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The Rockwall County Historic Courthouse was the location for the filming of the movie "Bomb City," Fri. June 10, 2016. Produced by Rockwall resident Major Dodge, the movie is about the 1999 trial of Dustin Camp, who was convicted of vehicular manslaughter in the 1997 death of 19 year-old Brian Deneke. The real trial was held in Potter County 108th District Court, Amarillo. The filming demonstrated that all people involved, including crew and actors, had to move in concert with each other.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## Rockwall County Historic Courthouse venue for movie produced by local resident

Rockwall was chosen for one of the locations to film an upcoming movie entitled, "Bomb City." The filming took place Friday June 10, 2016, on the square. The film is being produced by Rockwall resident Major Dodge, who is the production company 3rd Identity, along with Sheldon Chick and Jamie Brooks. Local actors included Brandon Neighbors (as a football coach), Luke Kallidin (as McCormick), Luis Acevedo local film actor in Heath (as a cop), Rockwall County Commissioner Dennis Bailey (as a judge), Major Dodge (as officer Denny). The movie is about the murder trial of Dustin Michael Camp, who was convicted in 1999 for vehicular manslaughter related to the death

of Brian Deneke (Case numbers 16711-00 Initial Complaint in Potter County 251st District Court, and 38706-00 Criminal Docket in Potter County 108th District Court). According to the records, on Sept. 9, 1999 Camp was placed on 10 years probation and \$10,000 fine. On Sept. 7, 2001 Camp's probation was revoked and order to confinement in a Texas Detention Center for 8 years. Dodge learned about the trial from his partners, who grew up in Amarillo. He was inspired to produce the movie after connecting with Mike Deneke, the father of the victim. Prior to settling down in Rockwall during July 2010, Dodge lived in New York, where he began his movie production career. He began acting during college, while in his home state of Indiana.



Actors in the upcoming movie "Bomb City," shown in front of the Rockwall County Historic Courthouse are (left to right) Dave Davis of New Orleans (as Sunshine), Movie Producer Major Dodge of Rockwall (performs as Officer Denny), Dominic Ryan Gabriel of Detroit (as Jason), Logan Huffman of Indiana (as Ricky), Stunt Coordinator Isaiah LaBorde of New Orleans (as Jack Hamilton), and Marcelle Purdy of Austin (as a reporter).

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

### University scholastic honors

#### Locals take SFA academic honors

Eight local residents were among students named to the President's List at Stephen F. Austin State University following the spring semester, according to a news release from the Nacogdoches university. Ten were tapped for the Dean's List.

President's List honorees included Fate residents Sheydon Bothers, an informational technology major, and Stephen Janovsky, a mathematics major; Tori Green, a rehabilitation services major, from Royse City; and Rockwall residents Victoria Carew, an interdisciplinary studies major, Haley Coleman, a kinesiology major, Hannah Duncan, an interdisciplinary studies major, Troy Johnson, a biology major, and Mary Winkler, an environmental science major.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours and maintain a 4.0 grade-point average.

Dean's List honorees included, from Heath, Victoria Lack, a psychology major; Andrea Chavez-Hernandez, a pre-nursing major from Royse City; and Rockwall's Kayla Bender, an art major; Samantha Cox, an interdisciplinary studies major; Michael Deguenther, an environmental science major; Jenny Gang, a rehabilitation services major; Hannah Harvey, a psychology major; Andrew Janovsky, an accounting major; Eleanor O'Connor, an accounting major; and Cristyn Ritchey, a marketing major.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must carry 12 or more semester hours and complete the semester with a 3.5 or higher GPA, according to the news release.

#### MacGilvary makes Mercer Dean's List

Morgan MacGilvary of Rockwall was named to the Dean's List at Mercer University for the spring semester, according to a news release from the Macon, Georgia, university.

MacGilvary is a junior in the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics at Mercer University.

#### Deaton named to Dean's Honor Roll

Madison Deaton of Rockwall was among top scholars at Southwestern College named to the Dean's Honor Roll following the spring semester, according to a news release from the Winfield, Kansas, college.

Full-time students who earned grade-point averages of at least 3.7 were eligible for the honor.

#### Defebaugh takes academic honors

Cameron Defebaugh of Rockwall was among nearly 700 students named to the honor roll following the spring semester at Emporia State University, according to a news release from the Emporia, Kansas, university.

To qualify for the semester honor roll, a student must earn a minimum 3.8 semester grade-point average in at least 12 graded hours.

Defebaugh also was named to the School of Business dean's list, according to a separate news release.

Nearly 500 students were named to this honors list.

#### Holland resigns from Heath City Council

Justin A. Holland has announced his intent to resign from the Heath City Council, according to a news release received from the municipality last week.

On May 24, Holland secured the Republican nomination for Texas House of Representatives in House District #33, where he will serve the citizens of Rockwall County and portions of Collin County in the Texas Legislature.

Holland served five years on the City Council, where he was elected to lead as mayor pro-tem from 2013 to 2015.

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## Rockwall County Obituaries

### Osburn 'Ozzie' Noel Jones III

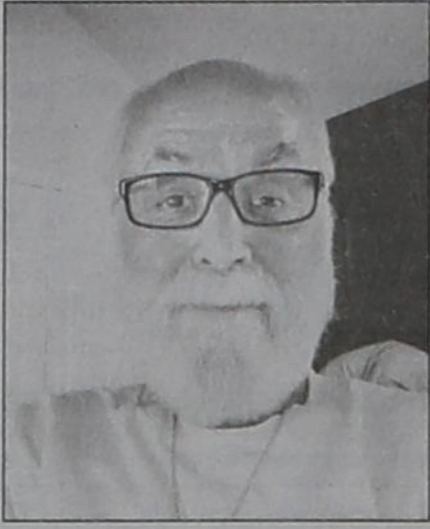
Services for Osburn "Ozzie" Noel Jones III, 63, of Roysie City will be conducted at a later date in Hawaii. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Roysie City Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He died June 9, 2016.

Born Sept. 17, 1952, in San Francisco to Osburn Noel Jones Jr. and Barbara (Behnke) Jones, he was a member of The Quest Church in Roysie City. He enjoyed golf, fishing and playing bass guitar. He was a landscaping genius and enjoyed gardening and helping neighbors fix up their yards.

His favorite song was a country and gospel song written by Kris Kristofferson called "Why Me," a song that says a lot about him and where his heart was.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Tada-Jones; four children, Shad Morrow of Goodyear, Arizona, Scott Weaver and his wife, Siriwan, Li-Ann Pipozar and her husband, John, of Federal Way, Washington, and Carrie-Ann Elam of Seattle; his mother, Barbara Bouchard of Seattle; his stepmother, Maddie Ellis of Wenatchee, Washington; his sister, Julie O'Leary, and her husband, Bryce, of Issaquah, Washington; his brothers, Michael Jones of Peshastin, Washington, and Jeff Jones of Dryden, Washington; and his grandchildren, Andru, Triona, Aoife, Melody, Spenser and Colin.



