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The Rockwall High Robotics team pictured above, the Full Metal Jackets, placed second in the first UIL-sanctioned state champion competition. Of the 136 high school robotics teams in Texas, the top 24 teams were invited to compete July 29-30 in Austin for the state title. Pictured are, at top, Glenn Bray, Lauren Knoff, Hiers Childs, Austin Knoff, Aaron Smith, Alex Beattie Christopher Cannon, Brandon Taylor, Brian Bray and Keith Buchanan and, at bottom, Gabe Colmenares, Hannah Cowgill, Lindsey Baumgartner, Eric Bray, Jace Norton, Austin Taylor, Harrison Smith and Lance Smith. This performance capped off a successful summer competition season for the team, which won the Texas Robotics Invitational in June. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Rifles for Constables item fails due to lack of motion

The Rockwall County Commissioners Court met 9:00 a.m., Tues. Aug. 9, 2016, at the Rockwall County Historic Courthouse in Rockwall.

Attending the meeting were Cliff Sevier, Lee Gilbert, Dennis Bailey, and David Magness.

County Judge David Sweet was not present for the meeting. Magness ran the meeting.

The Court unanimously approved an order calling the General Election on November 8, 2016.

Rockwall County Elections Administrator Chris Lynch explained that it was a standard order that should be signed by the County Judge. He also clarified that the election will include a Royse City Local Option Election related to liquor sales.

Agenda item 6 involved authorizing each Constable to purchase a rifle with County funds. Constable Randy Parks spoke to the Court, and explained that while the Constables are not dispatched, they could be pinned down. Parks also read a letter from Hunt County Judge John L. Horn who arranged for the purchase of rifles and bullet proof vests for Hunt County Constables, from the County's contingency fund.

Parks indicated that the Constables were interested in M-16 rifles and bulletproof vests.

The item failed without a motion.

The Court heard County Auditor Lisa Constant address the contract for road improvements for Alexander Ranch. Constant explained that several companies showed up at the location, only one company submitted a bid.

The Court approved Magness's motion to reject the lone bid and move forward with publication of a new Request For Proposal.

In other actions the Court:

- Approved contract agreements for postage machine and meter rentals at the Historic Courthouse, County Services and Law Enforcement Buildings at a monthly cost of \$702.

- Approved a copier lease with CPI for the District Clerk at a monthly cost of \$142.

- Approved renewal of current contracts for exterminator services, window washing, grounds maintenance and vending machine services for County facilities with the current vendors for an additional year.

- Approved the Request for Proposal and Public Notice for the Radio Frequency Identification Library System for the Rockwall County Library.

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## West Nile found, Rockwall continues mosquito fogging

July 18, the City of Rockwall initiated a mosquito abatement program consisting of fogging the entire city once a week based upon recommendation of the city health official. City crews have been fogging streets between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m., according to release from the city.

This week, the city received notification that two trapped mosquitoes positive for West Nile Virus. One was caught in the area of Park and the other was caught in the area of the Caruth Lakes subdivision.

The city health official is recommending that bodies of water

continue to be treated with a larvicide and to focus spraying on the areas in which positive tests were found.

The citywide spraying will continue through Friday, Aug. 12, according to the release, and then will concentrate efforts within a one-mile radius of the two areas where the mosquitoes were trapped. The city will continue to monitor the traps and take appropriate action as necessary throughout the remainder of the season.

To request that your residence not be sprayed, call (972) 771-7761 or email the Parks & Recreation Department at [wyoung@rockwall.com](mailto:wyoung@rockwall.com). For more information, visit [rockwall.com/mosquito.asp](http://rockwall.com/mosquito.asp).

## McCarty speaks at Republican Women meeting in Rockwall

Mary Sue McCarty was guest speaker during the Rockwall County Republican Women membership meeting, Mon. Aug. 8, 2016, held at the Harry Myers Recreation Center in Rockwall.

McCarty, Vice President of Texas Women's Coalition for Trump, was introduced by Jerry Fisher.

Deanna Kuykendall gave a report on the Republican National Convention. She served as delegate from CD3.

Kuykendall expressed concerns about media coverage of the convention. She felt like a large number of reporters devoted more coverage to protesters than to the convention. She emphasized the importance of holding the media accountable.

After highlighting some of Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump's issues, Kuykendall reminded the audience to "not put faith in one man, but put faith in Jesus Christ."

McCarty said the current campaign is as important as the American Revolutionary War. She encouraged everyone to commit themselves.

As a resident in Senator Ted Cruz's district, she expressed a preference toward Cruz. She was shocked over Cruz's decision to not endorse Trump, and called on all Republicans to rally around Trump for the President position.

McCarty expressed her appreciation for Trump's willingness to "shoot from the hip," and non-tolerance of political correctness.

She touched on some of Trump's platform issues including immigration control, military growth and expansion, an out-of-control Environmental Protection Agency, income tax reform for corporations and individuals, Veterans assistance, and the Supreme Court.

McCarty said that Trump plans to require every federal department to submit proposals for cuts. She expressed a personal interest in seeing him push for a "forensic audit" of all departments.

She said Trump is in favor of repealing the 1954 Johnson amendment that punishes 501C Corporate Churches for bring politics to the pulpit.

McCarty was happy to report Trump's intentions to not sign the Trans Pacific Trade Deal.

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Mary Sue McCarty (back) calls on all Republicans to rally around Donald Trump for President of the United States, Mon. Aug. 8, 2016, during the Rockwall County Republican Women membership meeting held at the Harry Myers Recreation Center in Rockwall.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## Rockwall County News Briefs

### Farmers Market open through September

The Farmers Market offered from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays on the square in Rockwall will be open through September. For more details visit [rockwallfarmersmarket.org](http://rockwallfarmersmarket.org).

### 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. I-30, Rockwall.

### Democratic Party to host breakfast meeting

The Rockwall County Democratic Party will conduct (Continued on Page 2)



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### Rockwall County Obituaries

#### Jewell Bach

Jewell Bach, 81, died Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2016. The Rest Haven Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Born Nov. 8, 1934, to Juanita Blanche and Glen Reedy in Troutdale, Virginia, she attended Sugar Grove, Virginia, schools and the University of Tennessee. As a child she attended the Baptist church in the Teas area of Virginia and later was a member of the Baptist church in Marion, Virginia.

She married Willis Van Hoy and the couple had three children, LaDonna, Michael and Darius. Michael died in 1988, leaving a daughter, Michelle, of Chillow, Virginia. LaDonna and her husband, Larry Davis, of Tazewell, Virginia, have two children, Terry and Michael (Mikey). Terry lives in Dallas and Mikey died in 2012. Darius and his wife, Tammy Evans of Irving, have three sons and a daughter, Evan of Carrollton and Matthew, Micah and Allie of Southlake.

