism for "long time"
- TXism: "got the ___ of it"
- TX Tanya's "Can ___ You Tonight"
- actress Joan of 1966 film "Gunpoint" with TX Audie Murphy
- safety certification co.
- actor Tom of 1932 film "The Texas Bad Man"
- showy & aromatic flowers (2 wds.)
- more skillful
- "___ in stone"
- league for Astros & Rangers (abbr.)
- famous TX western swing singer, Willis
- TXism: "near ___"
- TXism: "there's more ___ than liars in Texas"
- TXism: "growing like ___"
- pirates' drink
- NYSE symbol for TX Burlington Northern Santa Fe
- TX monuments
- TXism: "green around the gills"
- shout of victory (2 wds.)
- Turner Broadcasting cable channel in Parker Co. on FM 1187
- this Wendy was a TX philanthropist

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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He and his wife, Cara, and their two sons are members of Lake Pointe Church. In addition to the Buffalo Creek HOA Board and the P&Z Commission, his community service has included the Rush Creek Yacht Club board, City of Heath Special Events and the City of Heath Board of Adjustment.

Rockwall County News Briefs

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Newcomers & Friends plan Jan. 14 luncheon

The Rockwall County Newcomers & Friends have planned their monthly luncheon at Occasions at Stone River in Roys City for Jan. 14. Guest speaker will be Gayle Brink, who will provide a dramatic presentation of her novel "Saving Cee Cee Honeycutt." For more details or to make a lunch reservation, call Barbara at 972-771-1057 or Cathy at 942-400-9934; reservations are due by Jan. 4. Visit newcomersrockwall.com for more details.

Rockwall County Entertainment

Live nativity planned Dec. 20 at FCC Rockwall

The First Christian Church Rockwall will re-enact the Christmas nativity story for the public from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20. A costumed cast of all ages will perform every 20-30 minutes followed by a group caroling session led by the church choir. Children will be given the opportunity to pet animals at the scene, and hot chocolate and cookies will be served in the church building. The church is located at 3375 Ridge Rd., about 1.4 miles south of the center from White Road and follow the signs to the parking area.

Reindeer food, cooking-making event planned

An event where reindeer food will be made and cookies will be decorated in preparation for Santa's visit from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 22, at The Center. The event will be open to children ages 2-8. Fee to participate will be \$17 or \$11 for Rockwall residents. The event is being organized by the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department.

Tickets available for Daddy/Daughter Dance

A Daddy/Daughter Dance, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23, at The Hilton Bella Harbor. Each participating girl will receive a flower at the end of the evening. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$99 or \$65 for Rockwall residents (\$25 for each additional child). A limited number of tickets are available; pre-registration is required. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

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Historical importance of Jesus' birth part 1 of 2

ROMAN HISTORY Vol 53

Comparing our past with today and looking at our future... This is my opinion as provided by my research... today is out of control. Mass destruction of different religions is in the process of destroying countries, cities and some organizations.

This all start and why is this important to understand the history of Jesus Christ? It is necessary to understand the problems, how they began, in order to find the solutions.

The oldest history book, called the Bible, as my main source of information. I am using the NIV version of the Bible. According to the Bible, beginning in Genesis chapter 1, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth". This is where God introduced to GOD as the creator of everything that exists, including Angels before mankind were created. God gave man the ability to make choices. God created Lucifer (Satan) and he assumed responsibility for his own choices. He is the closest to God out of all the angels (Ezekiel 28:14-17).

When Lucifer chose to be equal to God, sin began, as separation from God. Satan was banished to a created earth before man was created.

When Eve, the first people on earth chose to disobey God by eating the forbidden fruit, God kept his promise of death and sin for all of their disobedience (Genesis Chapter 2&3). From that time on, men and women were first united together as the only way to be born on this earth (we all are descendants of Adam and Eve).

Throughout the history of mankind God has given all the ability to choose between God and Satan (good and bad). Throughout history according to the Bible and supporting documents, Satan, the devil, influences and controls people to destroy all that is good according to God's way of life.

In the past, Satan continues to use his lies and deceitful ways to lead people into his world. Today we are under some of his strongest threats such as terrorism, greed, corruption, power and control. This involves some World Leaders and so-called religions, along with other followers of Satan.