### Judith 'Judy' Ann Johnson

Services for Judith "Judy" Ann Johnson, 73, a resident of Whitney for 12 years, were conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 13, 2016, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Bob Gilliam officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died June 7.

Born Sept. 23, 1942, in Winding Gulf, West Virginia, to Charles Kent and Margaret (Smith) Kent, she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to all who crossed her path. She was the queen of puns, quick to flash a smile that made her blue eyes twinkle with mischievousness. A champion of the underdog, she always made others feel safe in her loving presence. She was generous with her love and never knew a stranger. She was joyous, kind and had a warmth about her that endeared her to all.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Frank Johnson; her children, Debbie Giorda and her husband, David, of San Mateo, California, Beth Giorda and her husband, Patrick, of San Antonio, Mike Johnson and his wife, Cheryl, of Houston, David Johnson and Kristine Halas of Austin, Amy Flores and her husband, Paul, of Roysie City and Jennifer Johnson and her husband, Steve Ewing, of Cleburne; her brother, John Kent, and his wife, Judy, of Whidbey Island, Washington; her grandchildren, Jonathan, Jennifer, Ryan, Logan, Megan, Lauren, Connor, Griffin, Monte, Annie, Jack, Grace, Camille, Cecilia, Hayden, Robert, Lucas and Drew; her great-grandchildren, Owen, Wyatt, Jake, Coulton, Marian, Joslyn and Anakai; her shih tzu, Oprah; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Margaret Kent, and a son, Charlie Kent.

The family has suggested that as an alternative to flowers, memorials may be made in her name to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or stjude.org or the National Stroke Association, 9707 E. Easter Lane, St. B. Centennial, CO 80112 or stroke.org.



### Mary 'Nell' (Carden) Taylor

Services for Mary "Nell" (Carden) Taylor, 91, of Lavon will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, June 17, 2016, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. A.L. Draper and the Rev. Les Banks officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 16.

She died June 13.

Born April 13, 1925, in Chisholm to Wallace and Eudora Carden, she attended Friendship School and later attended and graduated from Kaufman High School. She married Roland "W.R." Taylor on Jan. 1947, in Nevada, Texas, at her parents' home. They lived in Lavon and Wylie, returning to Lavon in 1983.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lavon and previously was her top priority and she spent her entire life being a dedicated daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her love for painting and giving was enjoyed by many friends and family members.

Survivors include her son, David W. Taylor, and his wife, Alesia, Lavon; her daughter, Carol S. Holt, and her husband, Andy, of Nevada, Texas; her grandchildren, Shay Hill, and her husband, Clyde, Babcock and her husband, Buck, Travis Taylor and Sarah Nichols, her husband, Jeremy; her great-grandchildren, Jaycee Serrano, Cameron Hill, Molly Babcock, Davis Babcock and Elizabeth Nichols; her sister, Nan Pierce of Dallas; and numerous nieces, nephews and other family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, George Carden and her husband, Roland Taylor, in 2006.

Palbearers will be Raymon Montgomery, Phil Smith, Robert Kenney, Paul Kenney, Pat Kenney and Mike Kenney.



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Eagle Scout candidate Jason Lundy, shown above at left, recently created a butterfly garden at Harry Myers Park after learning about the Mayors' Monarch Pledge embraced earlier this year by mayors of cities throughout North Texas and the U.S. Shown with Lundy is Rockwall Mayor Jim Pruitt, who also participated in the pledge. The effort is designed to raise awareness and preserve the dying species of monarch butterflies.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

### TxDOT plans public meetings on proposed SH 205 improvements

The Texas Department of Transportation will host a pair of public meetings next month to discuss the proposed improvements to SH 205 in Rockwall, Kaufman and Collin counties.

Meetings will be conducted in an "open house format" from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 7, at Herman E. Utley Middle School in Rockwall and on Tuesday, July 12, at Terrell High School. TxDOT representatives and project consultants will be available to answer questions.

The proposed project, according to a TxDOT news release, would widen the roadway from US 80 in

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### Holland resigns from Heath city council ...

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He also served on the Special Events Board from 2010 to 2011 before being elected to City Council in May 2011.

During the executive session at the June 14 meeting, the Council was to have discussed the appointment of a replacement to fill the vacancy until the next General Election in May 2017, according to the news release. This meeting was to have taken place after this week's Rockwall County News press deadline.

## Rockwall Council honors residents' efforts to preserve monarch butterflies

Rockwall has a growing number of enthusiasts working to ensure that the city fulfills its pledge to promote saving butterflies.

At their regular meeting last week, the Rockwall City Council members recognized Mary Carter with a proclamation for leading the charge to raise awareness and create habitats for butterflies throughout Rockwall, according to a city news release. This follows a ceremony earlier this month honoring the work of a local teen who dedicated his Eagle Scout project to creating a butterfly garden at Harry Myers Park.

Rockwall Mayor Jim Pruitt joined other mayors across North Texas and the U.S. in a Monarch Pledge, according to the news release. The movement is an effort to raise awareness and preserve the declining species of monarch butterflies, whose populations have decreased 90 percent in the past 20 years.

When Eagle Scout candidate Jason Lundy heard about the plight of the monarch butterfly and the Monarch Pledge, he felt compelled to help by creating a butterfly garden at Harry Myers Park. The new garden took several months to complete and contains about 15 to 20 different types of flowers and plants. The butterfly garden, built specifically for monarchs, is projected to draw butterflies from all different species to the area.

"The Mayors' Monarch Pledge motivated me to take on this project," Lundy said in the news release. "I wanted to do my part to help preserve butterflies, raise awareness among other residents, and leave a lasting impact that people can enjoy for years to come."

The project is part of the Go Outside and Play campaign launched earlier this year by the City of Rockwall's Parks and Recreation Department, which is working to increase awareness of the abundance of park land and outdoor amenities readily available to all residents.

With the help of Carter, the Parks Department has donated nearly 100 milkweed plants and seeds for residents to grow their own gardens, according to the news release. The city also has capital on Carter's passion to recruit nearly 30 volunteers, forming a Butterfly Brigade, which will help maintain the garden at Harry Myers Park and create a new Butterfly Meadow at The Park at Stone Creek.

### Rockwall County News Briefs

#### RCP offers kids' summer workshop

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

#### RISD plans Super Summer Registration

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

#### RISD convocation set Aug. 15

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

#### Lecture to focus on Flight of our Fathers

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

#### Talking Tombstones lecture set Oct. 14

Meddie Bowles (aka Nancy Beaty) will present the circumstances surrounding the trail and murder conviction of her husband in 1944 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. on the third floor in the historic downtown courthouse.