She married Edward Bach and became the stepmother of his five children, Christi, Cindi, Edward Jr. (Skip), John and Thomas. Christi became the mother of Daria in 1999 and resides in Highwood, Illinois; she married Doug Phillips, became the stepmother of three and lives in Carmel, California. Edward Jr. married Jill and they have two children, Justin and Courtney, and live in Geneva, Illinois. John and his wife, Thea, live in Madison, Wisconsin, while Thomas and his wife, Denise, live in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

Returning to Marion after her education, she worked for 13 years with the Brunswick Corp. Her last position was administrative manager to the president of the Defense Division. She also worked as an interior designer in local stores and was head designer at Ackerman's Furniture stores in Elgin and Crystal Lake, Illinois. She later became a business broker with an office in Elgin.

She and her second husband lived in the Chicago area, San Diego, Tucson, Rockwall and Lindale. She traveled to the Bahamas, Hawaii, the Holy Land, Greece, Italy, Spain, Yugoslavia and the Scandinavian countries and attended her husband's business functions in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland and England.

Following retirement, the couple volunteered in nursing homes, school tutoring, Meals on Wheels, Kids Hope USA, church committees and soup kitchens. She was deeply involved in Bible study and was generous and quick to help those in need. She was known for her dinner parties, her art and antique collection and always kept an open door to their home. She was an advisor with insightful vision and gracious server to family and friends.

Her husband, Edward, preceded her in death on May 3, 2014.



#### Jeannie Cullins

Graveside services for Jeannie Cullins, 69, of Rockwall were conducted at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 8, 2016, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. A memorial service followed at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church Rockwall, M.L. Jones Chapel, with Pastor Steve Swofford officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Aug. 5.

Born Jan. 18, 1947, in Sulphur Springs to Clovis and Doris (Magness) Duncan, she lived in Rockwall for 46 years and was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church. She was a giving individual who enjoyed helping others. She loved being with her granddaughters and always was available for them. She enjoyed arts and crafts, loved old movies and Mexican food and enjoyed going to Pizza Getti with friends.

Survivors include her son, Kenneth Cullins, and his wife, Heather; her mother, Doris Duncan; her siblings, Brenda Adcock, Jimmy Duncan and Larry Duncan; and her granddaughters, Abigail and Katherine Cullins.

Her father preceded her in death.



## Traditional dress code set for RCISD students

by Millie Jean Coppedge

"Empowering Students Shaping the Future" is the Roysse Independent School District's motto.

With that goal in mind, the 2016-2017 school year will begin on Monday, Aug. 22. Professional development for returning teachers will be Aug. 11-19. New teachers will report Aug. 8-10. Students also will start the new school year with a new dress code.

In 2006, the RCISD Board of Trustees voted that students would go to a standardized dress code or designated uniforms. A movement across the country seemed to support the belief that uniforms would cut down on classroom distractions and improve classroom performance and the environment.

In 2015 a committee was formed consisting of school principals, teachers, parents and students to come up with the guidelines for a new traditional dress code. From the work in this committee, a survey was given to administrators, community members, parents, RCISD employees and students. This survey asked for feedback regarding their thoughts concerning the standardized dress code versus a traditional dress code.

After reviewing the response, the district's school board approved reverting the dress code back to traditional dress in the April 11 meeting.

Superintendent Kevin Worthy said in reference to the new updated dress code, "The beauty of this new document is that it is only one page long for grades Pre-K through 6 and one page for 7 through 12 and informs the parents and students what they may and may not wear. A simple, very user-friendly document."

"We want to create an environment of joy in learning and give students more choices," he said in a statement posted on the district website. "We understand the importance of high expectations and hold our student accountable for their appearance."

For complete information on the new dress code for the 2016-2017 school year, visit the Roysse City ISD website rcisd.org. The site shows the school year calendar, the district newsletter, each school supply lists and much more.

## Rockwall plans sewer system inspection

Beginning Monday, Aug. 15, crews will conduct a physical inspection of portions of the City of Rockwall's sanitary sewer system, according to a news release from the municipality.

The study will involve the opening of manholes in the streets and easements. Part of the inspection will be the smoke testing the sanitary sewer lines, which helps in the detection of infiltration and inflow sources such as roof downspouts, driveway and yard drains, foundation drains, storm water drainage system cross connections and structural deterioration and leaking joints in the sanitary sewer pipes.

It is common for smoke to come out of roof vents, building foundations and manhole covers. The smoke is a non-fire hazardous, nontoxic and odorless substance that is clean and harmless to humans, pets, food and material goods. However, it is best to avoid unnecessary exposure to the smoke because any smoke can be irritating to the nasal passages of some individuals, according to the news release. If a person experiences smoke irritation, it should be temporary and quickly disappear after exposure has ceased.

The smoke should not enter a home unless defective plumbing is present or a trap in the plumbing system is dry, according to the release. If this occurs, the owner of the property should contact his/her licensed plumber. Should smoke enter your home, you may contact the city at 972-771-7730; they may be able to assist in determining where and why the smoke has entered your home.

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## Rockwall County Republican Women meet ...

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Following McCarty's speech, the members approved the minutes of the July 2016 membership meeting.

Treasurer Donna Rolater reported the organization has approximately \$10,000.

Jerry Fisher announced that Texas Senator Bob Hall will be the guest speaker for the Sept. 12 membership meeting.

Janice Carson reported that the organization currently includes 111 members, with 87 actives and 24 associates.

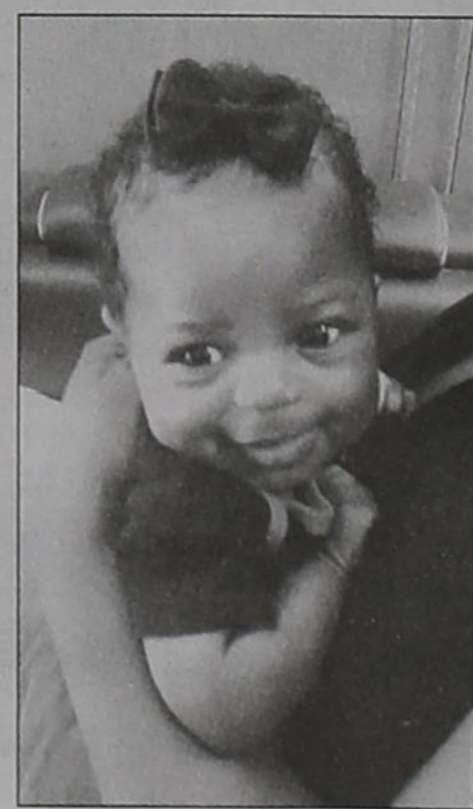
The Women of Influence Tea is set for 11:00 a.m. thru 2:00 p.m., Sat. Aug. 20, 2016, at the Occasions at Stone River, located at 1250 FM 2453 in Roysse City. For ticket and general information, people may call Janice Carson at 469-337-3335, or Tiffany Miller at 972-977-3321.

The Republicans Under One Tent Rally will be held Oct. 15, at Dalton and Laverne Kennimer's home in Roysse City. Food will be served, and music provided by D.J. Gary Freedman. The event will include introductions of candidates.

The next Board meeting will be held 6:30 p.m., Tues., Aug. 30, at the GOP office.