Throughout the old testament of the Bible, God provided prophets to provide information to people about the promise of a Savior to deliver forgiveness of people's sins. This is a gift from God to spend eternity, living in Paradise and Heaven, instead of eternity with Satan in the pits of Hell.

(Luke 12:4-5), 4 "I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. 5 But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him".

God, over 2000 years ago, fulfilled His prophecies in the Bible and provided His son's conception and birth as a way to complete the free forgiveness gift to mankind. This keeps God's free gift promise as described in the New Testament John 3:14-18. The heart of this promise is John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Part two next week (December 24, 2015) will complete the importance of the birth of Jesus, God's Son.

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Salvation ... Call on the name of the Lord, Part 2

Continuing on the subject of salvation in relation to calling on the name of the Lord, let's look closely at Romans chapter 10, which clearly reveals a chronology of prerequisites that includes believing with the heart and calling on the name of the Lord.

Verses 9-10 set the foundation of spiritual prerequisites for salvation. The chronology of the two verses are mirrored, with the second verses revealing the actual chronology. By applying the information in both verses, we can say that with the heart it is believed that God raised Jesus from the dead unto righteousness, and with the mouth the declaration of Jesus' Lordship is unto salvation.

Continuing with verse 11, "For the scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord Shall be saved."

The prerequisite criteria are established in verse 14, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?" This rhetorical question drives in the important truth that it's impossible to call upon the name of the Lord without first believing with the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead.

Being filled with holy spirit is prerequisite to being saved.

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Colossians 3:15

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

"That if you will confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
Romans 10: 9-10

"Have I not commanded you; be strong and of a good courage. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee wherever you go."
Joshua 1:9

"A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul."
Proverbs 18:7

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding;"

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path;"
Proverbs 3:6

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known..."
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Meets every Tuesday at noon at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel, and we recently added an evening meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., also at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel, 203 S. Fannin. For more information call 972-772-6001

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If you are interested in delivering weekday meals to homebound seniors in Rockwall County, we will be holding volunteer training sessions the second Wednesday each month at 1 p.m. Please call 972-771-9514 for location.

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

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Everyone is invited to attend the "SAVING AMERICA THROUGH PRAYER" event, on the second Sunday of each month, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Heritage Christian Academy - 1408 S. Goliad St., Rockwall, Texas. The free event will include guest speakers. This is not church affiliated, and is open to everyone interested. For more information contact Mike Kennedy (972) 998-2680 or Kenneth Shores (214) 334-1206 or Jerry Minx (972) 896-7081

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Rockwall County Sheriff's Office November Report

Calls for service - 627

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- Simple assault -- 2
- Burglary/breaking & entering -- 3
 - Theft from motor vehicle -- 2
 - All other larceny -- 3
 - Motor vehicle theft -- 2
 - Impersonation -- 2
 - Destruction/damage/vandalism of property -- 2
 - Drug/narcotic violations -- 11
 - Drug equipment violations -- 5
 - Driving under the influence -- 4
 - All other offenses -- 102
 - Total offenses -- 139; total incidents -- 103

Arrests:

- Simple assault -- 2
- Motor vehicle theft -- 2
- Impersonation -- 1
- Drug/narcotic violations -- 12
- Drug equipment violations -- 7
- Driving under the influence -- 4
- Liquor law violations -- 1
 - All other offenses -- 117
 - Total charges -- 146; total arrests -- 79

Accidents:

- Total accidents -- 14

Criminal papers:

- Affidavit for surety to go off bond (1716) -- 11
- Affidavit for surety to go off bond (1719) -- 1
- Bench warrant -- 3
- Bond forfeiture -- 29
- Failure to appear for court -- 26
- Insufficient bond -- 6
- Motion to adjudicate guilt -- 6
- Motion to revoke probation -- 13
- Traffic -- 87
- Warrant -- 22
- Total criminal papers served -- 256; total criminal papers -- 204

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TxDOT: Make plans now for sober holiday rides

The Texas Department of Transportation's Plan While You Can campaign urges partygoers to plan for a sober ride this holiday season. The campaign runs through Jan. 1 and coincides with an increase in DUI - driving under the influence - patrols and enforcement.

Lt. Gen. Joe Weber, USMC (Ret), TxDOT executive director, said, "Our goal is to save families from the heartbreak of losing a loved one. Finding a sober ride is easy and it can save you from being arrested, injured or killed. There is no excuse for drinking and driving."