**ACROSS**

- 1 In Grayson Co. off Hwy. 75
- 5 TX mohair destination
- 6 TX Farr brothers group; "\_\_\_ of the Pioneers"
- 7 TX choreographer Tommy (init.)
- 8 TXism: "if he ain't hemming, \_\_\_ having"
- 9 TXism: "\_\_\_ molasses in January"
- 15 female horse
- 16 In Washington, TX: "\_\_\_ Republic Museum"
- 19 TXism: "\_\_\_ bout" (about)
- 21 "warmed a chair" again?
- 22 large-eyed needles
- 27 song: "Texas When \_\_\_"
- 28 detective
- 29 college graduates
- 30 cotton is a TX \_\_\_ crop
- 32 TX electronics co. \_\_\_ the
- 33 TXism: "\_\_\_ horses" (hurry)
- 36 Rockport: "Where the fun never \_\_\_"
- 37 chest muscle
- 38 unfasten
- 39 fish fins
- 41 Cowboys Dez and Terrance
- 44 TXism: "I could \_\_\_" (hungry)
- 45 legendary TX pitcher (init.)

**DOWN**

- 1 moon to Houston: "The Eagle \_\_\_ landed"
- 2 "bear" south of the border
- 3 in Runnels Co. on Hwy. 83
- 4 This Plano school won the national Academic Decathlon in 1993
- 8 cowboy covers
- 9 affliction of a Spur, Maverick or Rocket (2 wds.)
- 10 TXism: "hasta \_\_\_ vista"
- 11 TXism: "got knocked down a peg \_\_\_ two"
- 12 College Station's "Texas \_\_\_ way"
- 13 "legal eagle" charge (2 wds.)
- 14 LBJ alma mater
- 15 TXism: "Bible thumper"
- 16 cruise in the Gulf
- 17 Civil War ship U.S.S. \_\_\_ was sunk off Galveston
- 18 moral values
- 20 actress Adams of "The Best Man" with TX John Henry Faulk
- 22 deg. earned at a TX university
- 23 TXism: "dull as week \_\_\_ soda pop"
- 24 Orbison and K.D. Lang with "Crying"
- 25 Midland AM radio
- 26 advanced medical student
- 28 in '54, TX Willie Shoemaker \_\_\_
- 29 long-lasting record: 485 victories in one season
- 31 long Gulf fishes
- 34 political campaign donating org.
- 35 "\_\_\_ in the Hole"
- 37 "North Dallas Forty" writer Gent
- 40 TXism: "ponies up" where some TXns ski in Colorado
- 42 nickname of TX prisoner Gomez Carrasco of 1974 Huntsville siege
- 43 TXism: "could shoot the eye out of \_\_\_" (good shot)
- 44 "The Voice" (init.)

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## On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett  
Right to liberty ... Part 5

The Lord Jesus "blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us ... nailing them to the cross" (Colossians 2:14), liberating the people from the burden and curse of the ordinances given to Moses.

Yet, as shown in Acts and the Epistles, the Jewish leaders continued to burden Christians with the ordinances (Acts 15:5). Since that time, history reveals a number of other religious systems that have set up burdensome ritualistic/legalistic rules to be followed by Christians. In America, all the religious systems require voluntary compliance. They are not free to force others into compliance.

The Jewish leaders who became Christians experienced a problem after Peter ministered the Holy Ghost to the Gentiles according to the will of God. They eventually met in Jerusalem to discuss the issue of forcing the laws of Moses on others.

"But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, that it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses" (Acts 15:5).

Peter then stood up and said, "you know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel and believe. And God, which knows the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as He did unto us [see Acts 2:4]; And put no difference between us

and them, purifying their hearts by faith. Now therefore why do you tempt God to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as them."

Later James gave the final decision, "that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood" (Acts 15:19-20).

Based on the above discussion among the church leaders, their biggest problem was not only about the Gentiles, but their personal lives. They were committed to the laws of Moses.

This should not be confused with certain acts named in the Acts and Epistles. God gave Christians a list of certain behaviors or lifestyles that He knows are detrimental to our lives and the church. In essence, they are called to not practice the lifestyles of the "children of disobedience," who are the children of the Devil. The scriptures that address this include Romans 1:26-32, Galatians 5:19-21, Acts chapter 15.

Idols and blood sacrifices are easily understood, but a number of religious based churches twist the meaning of "fornication" to include that which God would approve when freely shared between a Christian man and woman. The decision was not to set up rules with penalties, but to emphasize what God knows to be best for their spiritual growth in the Lord.

(To be continued in the 6-23-2016 edition)



The C.F. Goodwin Library in Royse City kicked off its 2016 Summer Reading Club on Saturday, June 11. Miniature horses from the MiniEncounters Therapy Horses were on site to encourage young people to read. Pictured above, 5-year-old Tiffani Harlow, daughter of Tami Harlow, got a big kick out of brushing and petting Popy, a 29-pound miniature horse. Another mini-horse, Eve, who weighs 22 pounds, was trained to be led by a young boy through an obstacle course. Those who participated in being Brave were excited that the horse would follow their commands. Watermelon, popcorn and lemonade were served to the all who attended. The library is located at 309 N. Arch Street. For more information on the Summer Reading Club, call 972-635-2772.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



Fifth grade students at Doris Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary recently simulated immigration to America through Ellis Island as part of a showcase night for parents. Students took on the identity of people of the past, dressing in their roles and going through clearance stations in order to gain entry into America. Pictured above are Kyra Oliver, Michaela Jones, Tommy Farrell and Michael Gimenez. Every child had to have his or her documents in order. They went through various checkpoints: vocation, character and health, for example. If they gained entry, they took a Loyalty Oath. Students also were able to go to appeals stations to plead their case and provide references for their country. Participants created a wall graph showing some of the events taking place in other countries that would cause people to want to immigrate to America. They also created a mural of Ellis Island.