There is no fear in love.  
But perfect love casts out fear.  
1 John 4:18

## Birth Announcements



Chanel Cattleya Benjamin

Jenado Benjamin and Jasmine Chanel Benjamin (Williams) of Rowlett are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Chanel Cattleya Benjamin, at Lakepointe Hospital.

The baby weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long at birth.

She was welcomed home by her siblings, Terrance Elijah Wofford and Jenado Deshun-Lee Benjamin Jr.

Grandparents are Arlene Burke of McKinney and Jewel Benjamin of Mesquite.

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## Rockwall County Commissioner Court meeting ...

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• Approved a one-year database subscription renewal for County library patrons with EBSCO Publishing at a cost of \$6,043, effective Oct. 1, 2016.

• Approved a Mutual Aid Agreement to participate with the North Central Texas Public Works Emergency Response Team in the event of a disaster. Emergency Coordinator Joe Delane spoke to the County for use of the Rockwall County Interoperability Radio Network. Assistant District Attorney Jon Thatcher address the Court.

• Approved renewal of 74 annual maintenance agreements for Oct. 1, 2016, through Sept. 30, 2017. Constant stated that the total amount would be \$673,442.71. The agreements related to Creative Digital (Software for Veterans Memorial Kiosk) and Lexis Nexis Solutions (Location Software for Collections Dept) were pulled.

• Approved the consent agenda, including: payment to E-Creek Special Utility District for the Pump Station #1 Replacement Modifications Project associated with FM 552 for June 2016; the total amount of \$17,500; payment to Half Associates, Inc. engineering services provided thru June 26, 2016 at SH 66 to SH 205 to FM 1777 in the amount of \$424,911; payment to AIA North America, Inc. for engineering services provided thru July 2016 at FM 3549 from SH 66 to IH 30 in the amount of \$1,490,000; acknowledgement of the Engagement Letter from Pattillo, Brown Hill to conduct an audit of the financial statements of Rockwall County for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016; and Environmental Health Coordinator monthly activity report.

• Approved Elections Administrator for purchase from Creative Outlay of 2 desk units at an estimated cost of \$1,234.58.

• Approved accounts in the amount of \$316,793.08, unpaid claim in the amount of \$580,875.96, and payroll ending July 30 in the amount of \$576,793.79.

Magness announced the consortium meeting for Aug. 24 cancelled due to the scheduled Aug. 22 meeting on I-30.

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- 1 LBJ was president when "Gateway" was opened
- 5 Dallas public TV & FM station
- 6 TXism: "dab"
- 7 This Cheney was TX Governor's VP
- 8 Noah's big boat
- 9 TX Kenny Rogers' "Believes in Me" (1979)
- 12 off shotgun droppings in the TX Piney Woods
- 19 State Fair features "Top" Tower
- 21 take away from Mav or Spur issue: fracture
- 23 doglike African scavenger
- 28 typographical error
- 29 historical "knife Ranch" HQ where where ACU is today
- 30 measurement system
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- 35 "phrase"
- 36 film "A Texas" (1976)
- 42 noted TX bank robber
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- 46 TX-born Forest Whitaker was in film "Fast Times at High"

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- 1 TXism: "goes together like" store
- 2 a TXn who ain't working no more
- 3 seat of Houston Co.
- 4 this TX Thompson sang "The Wild Side of Life" (1952)
- 9 TX Dabney's old TV series: "Maxwell Story"
- 10 TXism: "a nail into a snow bank" (inapt time zone for Sen. Ted Cruz (abbr.))
- 12 international distress signal
- 13 Austin country band: "Asleep"
- 14 fictitious sister of Irma Hogg
- 15 TX George Strait's "All My Live in Texas" (var.)
- 16 ex-Cowboy Bob Hayes won gold in 1964 100m
- 18 TXism: "keep your powder"
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- 24 nevertheless
- 25 "rub-a-dub-dub, 3 men in"
- 26 Astro or Ronger mistakes
- 27 TX "Mrs. Baird's" founder
- 32 TX ID, e.g. (abbr.)
- 33 TXism: "high tail"
- 34 TXism: "dice"
- 36 "take a look"
- 37 TX Al Dexter's "Pistol Packin'"
- 38 TXism: "tough as boot"
- 39 TX John Garner was a VP
- 40 TXism: "dyed wool" (genuine)
- 41 African river
- 43 inspector office (abbr.)
- 45 dir. from Abilene to Houston
- 47 TXism: "brave enough"
- 48 TXism: "boomtown cafe"
- 48 TV series for TX Dianna Agron
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## ISD Meet the Teacher, first information detailed

The Rockwall Independent School District is gearing up for the new school year. The meet the teacher in-service is set for Aug. 8-10, followed by professional development Aug. 11-19, according to the district's online back-to-school newsletter.

Meet the Teacher Night schedules are as follows:

Scott Elementary - Aug. 18 for grades K-4 (pre-K by 5 p.m.); come and go from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; class assignments posted by 4 p.m.

Fort Elementary - Aug. 18 for grades K-4 (pre-K by 5 p.m.); come and go from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; class assignments posted by 4 p.m.

Vernon Elementary - Aug. 18 for grades K-4; come and go from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; class assignments posted by 4 p.m.

Cherry Intermediate - Aug. 18; come and go from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; schedule distribution to be announced when available.

Herndon Intermediate - Aug. 18; come and go from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; schedule distribution to be announced when available.

Royley Middle School schedules may be picked up as follows:

Grade 6, Aug. 17, 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.; seventh grade, Aug. 18, 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.; both grades, Aug. 19, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Currently enrolled Royley City High School students can access back-to-school packets online during the first week of August. Students need to complete the forms and return them at the designated times in order to receive schedules and ID badges.

Students of the H.H. Browning Learning Center will visit individually with Principal Lloyd Blaine regarding school hours. Each student will receive a detailed letter regarding registration.

The first day of school is Aug. 22. An overview of first-day information is provided in the newsletter includes:

Elementary schools - Doors open at 7:05 a.m. Each pre-K student will report to his or her assigned classroom with a parent or family member. Students in grades K-4 should report to their assigned classrooms. Breakfast students should report to the cafeteria, then to their assigned rooms.

Cherry Intermediate - Doors open at 7:15 a.m. Breakfast students should report to the cafeteria. Fifth grade students should report to their first period classrooms, while sixth grade students should report to the gym.

Herndon Intermediate - Doors open at 7:15 a.m. All students should report to the gym, unless they plan on eating breakfast. Eating breakfast should report to the cafeteria.

Royley City Middle School - Doors open at 7:50 a.m. New to this district students should be dropped off at the back of the school, while returning students should load and unload at the front. All students will report to the gym. If they're planning to eat breakfast.

Royley City High School - Doors open at 8 a.m. On the first day of school, students will be required to pick up a final copy of their schedule before entering their classrooms. Anyone who did not return their schedule during the August schedule/ID pick-up window should report to their forms the first day of classes in order to receive an ID badge. Students will not be allowed to purchase food in the cafeteria or to check out texts or library books without an ID badge, according to the district's policy. Locations for schedule/ID badge pick-up will be posted at the entrances. Students are asked to bring paper/pencil the first day of school. Supply lists will be distributed by individual teachers.