During last year's holiday season there were 2,412 alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas, resulting in 190 serious injuries and 110 fatalities, according to the TxDOT report. This was nearly an 8 percent increase in alcohol-related traffic fatalities over the previous holiday season.

TxDOT strongly encourages everyone to plan for a sober ride before going out. Alternatives to drinking and driving include:

- Calling a taxi or using a transportation app on a smartphone;
- Using mass transit;
- Asking a sober friend or family member for a ride home; or
- Spending the night.

Legal Notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS: TO ALL PERSONS INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF KATHLEEN LOUISE STEFANICK HARDIN, Deceased CAUSE NO. PR15-97 COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS

The alleged heir(s) in law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed a Combined Application for Administration and Heirship in this estate on July 17, 2015, requesting that the Court determine who are

the heirs of Kathleen Louise Stefanick Hardin, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

Said application may be heard and acted on by said Court at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 A.M. on the first Monday following the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 403, in Rockwall, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written contest or answer to this application should they desire to do so.

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

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at the office of the Rockwall County Clerk in Rockwall, Texas, this November 30, 2015. Shelli Miller, County Clerk Rockwall County, Texas By: Stephanie Bennett, Deputy

Legal Notices

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Application has been made for a Private Club Registration Permit and Food and Beverage Certificate for HCG Private Club, Inc. Db a Charlie's Old Fashioned Burgers At 107 E. I-30, Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas Said application made to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code. Heather E. Grupido, Pres/Dir Christopher L. Grupido, Sec/Dir Roger B. Fox, Dir

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, Advantage Storage, which is located at 60 Justin Rd Rockwall, TX 75087 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien online at www.StorageBattles.com. The auction will end on or around 12 p.m. on 12-28-15. Property will be sold to the highest bidder. Deposit for removal and cleanup may be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants, with brief description of contents in each space. Ashley Casey, shoe racks, furniture, household goods, bed, bed changing table, kids toys, scooter. Leigha Dillard, Household goods, two tvs, lawnmower, tools, sword. Please contact Sarah Thornton at 972-772-3212 for more information.

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Beginning on December 10, 2015, the Rockwall Independent School District will accept responses for the category listed above until 2:00 P.M. (CST), Friday, January 22, 2016 at the office of the Director of Purchasing, 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087. Proposal packages are available on the District website: <http://www.rockwallisd.com/about/accountability/financial-accountability/purchasing-information/> or may be requested by email to jana.hunter@rockwallisd.org.

Please note Rockwall ISD Purchasing Dept. will be closed December 21, 2015 - January 2, 2016.

Qualification statements must be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Director of Purchasing and be marked with the proposal name and number. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all responses and to waive any irregularities, technicalities, or informalities in any bids or the bid process.

Section-00 11 13 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

ROCKWALL COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 9 will receive bids for the construction of DETENTION POND GRADING AND STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR ROCKWALL COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 9; ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS. Sealed bids must be delivered to the office of the DISTRICT ENGINEER (Petitt Barraza, LLC, 1651 N. Glenville Drive, Suite 208, Richardson TX 75081) no later than 11:30 AM, Friday, January 8, 2016. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time and place. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened.

The Developer, Southstar Woodcreek Developer, LLC, will be the Payor for Rockwall County Municipal Utility District No. 9.

Plans, specifications and bid documents are available at <http://www.civcastusa.com>; Keyword: 05024-21. Contract Documents may be downloaded or viewed free of charge at this web site. It is the downloader's responsibility to determine that a complete set of documents, as defined in the Instructions to Bidders are received. Printed copies of the Contract Documents may be purchased at the website for the cost of printing. The cost for printed Contract Documents is non-refundable. This web site will be updated periodically with addenda, plan holders lists, bid tabulations, additional reports or other information relevant to bidding the Project.

Pre-bid conference for the project will be held at 10:30 AM, Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at the office of the DISTRICT ENGINEER, and is not mandatory.

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

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Opinions

Why the CIA has confessed to a cover-up in the JFK assassination

Continued from the Thurs. Dec. 10, 2015 edition)

Jacob Hornberger
Liberty Foundation

...the body secretly introduced into the morgue before part of the autopsy? The answer might be found in the that was submitted by two FBI agents who witnessed Francis O'Neill and James Siebert: "Following the wrapping [at 8:15 p.m.], it was ascertained that nothing had been removed and it was also apparent that a had been performed, as well as surgery of the head area, top of the skull." (Brackets and emphasis added.)