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Psalm 150:6

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

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

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- Friday, 3 June:** Accident, 100 block E. I-30 SSR; Burglary of a motor vehicle, 1400 block Hunters Glen; Reckless driver, Area of I-30 westbound; Disturbance, I-30 eastbound near the 78-mile marker; Suspicious person, 1000 block Brookhaven Drive; Theft, 500 block E. I-30 NSR; Welfare concern, 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Theft, 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Suspicious vehicle, I-30 NSR and Industrial Drive; Driving while license invalid arrest, 3200 block S. FM 548; Possession of marijuana arrest, 600 block S. Elm Street; Theft, 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Possession of marijuana/Tamper/Fabricate physical evidence arrest, I-30 westbound near the 75-mile marker
- Saturday, 4 June:** Reckless driver, I-30 westbound near FM 548; Welfare concern, 100 block W. I-30 SSR; Accident, Area of Main Street and Arch Street; Accident, I-30 westbound near the 79-mile marker; Alarm, 600 block S. Elm Street; Reckless driver, Area of Mockingbird Street and Spencer Circle; Accident, 100 block E. I-30 SSR; Possession of a controlled substance arrest, Area of I-30 NSR and Industrial Boulevard
- Sunday, 5 June:** Medical assistance, 900 block Walnut Street; Noise disturbance, Area of Marsha Lane; Disturbance, 1000 block N. Houston Street; Welfare concern, 300 block Panola Court; Reckless driver, I-30 westbound near the 80-mile marker; Suspicious person, 400 block W. I-30 NSR
- Monday, 6 June:** Suspicious person, 200 block North Star Road; Alarm, 1500 block Lorena Drive; Accident, Area of Erby Campbell Boulevard and Hwy 66
- Tuesday, 7 June:** Suspicious vehicle, 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Medical assistance, 200 block Audobon Lane; Accident, Area of 1900 block FM 2453; Disturbance, 200 block N. Elm Street; Accident, I-30 westbound near the 77-mile marker; Criminal mischief, 1500 block Hafner Drive; Assault arrest, 1200 block Tyler Court
- Wednesday, 8 June:** Suspicious vehicle, 200 block W. I-30 NSR; Welfare concern, 100 block Whispering Glen; Alarm, 1400 block Erby Campbell Boulevard; Medical assistance, 500 block Howard Street; Disturbance, 300 block W. County Line Road; Accident, 1100 block Josephine Street; Alarm, 7000 block W. I-30; Suspicious person, 100 block W. I-30 SSR; Criminal mischief, 300 block Welch Road; Driving while license invalid arrest, 200 block W. I-30 NSR; Driving while license invalid arrest, 6200 block FM 2642
- Thursday, 9 June:** Suspicious vehicle, 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Accident, I-30 westbound near Erby Campbell Boulevard; Reckless driver, Area of Hwy 66 westbound; Alarm, 700 block FM 2642; Reckless driver, Area of FM 2642 southbound; Driving while license invalid arrest, 300 block N. Houston Street

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## Legal Notice REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Rockwall Independent School District is accepting proposals for CONCESSIONS - FOOD and SUPPLIES. Proposal packages are available on the District's website: <http://www.rockwallisd.com/about/accountability/financial-accountability/purchasing-information>. Proposal packages may also be requested by email to [jana.hunter@rockwallisd.org](mailto:jana.hunter@rockwallisd.org).

Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 P.M. CST on Thursday, June 26, 2014. Please note: Beginning June 13, Rockwall ISD is closed on Friday. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Director of Purchasing and be marked with RFP 15-01-175 CONCESSIONS - FOOD and SUPPLIES. Location for proposal submission: RISD Administration Center at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087.

The anticipated effective date is August 25, 2014. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids/proposals and to waive any irregularities, technicalities, or informalities in any bids or the bid process.

## SECTION-00 11-13 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Rockwall County Consolidated Municipal Utility District No. 1 will receive bids for the construction of WATER, SANITARY SEWER AND STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR WOODCREEK PHASE 1-D4; CITY OF FATE, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS. Sealed bids must be delivered to the office of the DISTRICT ENGINEER (Pete Barraza, LLC, 1651 N. Glenville Drive, Suite 208, Richardson, TX 75081) no later than 11:30 AM, Tuesday, July 5, 2016. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the time and place. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened.

The Developer, WC Phase II, LLC, will be the Payor for the contract for Rockwall County Consolidated Municipal Utility District No. 1.

Plans, specifications and bid documents are available at <http://www.civcastusa.com>; Keyword: 03003-01D402. 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 10:00 AM, Friday, June 24, 2016 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 fails to refuse to enter into a contract or furnish bonds as hereafter required within ten (10) days after the date of notice of award.

Performance, Payment and Maintenance Bonds are required.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities or irregularities in bidding in case of lack of clarity in stating prices. The OWNER reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or reject the bid.

## Rockwall County Sheriff's Office May Report

- Calls for service - 751
- Incidents/investigations:
  - Rape - 1
  - Aggravated assault - 1
  - Simple assault - 4
  - Intimidation - 1
  - Burglary/breaking & entering - 4
  - Theft of motor vehicle parts or accessories - 1
  - All other larceny - 3
  - False pretenses/swindle/confidence game - 1
  - Credit card/ATM fraud - 2
  - Destruction/damage/vandalism of property - 3
  - Drug/narcotic violations - 23
  - Drug equipment violations - 9
  - Pornography/obscene material - 1
  - Weapon law violations - 4
  - Disorderly conduct - 1
  - Driving under the influence - 1
  - Drunkenness - 3
  - Liquor law violations - 2
  - Trespass of real property - 1
  - All other offenses - 88
  - Total offenses - 155; total incidents - 130
- Arrests:
  - Simple assault - 2
  - Burglary/breaking and entering - 1
  - Drug/narcotic violations - 25
  - Drug equipment violations - 6
  - Weapon law violations - 4
  - Bad checks - 1
  - Driving under the influence - 1
  - Drunkenness - 3
  - Liquor law violations - 1
  - All other offenses - 81
- Total charges - 125; total arrests - 66
- Accidents:
  - Total accidents - 15
- Criminal papers:
  - Affidavit for surety to go off bond (17) - 10
  - Affidavit for surety to go off bond (17) - 4
  - Bench warrant - 2
  - Bond forfeiture - 23
  - Failure to appear for court - 33
  - Insufficient bond - 3
  - Motion to adjudicate guilt - 11
  - Motion to revoke probation - 17
  - Probable cause - 7
  - Traffic - 83
  - Warrant - 33
  - Total criminal papers served - 304; total criminal papers - 226
- Civil papers:
  - Citation - 31
  - Criminal subpoena - 4
  - Decree of divorce - 1
  - Guardianship - 1
  - Notice - 2
  - Notice of hearing - 5
  - Notice to show cause - 3
  - Precept to service - 1
  - Subpoena/deuces tecum civil - 1
  - Writ of sequestration - 2
  - Total civil papers served - 43; total civil papers - 51

Rockwall County News legally qualifies for publication of required notices for all municipalities and ISDs located in Rockwall County as a newspaper of general circulation under Texas Government Code Section 2051.044, 2051.045, 2051.046 and 2051.048.

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# Opinions

## Swiss Voters Reject Economic Stupidity

by Jacob Hornberger

Swiss voters credit — well, at least 77 percent of them. In a national referendum, they overwhelmingly rejected a proposal that would have guaranteed each Swiss adult a monthly payment of 2,500 francs from the Swiss government. Just think: the payment was to be free, just like Social Security, Medicaid, farm subsidies, and education grants are free here in the United States.

Why do I say those Swiss voters are smart? After all, what's smart about rejecting free money, right?

They're smart because they understand that the generous monthly payments aren't going to be free at all. In order to make the payments, the government would have to first collect the money from the Swiss citizens through taxes.