## SM retains Flying by Foy for another "Walk Over" scene

Theater lovers are invited to see Broadway favorite Mary Foy during its two-weekend run. The show will be performed at the Rockwall performing Arts Center (1201 TL Townsend Drive, Rockwall, TX 75032) on August 12, 13, 19, and 20 at 7:30 pm and on August 14 and 21 at 2:00 pm. Lucy Shea will play the title character.

Summer Musicals has retained Flying by Foy as the Flying by Foy production, for which Foy created Bert's famous "Walk Over" where he taps up the wall and across the ceiling.

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## On God's Word by Timothy W. Burnett

### Know the basics ... is death a portal to life?

An exhaustive study of Jesus' death shines a great deal of light on the subject of what happens after people die.

This is no doubt a very sensitive issue in nearly all cultures and societies, and it is our intent to rightly divide God's words of truth without being influenced by common thought or various cultural belief systems about death and life.

Let's start with God's command to the first man on earth (Adam). Genesis 2:16-17, "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat from it; for in the day that you eat thereof, you shall surely die."

The Creator of the heavens and earth gave the first man an absolute commandment with an absolute consequence. He said, "you shall surely die."

Of course we know the man did not die immediately after disobeying God. But he died about 900 years later. Death entered into the man's body, and it was passed down from generation to generation thereafter, even to this day.

Please notice the commandment does not include anything about passing from death to another life in heaven or a fiery place.

Next, we turn to Genesis 3:19, where God gave the man and woman

more details about the consequences of the man's disobedience. It says, "For you are dust, and unto dust shall you return."

The word "dust" basically referred to dry earth or the elements of the earth. People's bodies are basically made of earthly elements. Wouldn't this be a good place for God to tell the man that after he dies he will be transported into another world in a spiritual form? It's simply not there.

Now let's jump forward to one of the most dynamic accounts of Jesus' ministry.

When Jesus heard about his close friend Lazarus being sick, he declared that the sickness was not unto death and referred to Lazarus as being asleep. In response to questions from his disciples, he plainly said, "Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes ... to the intent that you may believe."

After Lazarus was dead and in the grave four days, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Come forth!" and Lazarus came forth alive.

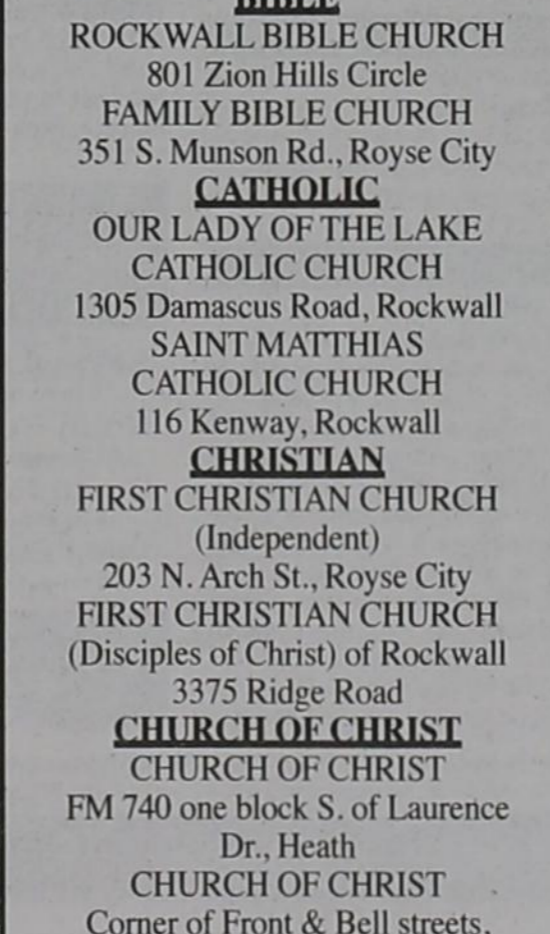
There is nothing in this account about any part of Lazarus passing into heaven or another place while he was dead.

According to the Gospels, while Jesus was nailed to the stake, he eventually breathed his last breath of air and gave up the holy spirit that was in him before he died.

God's word teaches that after Jesus was dead for three days and three nights, He raised him from the dead. Jesus was the first fruit from the dead. Now we have the hope of the resurrection.