...no surgery performed on the president's head in... official photographer for the autopsy, John Stringer, when to identify the official photographs of the autopsy, testified that those were not the photographs he took during the... personal photographer for President Kennedy, Robert... he was the official photographer for the... he was never in the same autopsy room that... in.

...listed woman named Sandra Spencer, who worked in a photograph lab in Washington and who worked closely with the White House, testified before the ARRB that the official photographs in the record were not the ones she developed on the day of the assassination. She said that the photographs she developed showed a large-sized wound in the back of Kennedy's head, the Dallas physicians (and many other witnesses) would be difficult to find a more credible witness than Sandra Spencer.

...two separate brain exams, one involving the president's brain and another belonging to someone else. The final autopsy photographs reveal a full-sized brain weighing more than 1,400 grams, which was impossible given that at least one brain was blown away by the gunshot that hit him in the head. This is just the tip of the iceberg, and, as you can see, is just an engaging in theorizing. This is what the law calls circumstantial evidence, evidence that the law treats just as validly as direct evidence.

...how to make of all this circumstantial evidence? Well, beyond dispute: All those people did not get together to plot the JFK assassination on the U.S. national-

security state. They were obviously just telling the truth, each independent of the other.

For decades, the U.S. national-security establishment kept most of this evidence secret from the American people. Over the decades, the evidence began surfacing, owing partly to the House Select Committee investigation in the 1970s and owing largely to the ARRB in the 1990s. The great weight and preponderance of that circumstantial evidence that had been kept secret and then later released points in the direction of assassination and cover-up on the part of the U.S. national-security state.

Why would the CIA suddenly have a crisis of conscience and confess to a "benign" cover-up in the Kennedy assassination? The answer lies in how U.S. officials, from President Lyndon Johnson on down, were able to successfully shut down any serious investigation into a conspiracy, an investigation that could have led directly to them.

As I detailed in my ebook *Regime Change: The JFK Assassination*, Johnson and the national-security establishment were operating on two tracks after the assassination. On the one hand, they were telling the American people that a lone nut had assassinated the president and that there was nothing left to investigate.

On the other hand, they were telling officials in Washington and Texas that a full-scale investigation could lead to nuclear war and, therefore, that it was necessary to shut it down. For example, Johnson told both Earl Warren and Sen. Richard Russell that their country needed them on the commission and that it was their duty to serve, in order to keep America from being embroiled in a nuclear war that would kill some 40 million Americans.

Ask yourself: How could a lone-nut assassination lead to nuclear war?

It's because the president actually was shot from the front, just as the Dallas doctors had attested, just as Sandra Spencer attested, and just as many other witnesses have attested.

Now, ask yourself: If you've got a purported communist supposedly shooting from the rear and also people shooting from the front, who would be the co-conspirators firing from the front? Wouldn't the most logical answer be the Soviets and the Cubans, given Oswald's supposed connections to them? That would inevitably mean war between the United States and Cuba and the Soviet Union. And we all know what war would have meant: All-out nuclear war.

What Johnson was telling Warren and Russell was that it was necessary for the commission to settle for pinning the crime solely on Oswald and leave it at that. An all-out nuclear war would not bring the president back. What's done was done. America could fight the

communists in Vietnam and elsewhere, without all-out nuclear war.

But what if those shooters from the front weren't Soviet or Cuban? What if the assassination wasn't a communist plot? What if the national-security state orchestrated the assassination?

Then, the conjuring up of WMDs, mushroom clouds, and all-out nuclear war would succeed in scaring most everyone into totally shutting down an investigation into conspiracy, one that might conceivably end up targeting the national-security establishment.

The question naturally arises: If the communists really did kill Kennedy, why not go to war against them?

That's where the CIA's assassination plots (in partnership with the Mafia) against Castro come into play. As I contend in *Regime Change: The JFK Assassination*, rather than keep such plots secret from the Warren Commission, as the CIA's recent "confession" asserts, it is a virtual certainty that the Warren Commission was made aware of such plots on a top-secret basis, either by Allen Dulles, the former director of the CIA who Kennedy had fired and who Johnson had appointed to serve on the Warren Commission, or by Johnson, or by the CIA itself.