Let's see: Under the plan a Swiss citizen would receive \$2,560 per month, but first he would have to pay \$2,560 in monthly taxes that the Swiss government would have the money to send him the \$2,560. In actuality, he'd probably have to pay around \$3,000 per month in taxes, because the government would have to pay salaries to government bureaucrats and incur other expenses for performing services.

So you see why I say that those 77 percent of Swiss voters are smart?

Of course, an American statist might come back and say, "Jacob, it isn't like to be that way. The Swiss government could have taken

all the money from the rich so that the money really would be free for most of the people receiving it."

In fact, voters were not told how the government would be collecting the money to fund the generous monthly dole.

Maybe that didn't matter to the Swiss.

Maybe the voters recognized the fundamental wrongfulness of using the government to take money from those to whom it belongs in order to give it to people to whom it does not belong.

Maybe they realized that the more income and savings that are confiscated from the rich, the less capital there is coming into existence, which is one of the keys to a prosperous society and rising standards of living for everyone.

Maybe they felt like Curdin Pirovino, a Swiss industrial designer, who was quoted in a New York Times article on the vote entitled "Guaranteed Income for All? Switzerland's Voters Say No Thanks": "You cannot give a society the idea that money is available for doing nothing."

Or maybe they just didn't want to tamper with a system that, according to the Times, "has allowed the country to remain among those with the highest living standards in the world, even with a growing and aging population."

In fact, get this: Switzerland's unemployment rate is 3.5 percent, less than half the average in the European Union. Compare that to the chronic, permanent unemployment rate of 30-40 percent for black teenagers in the United States.

The reason for the low Swiss unemployment rate? There is no minimum wage in Switzerland. As I detailed in a recent blog post entitled "Minimum-Wage Smartness in Switzerland," in 2014 76.3 percent of Swiss voters rejected a minimum wage for Switzerland. Unlike American voters and other European voters, Swiss voters clearly understood that a minimum wage locks many people out of the labor market, leaving them unemployed and in need of a government dole.

Our American ancestors certainly would have related to the Swiss people today. That's because our ancestors brought into existence an economic system without income taxation, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, farm subsidies, education grants, minimum-wage laws, economic regulations, welfare, drug laws, foreign aid, a vast military-industrial complex, a national-security governmental apparatus, foreign military bases, and other programs that form the essence of the welfare-warfare state under which today's Americans live.

What happened when the United States had no welfare-warfare state? The result was not only the most prosperous society in history, especially for those at the bottom of the economic ladder, but also the most charitable.

Like those Swiss voters, our American ancestors were smart. Not so, unfortunately, for all too many modern-day Americans.

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### Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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There has been a great deal of anger and complaining about the assessed value of property this year. The Appraisal District has been almost all of it is unwarranted. Some of the mistakes are glaring and they do not affect the amount you pay in taxes.

Let's start with the line [in the 2016 Notice of Appraised Values] that says "Fair Market Value." The value on that line is the value of your property as of January 1. It is developed by comparing your homestead with other similar houses in similar residential neighborhoods that have sold within the last year.

The appraiser starts by making an assessment of your neighborhood. He/she then reviews the other houses in your area. He/she then determines the category your particular house falls in. After this review, the appraiser then looks for comparable houses that have sold within the last year. Their first choice is your neighborhood. If there are not enough sales in your area for comparison, he/she looks to sales in comparable areas. Each sale used for comparison is measured on a feature-by-feature basis and then adjusted with pluses and minuses. Finally, the appraiser uses the sales that had the least number and amount of adjustments to indicate the value of your home. The appraiser has no interest in your property, he/she has only searched for what buyers and sellers have told him the market is.

In mass appraisals, the district has compiled a list of homes in an area that have similar features. Then the updated value is applied to houses in that category equally. Let me also tell you that the district keeps a search for any notice that would alert them to any change or improvement to your property.

Now let's go to lines one and two. Line one is supposed to be the market value of the improvements on the site. Line two is the

market value of the site. The total of these two lines equal the Total of the market value line. The state has mandated that the appraisal district break down an allocation of these two values. There is no reason for this allocation in mass appraisal because, residential property is not bought or sold that way. This appraiser has fought that method for years as a member of the Appraisal Board and the Appraisal Board. These two lines have caused the most confusion this year than any thing in the appraisal process.

The idea came from the fee appraisal market. It does have a purpose when someone is putting up money to finance a property. The general breakdown for a residential property is the lot costs should be between 20 and 25 percent of the total cost of the property. The costs for the kitchen should be 22 to 24 percent and the bathroom should range between 20 and 22 percent. When you get out of these ranges, you have over built or under built the neighborhood. Either way will affect the sale price in the market. That is why a lender asks an appraiser to check this breakdown to protect their investment. Taxing entities have no such need.

When the increases in value became to come in, the Appraisal District panicked and miss-allocated the total values. Look at the 2015 values on my appraisal notice. The property value is 23.43%. By that measure the site value for 2016 should be \$51,482 or \$55,000. That number is strongly supported because and new subdivision is going at the front of our subdivision that have features that we do not have. The real adjustment would probably make our land values a little less than \$50,000. There is a lengthy discussion of the process that follows if you chose to read it.

Let me point out one other thing that you need to be aware of. The Assessed Value line for 2015 is \$170,700 and for 2016 the value is \$187,770. That means that the assessed value was increased 10 percent. That is the maximum the state will allow. The assessed value is what you pay taxes on, not the market value at the bottom of the page. But, let me also point out to you that each year, until that assessed value reaches the market value you will have an automatic increase in assessed value and a corresponding increase in taxes.

If you have filed a protest, after you have read this, I hope you will retake a serious look at your tax statement and be sure you have supporting evidence for your protest. If you do not, please call the Appraisal District and cancel your protest.

Why have property taxes? Property taxes are local taxes that provide the largest source of money local governments use to pay for schools, streets, roads, police, fire protection and many other services. Texas law

establishes the process followed by local officials in determining the value for property, ensuring that values are equal and uniform, setting tax rates and collecting taxes.

§ 23.01. Appraisals Generally

Text of section effective until Jan. 1, 2010. See, also, text of § 23.01 effective Jan. 1, 2010. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, all taxable property is appraised at its market value as of January 1. (b) The market value of property shall be determined by the application of generally accepted appraisal methods and techniques. If the appraisal district determines the appraised value of a property using mass appraisal standards, the mass appraisal standards must comply with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. The same or similar appraisal methods and techniques will be used in appraising the same or similar kinds of property. However, each property will be appraised based upon the individual characteristics that affect the property's market value. Acts 1979, 66th Leg., p. 2252, ch. 841, § 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1982. Amended by Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch. 823, § 5, eff. Jan. 1, 1986; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1039, § 21, eff. Jan. 1, 1998.