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# ROCKWALL COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p><b>Jackson Automotive Specialist</b> 608 White Hills • Rockwall 972-771-5791</p> <p>A/C Repairs &amp; Computer Diagnostics</p>	<p><b>ANGLICAN</b> TRANSFORMATION ANGLICAN CHURCH Meets 10 a.m. Sunday at Heritage Christian Academy <b>ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD Hwy. 66 E., Rockwall HIGH POINT ASSEMBLY OF GOD 880 S. Erby Campbell, Royley City LAKESHORE CHURCH www.lakeshorechurch.net 5575 Hwy 205 S., Rockwall THE RIVER CHURCH 8601 Liberty Grove, Rowlett</p> <p><b>BAPTIST</b> BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH 520 E. Washington, Rockwall CENTRAL BAPTIST Hwy. 66, Rockwall CHISHOLM BAPTIST CHURCH 1388 Hwy. 205 S., Rockwall CHRIST CHURCH BAPTIST COMMUNITY 749 Justin Rd., Rockwall ChristChurchRockwall.org COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Hwy. 276, Royley City DAY SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH 8602 Lakeview Pkwy., Rockwall FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FATE 813 Holiday Dr. (Hwy. 66) FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HEATH • 224 Smirl Drive FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROCKWALL • 610 Goliad St. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROYLEY CITY • 900 Pullen Street IGLESIA BAUTISTA INUEVA ESPERANZA 149 Blackland, Royley City GRACE FELLOWSHIP 1408 Damascus Dr., Rockwall LAKE POINTE BAPTIST CHURCH 701 E. I-30, Rockwall LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH 850 Blackland Road, Fate NEW CALDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH 301 Bourn, Rockwall NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH 400 Old Greenville Rd., Royley City TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH 360 Hickory Hill Rd., Royley City OPEN DOOR BAPTIST CHURCH 4830 W. Hwy. 276, Royley City FAITH TEMPLE BAPTIST 11214 FM 1565, Terrell, Tx 75160</p> <p><b>BIBLE</b> ROCKWALL BIBLE CHURCH 801 Zion Hills Circle FAMILY BIBLE CHURCH 351 S. Munson Rd., Royley City</p> <p><b>CATHOLIC</b> OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH 1305 Damascus Road, Rockwall SAINT MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH 116 Kenway, Rockwall</p> <p><b>CHRISTIAN</b> FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Independent) 203 N. Arch St., Royley City FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ) of Rockwall 3375 Ridge Road <b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> CHURCH OF CHRIST FM 740 one block S. of Laurence Dr., Heath CHURCH OF CHRIST Corner of Front &amp; Bell streets, Royley City EASTRIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST 670 Stodghill Rd., Rockwall UNION VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST 9424 FM 35, Royley City</p> <p><b>EPISCOPAL</b> HOLY TRINITY BY THE LAKE 1524 Smirl Dr., Heath</p>	<p><b>LUTHERAN</b> OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN 3003 Horizon Rd., Rockwall JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH 302 N. Goliad St., Rockwall</p> <p><b>METHODIST</b> FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, HEATH FM 740 at FM 1140 (140 Smirl Dr.) FIRST UNITED METHODIST OF ROCKWALL 1200 E. Yellow Jacket FIRST UNITED METHODIST OF ROYLEY CITY Corner of Main and Josephine <b>FREE METHODIST</b> ROCKWALL FREE METHODIST CHURCH 315 Dalton Rd., Rockwall <b>NON-DENOMINATIONAL</b> CHURCH OF HIS GLORY 1995 FM 549, Rockwall CHURCH OF PRAYER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP 506 E. Boydston, Rockwall CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH 1950 Alpha Dr., Rockwall CROSS CREEK COWBOY CHURCH Sabine Creek Ranch, Royley City DAYSRING DISCIPLESHIP 505 E. Boydston, Rockwall GRACE BIBLE CHURCH 1251 State Hwy 205 South of Rockwall McLendon-Chisolm 75032 GENESIS COMMUNITY CHURCH 7066 W. Hwy. 66, Royley City GREAT FAITH CHURCH 6492 Horizon Road, Rockwall At Pullen Elementary LAKES COMMUNITY CHURCH 3025 I-30, Fate LIFE CHURCH ROCKWALL FM 3097 LIFE SPRING CHURCH 350 S. Dalton Road (Nebbie Williams) MILLWOOD CHURCH 3023 E I-30 i Fate NEW HORIZONS FELLOWSHIP 408 N. Goliad St., Rockwall OASIS OF GRACE Hwy 551, south of Fate TEXAS LIFE CHANGERS MINISTRIES 2455 Ridge Rd., Rockwall THE RIVER OF LIFE FELLOWSHIP 303 Rusk St., Royley City CALVARY CHAPEL OF FATE 202 S.W.E. Crawford St., Fate 75132 RIDGEVIEW CHURCH 1362 E. FM 552, Rockwall THE WALL Meeting at Hampton Inn Sundays, 10 a.m. GENERATIONS CHURCH 3025 East I-30 • 214-755-0825 Fate, Texas 75132</p> <p><b>PENTECOSTAL</b> HOLY LIGHTHOUSE TABERNACLE CHURCH 123 Kenway, Rockwall PEOPLE OF THE NAME PENTECOSTAL 9055 FM 35, Royley City REVIVAL CENTER OF ROCKWALL 1203 Beta Court Ste. 102 UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH 4672 E. I-30, Rockwall Landmark Fellowship Church www.landmarkfellowship.org</p> <p><b>PRESBYTERIAN</b> FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH U.S.A. 602 White Hills Dr., Rockwall TRINITY HARBOR CHURCH PCA 306 E. Rusk, Rockwall <b>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER DAY SAINTS</b> ROCKWALL WARD 6819 S. FM 549, Heath <b>MESSIANIC</b> BEIT OR MESSIANIC CONGREGATION houseoflight.org 116 Kenway, Rockwall</p>
<p><b>Chick-fil-A</b> Rockwall • 2835 Ridge Road</p>	<p><b>Rock Ridge</b> Call Assisted Living and Memory Care Community 720 East Ralph Hall Parkway Rockwall, Texas 75032 469-757-8300</p>	<p><b>First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall</b> Feel the love. Be the love. "God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them." 1 John 4:16 Looking for a warm, welcoming family of faith that is dedicated to embodying God's love in Rockwall and beyond? Then join us this Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, located at 602 White Hills Dr., under the water tower and across from the entrance to Walmart. Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m., with worship led by Pastor Cheryl Taylor at 11 a.m. For more information, call 972-771-5702, or check out our website at www.firstpresrockwall.org</p>
<p><b>LAKESIDE NATIONAL BANK</b> 2805 Ridge Road • Rockwall 972-771-8311 FOR TIME &amp; TEMPERATURE DIAL 972-722-8303</p> <p>Open Now</p>	<p><b>Alliance Bank</b> 6130 S. FM 549 Rockwall, TX 75032 www.alliancebank.com 972-771-7070</p>	<p><b>MEMBER FDIC</b></p>
<p><b>Bostick Roofing Co.</b> 281 FM 2453 Royley City, Texas 75189 214-208-2275</p> <p>To sponsor the Church Directory please call 972-722-3099 or email rcn.advertising@yahoo.com</p>		<p><b>CHRISTIAN</b> FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Independent) 203 N. Arch St., Royley City FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ) of Rockwall 3375 Ridge Road</p>
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# Rockwall County Classified Advertising

## Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous, 24 hour help line, 800-503-8602.

AA Meetings  
Rockwall, 7 days a week, Big Book Group, 213 Rusk St., 972-722-6366.

Al-Anon Meetings  
Call for information and locations in Dallas area, 214-363-0461.

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

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

**Senior Services**  
If you are interested in delivering weekday meals to home-bound 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.

NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) meets second Saturday monthly. We offer support and education for families and individuals affected by mental disabilities. For more information call the Dallas office at 214-341-7133.

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

## Legal Notices

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Phillip J. Foley, Deceased, were issued on July 20, 2016, in Cause No. PR16-0063, pending in the County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas, to: Cynthia Ann Foley. 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: JoNita Moody Attorney at Law 10300 N. Central Expressway, #209 Dallas, Texas 75231 DATED the 2 day of August, 2016  
JoNita Moody Attorney for Estate of Phillip J. Foley State Bar No.: 16340800 10300 N. Central Expressway, #209 Dallas, Texas 75231 Telephone: (214) 361-2443 Facsimile: (214) 361-8622 E-mail: jnmoodyatty@gmail.com

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
(REAL ESTATE)  
BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE issued out of the COUNTY COURT OF LAW, Court of Rockwall County, Texas, in a certain cause numbered 1-14-809. On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH A.D. 2015, STYLED: LAKEVIEW SUMMIT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION vs. SYLVIA RODRIGUEZ, to me, as CIVIL DEPUTY directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 8<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST A.D. 2016 and will between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at approximately 10:00 A.M. on the first Tuesday in SEPTEMBER A.D. 2016,

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it being the day of said month, at 1111 YELLOW JACKET LN. ROCKWALL TX of said ROCKWALL County, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all right, title and interest, if any, which the defendant had on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST A.D. 2016, or at any time thereafter, of in and to the following described property:  
LOT 19, BLOCK G OF LAKEVIEW SUMMIT, PHASE 3 AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN VOLUME F, PAGE 267,

PLAT OF RECORDS OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1349 VENTURA DRIVE, ROCKWALL, TEXAS Said property is levied on as the property of SYLVIA RODRIGUEZ and will be sold to satisfy the judgment for \$2,350.46 Dollars, plus \$3,500.00 in legal fee, cost of court, and interest at 5% per annum from March 1, 2015.  
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND on this 08 day of AUGUST A.D. 2016.  
HAROLD EAVENSON, Rockwall County, Texas  
By R. Garlington #513 972-204-7061

## Legal Notices

Application has been made for a Private Club Permit and Private Club Late Hours Permit for Southern Junction, Inc. DBA Southern Junction, at 5574 Highway 276, Rockwall, Rockwall County, TX. Said application has been made to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code. Pres/Sec Charles T Houk; VPre/Treas Christopher L Harlow.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Rockwall County invites the following:

**Request for Proposals for the purchase and installation of a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Library System**

Specifications are on file in the Rockwall County Auditor's office, 1111 East Yellowjacket Ln., Suite 202, Rockwall, Texas and also on the Rockwall County website: [www.rockwallcountytexas.com](http://www.rockwallcountytexas.com).