Think about it: That information would have immediately and permanently shut down the investigation. It would have enabled Johnson to say: "Although the communists have killed our beloved president, we can't go to nuclear war against them because it was our government, under the Kennedy brothers, that started the assassination war by trying to assassinate Castro first."

There certainly is precedent for that type of secretive action on the part of the Warren Commission. As I state in *Regime Change: The JFK Assassination*, when Warren was confronted with evidence that Oswald was an employee or asset of the FBI and the CIA, Warren called a top-secret, emergency meeting of the commission to discuss the problem. Warren ordered that the meeting and the discussions of the meeting be kept secret and that the transcript of the meeting be destroyed. The members of the commission honored his request for secrecy. The only reason we know about the meeting today is that the court reporter for the meeting failed to destroy her tape recording of the meeting.

What was the national-security state's motive for removing Kennedy from office? The same motive for removing so many other officials from office in foreign countries during the Cold War: "national security." That details of that motive is fully set forth in the ebook *Kennedy's War With the National Security Establishment: Why JFK Was Assassinated*, by Douglas Horne.

Why do 30 percent of the American people still believe the lone-nut findings of Warren Report despite the overwhelming amount of circumstantial evidence pointing toward a regime-change operation by the U.S. national-security establishment?

The answer lies in the deep fear that some people have of even pondering the notion that the national-security state, the totalitarian-like structure that was grafted onto America's original governmental system after World War II in order to wage the Cold War orchestrated the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, just as it orchestrated assassinations and regime-change operations practically since its inception.

Oh sure, such people will usually accept that the CIA and the military have engaged in regime-change operations in other countries and even that they have assassinated countless people, including Americans. But assassinate an American president, John F. Kennedy? Their minds do not permit them to look in that direction. The national security state has become their idol, one that deserves unconditional praise and thanks for "keep us safe" and preserving "national security" — an idol that, in their minds, can do no wrong. To them, it is simply inconceivable that the national-security establishment would protect national security by eliminating an American president whose policies were considered to be a grave threat to national security.

(Continued in the Thurs. Dec. 17, 2015 edition)

Indulging the holiday spirit

Jill Bartler

...the season of celebration. Happy holidays, Merry Christmas, Hanukkah or Festive Festivus — whatever your phrase of choice, love the time to celebrate and believe in miracles. People all around you are giddy with cheer.

...further illustrate the magnificence of the holiday, ugly Christmas ornaments are back in style. Some of them even feature blinking lights.

...what is to love about an over-the-top time of year filled with electrical wrapped gifts, a tree in the living room, parties for hosting, holiday cookies, eggnog and fruitcake? It's exuberant celebration and making. There's only one problem. I wasn't feeling

...the best; it comes from the pressure of trying to do it all. Have it done — from scratch — bigger and better than ever before.

...4 varieties of cookies without gaining any holiday weight. I gave the kids so the kids get to make the annual gingerbread house. I gave family night solely dedicated to watching "Elf." To find the and tired items so everyone is shocked and awed by their gifts. At the perfect family photo for the perfect card that perfectly illustrates the perfection of your family — without overt bragging or coming across like you think you are well, perfect. To wrap and decorate and trim a tree (it goes without saying) you remain calm and bright and heart-filled with the true meaning of the season.

...overwhelming and I guess I was letting it show this year more than ever. I was lacking in decoration motivation, cookie baking ability and holiday spirit. But my ho-ho-hopeful husband wasn't going to let my humbug mentality get the best of him. He suggested we pick it out and I'll do the rest," he said. "I'll put it up and rate it. You won't have to do a thing."

...We did and a tree. It wasn't very tall or full but it had bark and my husband propped it in its stand and tightened the bolts to stabilize the trunk. Our Charlie Brown sapling leaned to the left. We ad-

justed the bolts and straightened the sparse spruce. When my husband let go of the tree, it leaned to the right. We pulled and prodded and repeated the process. Still, our tree leans.

At least it hasn't toppled over — yet. (My husband's observation, not mine.)

"It wasn't meant to be straight," he said. "It looks good with a little lean in it. Gives it character."

Our youngest son contemplated the tree, cocking his head to the side presumably to make it appear straight. After about 30 seconds of scrutiny he said, "It's awfully small."