Texas has no state property tax. The legislature has authorized local governments to collect the tax. The state does not set tax rates, collect taxes or settle disputes between you and your local government. The value of your home is what it's worth on Jan. 1 so, the Rockwall County Appraisal District only uses sales that occurred within the year before the value date. A comparable sale is a house with similar features in a comparable neighborhood that sold within the valuation period. Since the real estate market is so active, there is no need to compare sales outside of the valuation period. To do so would automatically disqualify the sale for comparable purposes. Therefore, if you're protesting your values, it's needless to cite sales outside the 12-month period, they're no longer valid.

Is there a difference in how the Appraisal District arrives at their value and how a fee appraiser arrives at his value? A fee appraiser is appraising a property for a specific date. He is limited to the six months prior to the date of the appraisal, not six months before January. The next big difference is that a fee appraiser has the advantage of a complete inspection, inside and outside, of the house being appraised. The fee appraiser will also inspect sales as thorough as possible that are used for comparison. The Appraisal District cannot inspect ever house ever year, but I assure you that at sometime an appraiser has looked at the property on a three- to five-year cycle. They also have the advantage of developing the value over a long period of time.

Almost all residential appraisers use a publication put out by a company called Marshall & Swift. It lists six categories of homes. They are Poor, Fair, Average, Good, Very Good and Excellent. Then within each category there are from three to six subcategories. One & Half Story is a category and Two-Story is another. There are several publication shows the difference for commercial and industrial properties but, we do not have enough time to go into those, and it would not help most taxpayers anyway.

Setting tax rates and collecting taxes is done locally. State school funding is partially based on property value in each school district. Up until the 1990s most county appraisals were about 80 percent of real property values. Homeowners got the first big shock when state law said appraisal districts should start keeping values between 95 and 105 percent of actual sales. Because there was still so much ambiguity in the percentages, about 20 years ago Texas Legislature revised its guidelines and dictated that appraisals should be valued at 100 percent of the home's market value. At that time the Texas State Comptroller's Office created its own valuation section. They regularly run their own market values to be sure the appraisal districts are appraising close to 100 percent. If they find the district to be in violation, a school district can lose some of its state funding.

Let's talk about some things that cause adjustments. When you go for a property tax protest, what will the Appraisal District allow or not allow? The appraiser takes into account "anything that affects the condition, utility and desirability." Be sure to take pictures of items you think affects the value. Some things that affects value is if a home still has Formica countertops while most other houses in the neighborhood have granite countertops. Or, if a house has dated appliances rather than the neighborhood norm of newer stainless steel appliances. Structural defects such as foundation settlement or wood rot affects a house's value.

Sometimes people bring pictures of their cracked sidewalks; however, that kind of defect is almost always disqualified because "almost everybody has cracked sidewalks." When homeowners may bring pictures of their fences, those too are generally not considered. Don't try to compare the value to another lot in your subdivision. There is not enough difference in lot process to justify an adjustment. Years ago corner lots were valued higher than an interior lot because of size. Well, finally it became apparent that it may be worth less. The corner lot had setback limits on two sides. A setback is the distance that an improvement must be from the property line. When these distances were subtracted the corner lot had no more buildable land than interior lot. Also, it had more traffic noise and other problems. Just be reasonable in what you thing is a reason for a reduction in value. Would you claim that same feature in reducing the price when you sell it?

People think county Appraisers are "bad bullies for raising values." But, let me stress that neither fee appraisers are Appraisal District determine value. They only report value. The market determines value. I hope this is a help in understanding your property value.

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### TWC malenforcement of Unemployment Compensation Act - Third Notice

The following information is offered for all people, and/or companies created under the laws of the 52 states, who are targets of the Texas Workforce Commission related to an alleged "State" Unemployment Tax.

**Texas Constitution Article 1 Section 16**

No bill of attainder, ex post facto law, retroactive law, or any law impairing the obligation of contracts, shall be made.

The practice of forcing businesses and people to purchase an Unemployment Compensation Insurance plan constitutes "impairing obligation of contracts."

The practice of enforcing a non-existent Texas Unemployment "Tax" constitutes administrative making of law. The Texas Comptroller's office verified there is no Texas Unemployment Tax.

### Federal Unemployment Tax Act

The TWC's enforcement scope is narrowly limited to underlying scope of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act. The scope of the federal act is limited to entities that are required by District of Columbia Law, Common Wealth of Puerto Rico Law, Virgin Islands Law, to make payment into an unemployment fund.

Said entities may include Federal Instrumentalities, joint stock companies or joint stock associations, created under the laws of the above listed political bodies, that are engaged in statutory "employment" activity on the soil of Texas.

See 29 U.S.C. Labor Code Section 201.101 (federal conformity clause) & 26 U.S.C. 3306 (c), (g), and (j)(1 & 2). The narrow scope of the federal Unemployment Tax Act may be found by applying the definitions of the terms "State" and "United States" found in subsection (j), and the respective definitions in (c) "employment" and (g) "contributions."

- All people are encouraged to contact their Texas Senator and:
1. Demand a full and exhaustive Legislative investigation and Attorney General Assessment of the Texas Workforce Commission to determine whether the agency has repeatedly engaged in illegal malenforcement practices against people and companies that do not fall within the narrow scope of the federal act, in direct violation of Texas Constitution Article 1 Section 16; and
  2. Demand the Texas Governor to appoint a special Texas Rangers Task Force to launch a criminal investigation of each Commissioner, Lary Temple (Director), Lasha Lenzy (Director Unemployment Compensation), and all state officers in the Tax and Regulatory Integrity Divisions.
- The Texas Rangers are authorized to charge each commissioner, director, and enforcement officer with criminal offenses of Official Oppression and Abuse of Official Capacity under Texas Penal Code Chapter 39, with intent to commit fraud and extortion against representatives of the State of Texas.
- The above suggested assessment and criminal actions may force all future commissioners, directors, and officers to think twice before considering the malenforcement of "Obama Care" outside of its narrow scope.

## Local DAR chapter names Youth Citizenship honorees

The Rock Wall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently distributed its Youth Citizenship Awards.

Each student was evaluated based on five qualities of a good citizen, according to a DAR news release. Those qualities include honor (representing honesty, high principles and loyalty); service (representing true Americanism and individual responsibility to God, home and country); courage (representing determination to overcome obstacles); leadership (representing ability to lead and good sportsmanship); and patriotism (representing fundamental loyalty to country).

Award recipients included, from the Rockwall Independent School District, Davi'Yannah Thursby, Rochelle Elementary; Maeve Richmond, Nebbie Williams Elementary; Kayla Leff, Grace Hartman Elementary; Braden Thurgood, Pullen Elementary; Reed Sitterle and Ali Wiprud, Amy Parks Elementary; Libbie Brown, Dorris Jones Elementary; Blake Prater, Sharron Shannon Elementary; Jacob Parrish, Billie Stevenson Elementary; Ashley Rodriguez, Celia Hays Elementary; Lilly Phillips, Virginia Reinhardt Elementary; Trinity Bennett, Ouida Springer Elementary; Mattie Conley, Howard Dobbs Elementary; Sarah Mae Giles, Cain Middle School; Josephine Miller, Williams Middle School; Morgan Burton, Utley Middle School; and Mitchell Smith and Colton Reynolds, Heritage Christian Academy.