Proposal must state a lump sum price for the equipment including installation and be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Bid No. 16-08-011 RFID System", to Lisa Constant Wylie, Rockwall County Auditor, 1111 East Yellowjacket Ln., Ste. 202, Rockwall, Texas 75087. The deadline for submission is Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 12:00 PM Central Time.

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

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT  
Rockwall County  
Lisa Constant Wylie  
Rockwall County Auditor

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Rockwall County invites the following:

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

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

Sealed submittals shall be marked on the outside "16-06-009 Road Improvements", to Lisa Constant Wylie, Rockwall County Auditor, 1111 East Yellowjacket Ln., Ste. 202, Rockwall, Texas 75087. The deadline for submission is Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 10:00 AM Central Time.

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**ON THE PROPOSED ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR THE COUNTY AUDITOR, ASSISTANT AUDITORS, AND COURT REPORTERS, AND THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR STATE OF TEXAS**  
**COUNTY OF ROCKWALL**

Notice is hereby given that the District Judges of the 382nd and 439th Judicial District Courts of Rockwall County, Texas, will conduct a public hearing at 8:00 a.m. on the 30th day of August 2016, in the 382nd District Courtroom located in the Rockwall County Courthouse at 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane in Rockwall, Texas.

The purpose of this public hearing is:

1. To receive public comment on the proposed annual compensation for the County Auditor, Assistant Auditors, and Court Reporters, and on the proposed budget for the Office of County Auditor for the budget year ending September 30, 2017.
2. To set the annual compensation for the County Auditor, Assistant Auditors, and Court Reporters, and set the budget for the Office of County Auditor for the budget year ending September 30, 2017.

Written comments received prior to the public hearing will become part of the hearing record. The public is invited to attend and make comment.

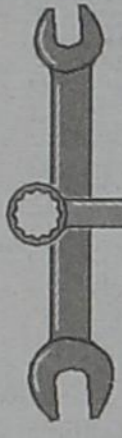
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# County's Hazard Mitigation Plan available for public review

Rockwall County and the cities of Rockwall, Royse City, Fate, Heath, McLendon-Chisholm and Mobile City, as well as the Rockwall and Royse City independent School districts, have partnered to complete a comprehensive multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for the county. A draft of the plan now is available for review and comments.

Comments will be accepted until Aug. 19.

The plan can be found at [rockwallcountytexas.com/documentcenter/view/3942](http://rockwallcountytexas.com/documentcenter/view/3942) or may be viewed in person during business hours in the Reference Section of the Rockwall County Library, 1215 E. Yellow Jacket Land, Rockwall.

The county, through FEMA grant funding, retained the services of H2O Partners Inc. to assist in the development and completion of the plan.

The goal of the plan, according to a news release on the topic, is to minimize or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from known hazards by identifying and implementing cost-effective mitigation actions. Mitigation is defined by FEMA as sustained actions taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects.

# Opinions

## The entitlement state and America's fiscal crisis

(Continued from the Thurs. Aug. 4, 2016 edition of Rockwall County News)

**Richard Ebeling**  
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**"Entitlements" Mean Plunder**

Both Democrats and Republicans take it for granted that "Big Government" and the Entitlement State here to stay. Even most of those Republicans who emphasize the need for "reforms" in the "entitlement" programs such as Social Security or Medicare do challenge the idea that these programs are permanently part of the American political landscape. They merely wish to make them more "financially sound," or "cost efficient," or managed in ways that would give those eligible for these programs some "choice" in managing their Social Security accounts or in selecting among medical treatments.

This perhaps, most easily appreciated by the fact that scarcely one of the Washington political arena challenges the idea and uses the word "entitlement." The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines entitlement as "the state or condition of being entitled." A right to benefits specified by law or contract" as in "a government program providing benefits to members of a specified group." It is used in the idea, the dictionary tells us, of "a belief that one is entitled to certain privileges."

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary definition, therefore, in the political arena an "entitlement" is a program of benefits that the government provides to a privileged group, a group that comes to believe that it deserves those benefits, and even comes to consider such benefits as their "right."

The government, however, cannot provide benefits to any privileged group in the society that does not reciprocally obligate others to supply the required resources, goods, or financial means to cover what has been promised. Since government has no supply of resources, goods or sums of money that it does not first tax or borrow from others, any such entitlement compels some other people in society to provide the means necessary for the government to meet its promises to the privileged groups.

That is, one group's privilege entails a compulsory obligation on others that is imposed and enforced through the government's police power to tax and garnish the income and wealth of any and all members of society. Thus, society becomes divided into two groups: taxpayers and tax receivers; the unprivileged and the privileged; those who are forced to give up a portion of the production, income and wealth they have honestly earned in the peaceful transactions of the market place and those who have that production, income and wealth transferred to them through the power of the state.

This is, of course, what the famous nineteenth century French free market economist, Frederic Bastiat, referred to as legalized plunder. The government, instead of acting as a protector and guardian of each individual's right to his life, liberty and honestly acquired property, becomes the most powerful and intrusive violator of people's liberty.

The government's concentrated, monopoly power over the use of physical force is far greater and far more dangerous than even the worst of any private individual or private group that attempts to plunder and abuse innocent individuals in society. But equally important, government is the only user of force in society that widely succeeds in indoctrinating and persuading the large majority of the people under its jurisdictional control that it is "just" and "right" that it plunder one part of the population for the privileged benefit of another portion of society.

### Political Rule vs. Individual Self-Rule

In earlier times, governments acquired legitimacy over and acquiesce of its subjects by insisting on the divine right of kings. It took many centuries to overthrow the belief that monarchs ruled, regulated, and taxed because of an ordination from God. With the end or weakening of monarchy in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, a new ruler was ordained with equal if not greater divine political authority to demand obedience from the citizenry – the divine right of "the people."

Democracy replaced monarchy as the legitimized basis of political power. If "the people" ruled by their own democratic vote, how could they ever tyrannize and plunder themselves? How can a man abuse himself, when his actions are dictated by his own will?

In the United States, the idea of "self rule" originally had a different meaning. It did not primarily or exclusively mean political self-rule through a voting process. It meant the right of each individual to have the freedom to rule over himself. When the American Declaration of Independence spoke of "unalienable rights" possessed by the individual to his life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, the Founding Fathers were saying that each man owns himself, and had the right to live his life as he chooses, as long as he peacefully goes about his chosen business, and respects the equal rights of others to do the same.