"That's because it doesn't have its lights yet," my glass-half-full husband told him. "Lights make a tree look bigger. Besides, size doesn't matter. It still smells like a tree." My husband took a deep breath through his nose. "Smell that?"

We all smelled the tree and had to agree it had a fine pine scent.

My husband looped one string of lights around from top to bottom and even I had to admit our little tree was looking brighter. He got the box of ornaments from the basement and we put them on one by one.

There was a baby girl ornament from 1991 commemorating our daughter's first Christmas. Another of Mickey ears reminded us of a trip to Disney World. Snowmen with the message "I love the USA" were from Christmas 2001. We hung a tiny cable car from the year my husband and I traveled to San Francisco. We found a framed ornament of a Labrador retriever puppy and remembered our dear dog. This will be our first Christmas without her. There were countless ornaments handmade by the kids over the years — each one a true treasure.

As we adorned the branches, I was glad my husband talked me into getting the tangle of greenery that is our tree this year. We don't have time to do all the things we wish we could to get ready for the holiday. We don't have the money to buy huge and tremendous jaw-dropping gifts. We might not get the gingerbread house made or picture perfect cards sent.

And that's okay, because we do have the things we really need. Right here. Hanging on the branches of our tiny tree.



Members of the Springer choir were chosen to perform in downtown Rockwall during Saturday's Christmas tree ceremony. Pictured above are choir members preparing for their performance.

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Rockwall County Sheriff's Office
November Report

Civil papers:

- Citation — 22
- Complaint with attached summons -- 1
- Criminal subpoena — 2
- Notice to show cause — 2
- Order setting hearing -- 1
- Protective order -- 1
- Subpoena — deuces tecum civil -- 5
- Writ of execution — 1
- Total civil papers served — 31; total civil papers — 35



Rockwall Resident William "Bill" McCarron and Plano resident Nancy Wertz have co-written a book titled "WW II Army Infantry Training, Texas Style -- The Story of Dean H. Olson." The book is being published by Stephen F. Austin State University Press and is scheduled to come out in early 2016. Olson was the first cousin to Wertz's mother. He was killed during night patrol on Nov. 26, 1944, some 71 years ago in the North Ardennes in Belgium, where he was buried for three years before being reburied at the Arlington National Cemetery. Anyone interested in more information regarding the book may contact McCarron at william.mccarron@att.net.

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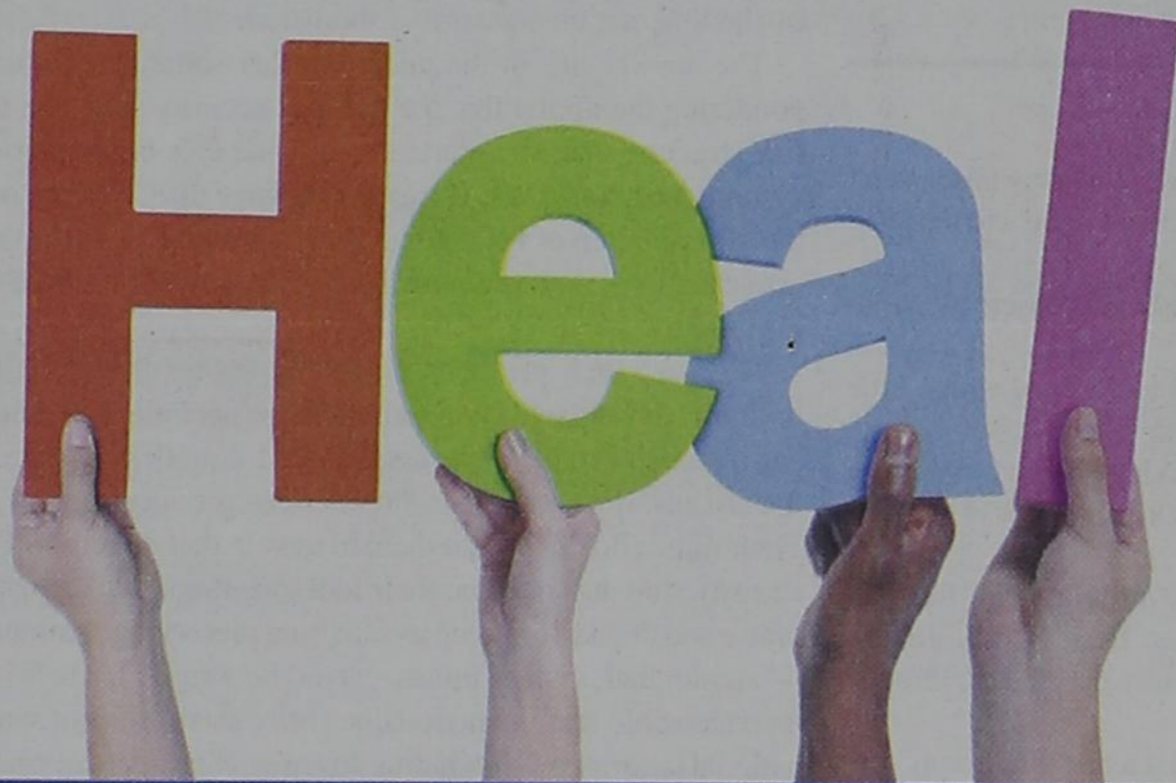
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Leadership Rockwall plan project for WIN, CAC