Recipients from the Roysse City Independent School District included Kaitlynn Hughes, Ruth Cherry Intermediate, and Ashlynn Moss, Roysse City Middle School.

Recipients from the Forney and Wylie school districts included Katelyn Day, Ryan Zanolini, Luke Heard, Chloe Irene Chadwick, Saryn Gee, Carson Ray, Riley McMurren, Lilly Castillon, Lauren Lucas, Kathleen Walls, Anna Christine Baker, Abigail Smith and Rebecca Haver.

### Three graduate from Harding

Three local residents were among students graduating from Harding University during commencement exercises conducted May 7, according to a news release from the Searcy, Arkansas, university.

Graduates included Justin Greenlee of Rockwall, who received a bachelor's degree in software development; Michael Kelley of Roysse City, who earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering; and Elizabeth Mellroy of Rockwall, recipient of a bachelor's degree in early childhood.

### Cecil receives education degree

Allie Cecil of Rockwall graduated from the College of Education at Southern Arkansas University during commencement ceremonies conducted May 6, according to a news release from the Magnolia, Arkansas, university.

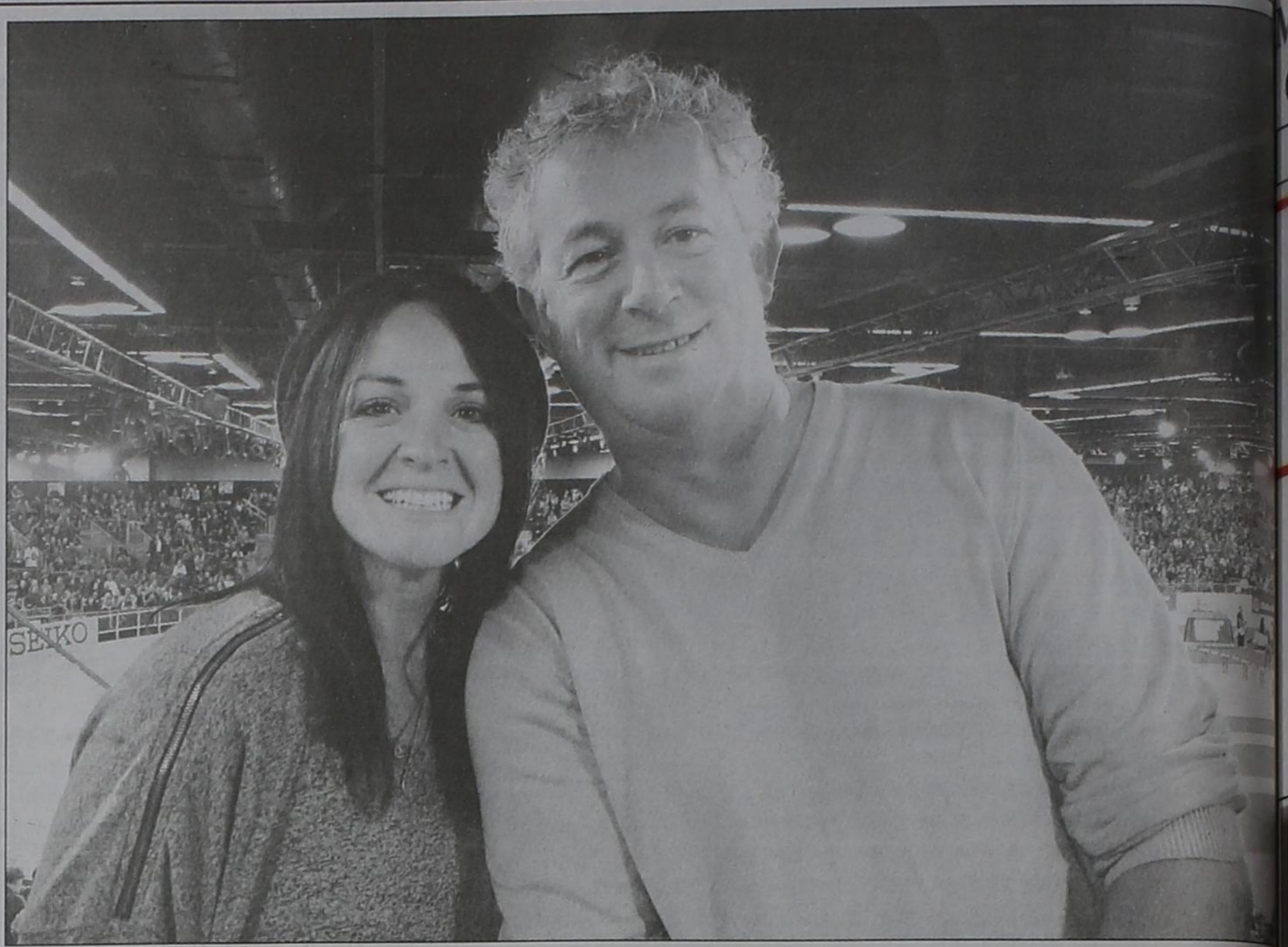
Cecil was a physical education, wellness and leisure major, graduating with a bachelor's degree in education.

### Trette graduates from Centre College

Clayton Trette of Roysse City was among students graduating from Centre College on May 22, according to a news release from the Danville, Kentucky, college.

Trette, a graduate of Roysse City High School, earned a bachelor's degree in behavioral neuroscience.

He is the son of Sally and Frank Trette of Roysse City.