The role of government in this uniquely American conception of individual rights and personal self-rule was that of protector and securer of each person's liberty. The political authority was to be a servant of each sovereign individual, who chooses his own goals and purposes in life and who pursues them with his own mental and physical energies. When he needs the assistance and association of others to attain some of his purposes the method is freedom of choice and voluntary exchange.

### Socialism and the Anti-Capitalist Mentality

How, then, did America move away from the idea of sovereign and self-ruling individuals with government limited to a small though essential number of rights-protecting functions, to the notion of the government as itself the sovereign in the name of "the people," with the individual reduced to the servant who is required and expected to pay any tax and bear any regulation in the name of a "common good" or "national interest," or "general welfare"?

In a word, the answer is socialism. This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the end of the Soviet Union. After the reality of almost 75 years of socialism-in-practice in the Soviet Union and elsewhere around the world, very few people any longer believe in and yearn for dictatorial rule by a Communist Party claiming to know the "inescapable" laws of history; few want to live under a system of comprehensive and all-encompassing socialist central planning. Experience has persuaded enough people around the world that such a system leads to nothing but brutal tyranny, along with economic stagnation and poverty.

While the ideal of Soviet-style socialism and central planning has been rejected and has few explicit adherents nowadays, what does continue to endure and influence general attitudes about political power, economic policy and the role of government in society, both in the United States and around the world, is the socialist critique of capitalism and the free market society.

The rationale for the vast network of government welfare programs as well as regulation and control over private enterprise is based on the socialist analysis of the market economy. When private enterprise is left free, the socialists claimed, the selfish profit motive guides businessmen to act in ways that harm the common good or general welfare. Workers searching for employment will be exploited and abused by greedy employers unless government protects them with workplace rules and regulations, including the establishment of a "fair" wage.

The state must take on the role of paternalistic provider of health care, old age pensions, unemployment insurance, public housing, education, and a wide variety of other social services. Why? First, under unrestrained capitalism workers will not earn enough to provide these necessities for themselves. Second, private enterprises driven by mere self-interest will inevitably fail to supply these goods and services in sufficient quantity and quality.

Individuals, in other words, cannot be trusted to rule over their own lives, to make their own choices, and to interact freely with their fellow men in a society of liberty. Collective control, under the cover of the democratic process, needs to restrain and restrict the individual's sovereignty in the arena of his own affairs.

In the name of protecting people from such unrestrained capitalism, governments everywhere, including in the United States, have created ever-expanding bureaucracies that regulate nearly every aspect of our lives. As a consequence, our world today is in the grip of a continuing ideology of anti-capitalism.

State bureaucracies ruling through anti-market policies have grown into ideological and political elites who arrogantly presume to know and dictate how we should all live and work. Those holding political power may be compared to the nobility of old, before whom the commoners had to grovel so they might live and prosper.

Capitalism as the Liberator of Man  
Are these accusations against capitalism and the free society justified? Absolutely not. Indeed, never has a historical record been more twisted and distorted than this socialist critique of the free market society.

(Continued in the Thurs. Aug. 18, 2016 edition of RCN)

### Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

We encourage the submission of Letters to the Editor. The publishing of letters is at the sole discretion of the editor and may be edited for brevity, grammar and accuracy. Letters which are considered libelous or an attack of an individual's character will be rejected. Letters must be signed and include telephone number or address for verification.

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Recent events in Dallas and across the country have led us to express condolences to families affected by tragedy and to include them in thoughts and prayers. It has also led people and cities to reach out to support for local law enforcement agencies and officers, and to determine how to enhance the safety of those who protect us.

We are fortunate in Rockwall to have the opportunity to live, work, and attend church with people from all walks of life. While we've always sought to foster positive relationships within our community and have not experienced problems seemingly inherent in other cities across the nation, we need to realize that we are not immune to them. That's why we are taking a proactive step to ensure open lines of communication.

We need to collaborate as a community to examine our ability to connect with each other and establish relationships that enhance mutual respect. Although this effort can't definitively insulate us from a major event that might challenge us as a community – it most certainly will bring people closer together.

As mayor, I have discussed with the City Council our need to hold public meetings to further our communication with each other as a community. I will facilitate the meeting and have established the following guidelines:

1. This will remain a local matter, with honest dialogue between Rockwall residents and City officials.
2. It must be a respectful discussion, geared toward developing positive solutions to open the lines of communication between parties.
3. This will be a public meeting where everyone is encouraged to participate.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2016 at 7 p.m. at The Center, located at 108 E. Washington St. in Rockwall.

I ask that you plan to attend and participate in the meeting with the hope that your involvement will help strengthen and enhance communication within our community – the end goal being safety for our citizens and for those who protect us.

**Jim Pruitt**  
Mayor  
City of Rockwall

*[Publisher's note: We appreciate Mayor Jim Pruitt choosing the Rockwall County News for publication of his letter. Publication of required notice is the underlying legal essence of communication between the City of Rockwall and the body politic of people in Rockwall. We encourage the people to follow the Rockwall County News for legal communications from their city government related to each official action in accordance with Texas Gov. Code 2051 Subchapter C Selection of Newspaper.]*

## Rockwall sewer system inspection ...

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It is recommended in areas within the home that have plumbing that are not used often (such as a guest bathroom) that water is run through plumbing fixtures or poured down the drains to ensure a good seal on the traps within the plumbing system to prevent smoke from entering the home, according to the release.

Some sanitary sewer lines and manholes may be located in easements within backyards. Whenever these lines require investigation, members of the inspection crews will need access to the sanitary sewer lines and manholes in these backyard easements, according to the release.

Homeowners do not need to be home, and the technicians will not enter into any home. Photographs will be made of leaks occurring in the system.

The following list of frequently asked questions and answers was included in the news release:

- **Smoke Test Facts**
- Is it smoke harmful? No. It may make you cough, but it is not harmful to your health. The smoke will not harm personal items such as clothing, drapes or furniture.
- What should I do if smoke gets into the house? Contact the city at 972-771-7730. Open windows for ventilation. The smoke will soon dissipate. When you receive a notice that smoke testing will take place, you should check to see that all traps under basins, washing facilities and floor drains have water in them.
- What is the purpose of smoke testing? To find possible leaks in the sanitary sewer system and that other unwanted connections that direct rain or ground water into the sanitary sewer system.
- I will not be at home during smoke testing and have pets in the home. What should I do? The smoke is not harmful to pets. It would be a good idea to leave several windows partially open for ventilation, should any smoke enter the home. Typically, this is not a problem if the plumbing in the home is sound.
- If smoke gets into the house, how long does it take the smoke to dissipate? With adequate ventilation, the smoke will dissipate quickly.
- Can smoke stop up the sewer? There is no way smoke can stop up a sewer. The smoke is made up of a vaporous substance.

## Royse City ISD names new hires

The Royse City Independent School District has hired dozens of new personnel in preparation for the 2016-2017 school year.

A list of new hires recently was provided by the school district. Unless otherwise noted, the individuals named below are new hires.