Members of Leadership Rockwall have pledged to create a landscaped area, a "refuge of Rockwall," for those served by Women in Need and the Children's Advocacy Center.

The group has pledged to raise at least \$24,500 for the project, which will be located at 1350 E. Washington St., according to a news release from the organization.

Security will be a project priority, with an 8-foot privacy fence and controlled entrance gate planned to provide maximum privacy in the landscaped area. Playground equipment, a sandbox, swings and pathways will be installed, as will an outside arbor space with furniture, landscaping and a fire pit.

Children who have been physically and/or sexually abused or neglected are safely interviewed by a neutral professional and receive counseling at the Advocacy Center. With the backyard refuge, they also will have an outside location to play and be counseled in a natural environment.

Victims of domestic abuse also will be able to enjoy the refuge as a safe place to receive counseling.

"This project will have a huge impact on the lives of both children and adults who have been victims of abuse," Kenda Culpepper, Rockwall County district attorney, said. "I am so proud to be working with such an impressive group of individuals to provide a place for victims to safely find the help they need."

Members of the Leadership Rockwall Class of 2016 include Brian Benitez, Vice & Henley & Associates; Robin Chouteau, Honda Cars of Rockwall; Matthew Foster, AT&T; Valerie Egan, Lawson & Associates LLC; Daniel Garcia, City of Rockwall Police Department; Judy A. Garza, City of Fate; Clint Gentry, Northstar Bank of Texas; Bryan Holloway, Lonestar Transfer; SarahKelley Turner, Stone & Keller; and Scott Lovett, Frost Bank.

Also, Jennifer Maxwell, Alliance Bank; Ryan Miller, City of Rockwall; Stephanie Moore, American National Bank; Dannielle Rankin, Rockwall Chamber; Matthew H. Redman, Rockwall Independent School District; Kay Talley, Texas Health Presbyterian Rockwall; Blake Walker, ANB Wealth Management Group; Greg Welch, Rockwall County Sheriff's Office; and Jerry Welch, Ebby Halliday/The Welch Group.

For more details, contact dannielle@rockwallchamber.org.



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Springer Robotics competed at the VEX IQ event at Cain Middle School earlier this month, qualifying for the regional competition. The team, pictured above, earned the Teamwork Champion Award (first place Teamwork Challenge Alliance/robot performance), STEM Research Project Award (most effective research project presentation/judged); Robot Skills Award (top robot skills challenge team/robot performance); and the Excellence Award (top all-around program/robot performance and judged). Pictured at front are Jerry Dales, left, and Donovan Copioli. At back, from the left, are David Granger, Jaxon Cleverly, Collin Renteria, Peyton Williams and Cathryn Lara-Ramirez.

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Almost 30 people attended the joint meeting of the Royse City Independent School District and the City of Fate on Monday night, Nov. 30. Present and future enrollment for the schools in the two districts, present and predicted housing growth, and the new businesses coming to Royse City and Fate were among the topics discussed. Seated at the head table were, from the left, Kevin Worthy, Royse City ISD superintendent of schools; David Billings, vice president of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Fate (in background); Michael Kovacs, Fate city manager; Julie Stutts, Royse City ISD school board president; and Loren Megyesi, mayor of Fate.

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