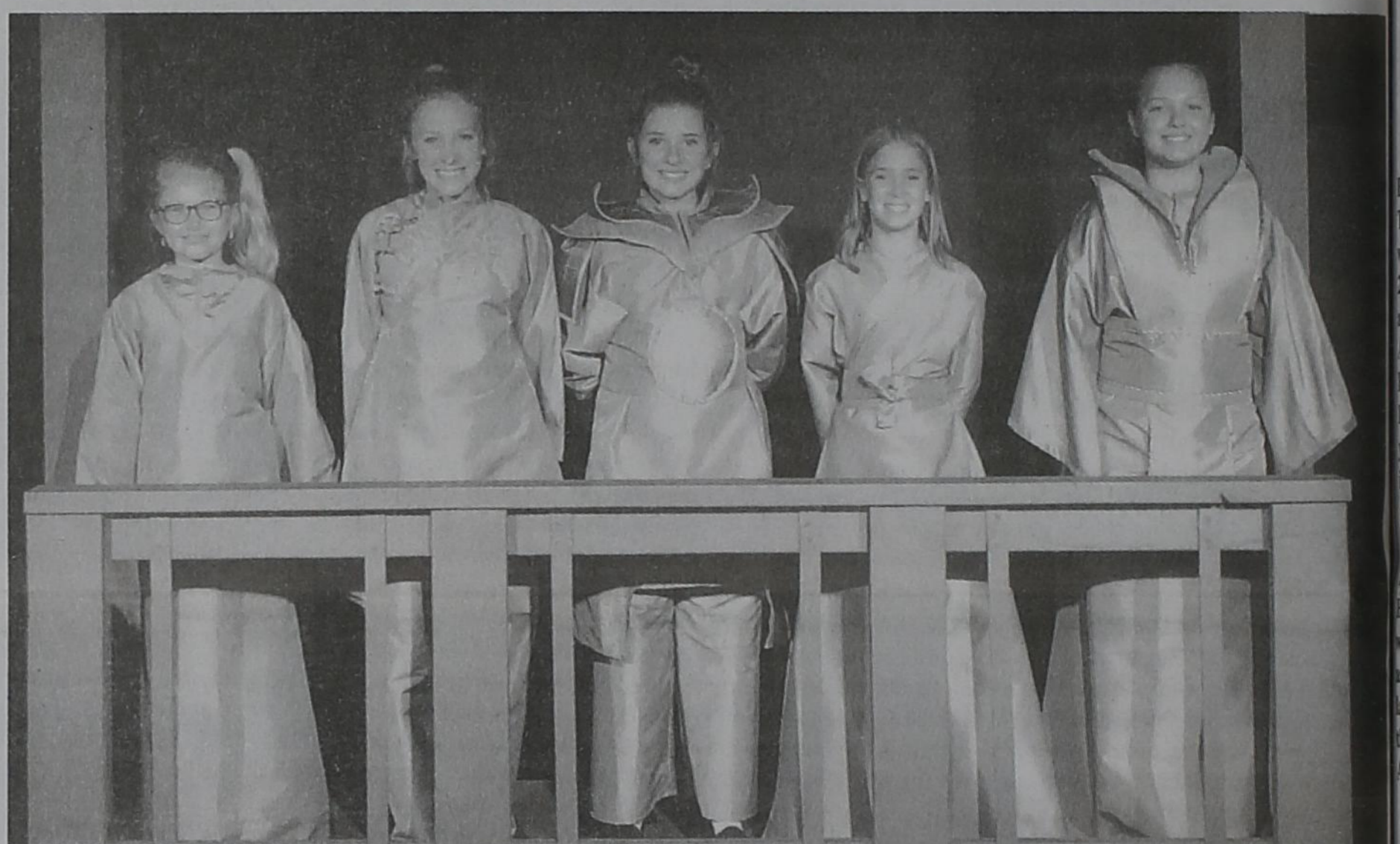


Rockwall High School 2002 alumnus, Jennie Sewell (left) joined former coach and 2-time Olympian, Phillippe D'Encausse (right) March 17-20th 2016 during the International Association of Athletes Federation (IAAF) World Indoor Championships in Portland, Oregon.

Sewell had the opportunity to train with D'Encausse during a study abroad she completed in central France during 2005. Since 2013 he has been the coach for the men's world record holder in the pole vault, Renaud Lavillenie. Lavillenie broke the 21-year-long standing record in February of 2014 with a jump of 6.16 m. He won the 2016 IAAF Indoor World Championships in Oregon with a jump of 6.02 meters.

During her Senior year, Sewell became the first RHS women's Pole Vaulter to compete at the State level, with a 3rd place finish. She was coached by Toby Howell, who continues to coach at RHS. She said that Coach Howell taught her the skills needed to get a scholarship.

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Pictured above are Presley Pointer, Karsen Mahan, Alex Kiker, Ashlynn Denney and Sydney Wheat in a rehearsal for the Rockwall Community Playhouse production of "Mulan Jr.," which opens at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21. The RCP is located at 609 E. Rusk, two blocks off the square in downtown Rockwall. Tickets may be purchased online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.com, by calling 972-722-3399 or at the box office a half-hour prior to show time.

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### Rockwall Reads slated for summer

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

### Live music events offered weekly in downtown R'wall

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

### RSM to stage 'Carousel,' 'Mary Poppins'

Rockwall Summer Musicals will present "Carousel" June 24 through July 3 and "Mary Poppins" Aug. 12-21 at the Rockwall Performing Arts Center on the Utley Middle School campus. Discounts will be available for churches, groups or season subscribers. For advance tickets or more information visit rockwallsummersmusicals.org.

### Vets invited to ride in Heath's July 4 parade

The City of Heath's Annual Independence Day Parade will take place Monday, July 4, and as always, veterans from any branch of the U.S. military, as well as active members, are invited to ride on the Veterans Float. For details, contact Brandie Smallwood at 972-771-6228 or visit heathtx.com. Staging for the parade will begin at 8 a.m., with judging at 8:30 a.m. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. at Amy Parks Heath Elementary, 330 Laurence Dr. Parade entry awards will be presented during a patriotic celebration after the parade in Towne Center Park, featuring a live barbershop quartet and free popsicles and pie.

### TxDOT to hold public hearing ...

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Kaufman County to SH 78 in Collin County, a distance of about 24 miles. The proposed improvements include widening the two-lane roadway to a four-lane roadway with accommodations made for expansion up to six lanes in the future. Additional right-of-way is anticipated to be required along SH 205.

Maps depicting the location and preliminary geographic design will be available for public review. Information also is available for public inspection at several locations, including the Rockwall City Hall, 300 S. Goliad, Rockwall and the City of McLendon-Chisholm, 1371 W. FM 550, or online at keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting.

Interested citizens are invited to attend the July meetings. Written comments from the public regarding this project are requested and will be accepted for 10 days following the public meetings, according to the news release. These comments may be submitted in person at either meeting or by mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Attn. Nancy Peron, PE, 4777 E. U.S. Hwy. 75, Mesquite, TX 75150-6643. Written comments must be postmarked by Friday, July 22, to be included in the public meeting summary.

Utley Middle School is located at 1201 T.L. Townsend Dr., Rockwall. Terrell High School is located at 702 Town North Drive, Terrell.

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In addition, all campers will perform their tap number for the camp with Guest Artists and DFW theatre favorite and entertainer, Janelle Lutz, for *Carousel*, and the actors cast for *Bert & Mary Poppins* for *Mary Poppins* at the Friday Recital!

Rockwall Summer Musicals now offers two summer camps for 6-18 year-olds. Each camper will learn one acting scene with partners, one tap routine, and one group number from one of the two exciting shows RSM will produce this summer. Spots are limited!

**Carousel Camp: June 27-July 1, 2016, from 9am-12 noon**  
**Mary Poppins Camp: August 15-19, 2016, from 9am-12 noon**

Performance demonstrations for parents is 11am on Friday of camp week onstage with lights! Each camp will be divided into three age groups so campers can work with kids their own age, and at their appropriate level. The camp will consist of 45-minute rotations and a snack break.

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