- Individuals new to the district include Arian Alford, middle school; Aunna Ador, middle school; Angela Arledge, high school; Fabiola Arce, Davis; Cassandra Bailey, high school, para/special needs; Melissa Bailey, high school; Brittany Barker, special education, 11th grade; Eric Beckett, high school; and Stefani Benton, Fort Worth.
- Also: Shelby Bobbitt, Scott; Brandy Bryant, Scott; Robert Burger, high school; Maile Calder, high school, nurse; Christina Carias, high school; Ariel Causey, high school; Brittany Cawthon, Davis; Sheila Chamos, high school; Melissa Clark, high school; and Kallyn Clipp, high school.
- Also: Tiffani Eakin, Fort; Candace Egan, Cherry; Jose Espada, high school; Dustin Flowers, high school; Katie Garza, Fort, para; Alan Hall, high school; Tracy Hall, middle school; Cody Hammer, Cherry; Julie Herbert, middle school; Kamey Herpeche, Scott; Julie Haddock, middle school; and Carolyn Hickey, middle school.
- Also: James Holmberg, Herndon; Amanda Holt, high school, para; Justin Holt, high school; Justin Ivie, high school; Kayle Johnson, Fort; Laura Johnson, Davis; Brandy Johnson, Scott; Michelle

Kessell, Herndon; Toni Hillgo, Davis, nurse; Samantha Lipp, Herndon; Lee Kuyrkendall, high school; and Charlotte Lee, Scott.

Also new to the district are Jennifer Lewis, high school; Hannah Lindsay, high school; Amy Lucio, Vernon; Caleb Ludrick, high school; LaRonica McCurdy, Cherry; Jimmy McDougle, high school; Shona McKinney, high school; Amber Medlin, high school; HS/sec; Morgan Powers, Vernon; Traci Morin, Vernon, para; Joanna Morris, Cherry; Kathleen Mort, Vernon; Alyssa Niblett, Vernon; Lisa O'Neal, Fort; Casey Oyer, Vernon; and Kimberly Palmer, Davis.

Rounding out the list of new hires are Shannon Perri, high school; Sonya Perry, high school; Cindy Phillips, high school, receptionist; Gareth Pritchard, high school; Jeanie Putman, Davis; Alan Reed, high school; Esqeranza Rodriguez, Fort; Hannah Rodriguez, Scott, PE/para; Robert Russell, high school; Maurice Sanders, middle school, para; Stacey Sayavongsa, Cherry, counselor; Cheryl Sharkey, Herndon; Laura Showler, Scott; Morgan Showman, Vernon, nurse; Susan Snow, Vernon; Celestine Sosa, high school, band/music; Jolene Stankiewicz, Scott; Sarah Thrash, high school, counselor; Melissa Tidwell, middle school; Linda Trujillo, Fort; Dottie Ulrich, high school; Leah Voth, high school; Angela Vrana, high school; Lindsay Wilkins, Scott; Jordan Williams, high school; Brooke Woods, Fort, para; and Leah Wright, Herndon.

### Violation of Texas "speed limit" is not a criminal offense

Transportation Code Section 545.351 Maximum Speed Requirement, and Section 545.352 Facie Speed Limits, do not include language that designates the violation of a "speed limit" to be a prosecutable criminal offense punishable by a fine.

The Texas Legislature recognized the right of the people to travel freely on the roads and highways of Texas.



Rockwall High School Lady Jackets Senior Marissa Roof (3) strikes against the Frisco Liberty defense, Tues. Aug. 9, 2016 during the season opening game at the RHS gym in Rockwall. Assisting are (from left) Kim Iwunze (16), Victoria Garza (11), Emily Chapin (20) and Bayleigh Scott (18). Rockwall fell to Frisco Liberty 3-0, 25-15, 25-19, 25-21.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

### Rockwall County Sports Notes

#### Hot Rocks Bike Ride set Aug. 13

The Rockwall Rotary Club's 2016 Hot Rocks Bike Ride will begin at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 13 at the Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, Rockwall. This year's event will feature new routes, including an official 100k (62-mile) Red Route, and 12-, 24- and 42-mile routes. Proceeds will benefit college scholarships. For more information and registration visit hotrocksbikeride.com.

#### Yellowjackets to play in Cotton Bowl game

The Rockwall Yellowjackets will take on the Rowlett Eagles at the Cotton Bowl on Saturday, Sept. 3. General admission tickets are available online at a cost of \$8 (\$9.27 with service fee). Tickets may be purchased at brownpapertickets.com/event/2550679.

#### Register now for fall ball

Registration is underway for the Rockwall Parks & Recreation's baseball and softball league. The six-week fall season will run Sept. 5 through Oct. 24; a total of two games per week are possible. Cost

for fast pitch softball is \$85 per person or \$55 for Rockwall residents. Cost for baseball is \$99 or \$65 for residents. Register online at playrockwall.com/rbsl. Deadline is Aug. 19. Call 972-771-7777 for more information.

### Rockwall County Entertainment

#### RSM to present Mary Poppins The Broadway Musical

The Rockwall Summer Musicals will present Mary Poppins The Broadway Musical, Fri. - Sun., Aug. 12, 13, 19 and 20 starting at 7:30 p.m., and Aug. 14 and 21 starting at 2:00 p.m., at the Rockwall Performing Arts Center, located at 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall.

#### Back to School Bash slated in Royse City

A Back to School Bash, featuring games, music, inflatables, painting, balloon artists, other activities and extended business hours will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, in downtown Royse City. The event is being hosted by Main Street and local businesses and organizations. For more details contact Paula Morris at 972-524-4846 or paula.morris@roysecity.com.

#### 'Brave' to be featured at Family Fun Friday

"Brave" will be the featured film at the Aug. 26 Family Fun Friday event at The Park at Hickory Ridge. The screening is part of the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department's Movies in the Park event. For more details, visit playrockwall.com.

#### Celebrate Fate! set Sept. 3

The third annual Celebrate Fate! event is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 3, at the Smith Family Park. The event will include food, activities, live music and vendors. Fireworks will follow.

#### Family Fun Friday set in Yellowjacket Park

"Monsters University" will be the featured film at the Sept. 9 Family Fun Friday event at Yellowjacket Park. The screening is part of the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department's Movies in the Park event. For more details, visit playrockwall.com.

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Talking Tombstones lecture set Oct. 14  
Meddie Bowles (aka Nancy Beauty) will present the circumstances surrounding the trail and murder conviction of her husband in 1917, as part of the Oct. 14 installation of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series presented by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission from noon to 1 p.m. in the third floor in the historic downtown courthouse.

Fisher to be recognized Nov. 10  
Terry Fisher, the first Rockwall soldier to be killed in World War I, will be recognized by Dick Clark, member of American Legion Post 1117, at the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series presented by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission from noon to 1 p.m. in the third floor in the historic downtown courthouse on Nov. 10. The Rockwall post, named for the legendary Fisher, is one of the oldest in the U.S.

Rock Wall to be revisited Dec. 11  
The history of the rock wall will be re-examined at the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series presented by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission from noon to 1 p.m. in the third floor in the historic downtown courthouse on Dec. 11. The program also will explore the most recent developments regarding Rockwall's unique underground formation.

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