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## Honoring 2016 Rockwall ISD Valedictorians and Salutatorians



**Alyssa McHargue**  
Valedictorian  
Rockwall-Heath High School

Alyssa McHargue was valedictorian for Rockwall-Heath High School. A resident of Rockwall, she plans to attend Southern Methodist University in Dallas where she will major in biochemistry.



**Brittany Dickison**  
Salutatorian  
Rockwall-Heath High School

Brittany Dickison was salutatorian for the Rockwall-Heath High School Class of 2016. A Rockwall resident, she plans to attend Texas Christian University where she will study economics.



**Tara Len McCoy**  
Valedictorian  
Rockwall High School

Tara Len McCoy was valedictorian for Rockwall High School. She plans to attend Texas A&M University where she will major in molecular and cellular biology. After completing her undergraduate work, she wants to volunteer with the Peace Corp and attend medical school in hopes of becoming a pediatrician.



**Mikaela Noelle Waslien**  
Salutatorian  
Rockwall High School

Mikaela Waslien was salutatorian for Rockwall High School. Raised in Corvallis, Oregon, she moved to Rockwall to complete her high school education as an international baccalaureate student. She plans to take a year off to explore her options for the future.

## Rockwall approves updated International Codes with penalties

The minutes of the Rockwall City Council meeting held Monday, May 16, 2016, was unanimously approved during the Tuesday, June 6 meeting.

The May meeting began at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall located at 385 S. Goliad Street in Rockwall.

Present for the meeting were Mayor Jim Pruitt, Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Lewis, City Council Members David White, Mike Townsend, John Hohenshelt, Scott Milder, Kevin Fowler and Dennis Lewis.

The council began with a work session to discuss and consider strategic plans for the Parks and Recreation and Fire Marshal departments.

Parks and Recreation Manager Andy Hesser briefed the council on modifications to the department's strategic plan, and its initiatives, including:

- Resolve Baseball/Softball field space issues.
- Develop existing neighborhood parks to full development.
- Develop South Community Park.
- Lakeside Park Development Process.
- Develop Alma Williams Howard Park.
- Develop the Lakes of Squabble Creek.

Hesser also discussed "non-resident sales tax revenue" issues. He recommended the city "utilize tourism to help maintain \$340 per capita sales tax revenue through the promotion of conventions and other professional trade organization functions; work with hotel operators to attract business meetings and conventions to increase hotel/motel tax and non-resident sales tax; and endeavor to host sporting events that lead to 'heads in beds' and have a positive financial impact on the community."

Fire Marshal Ariana Hargrove provided the following main goals for her division: "embrace an information-driven approach to identify community risks; implement policies that assist in minimizing community risks; engage the community in public outreach and partnership efforts to reduce the risk of fire and injuries within the community; ensure ordinances, policies, and practices remain relevant to community risks, needs, and the department's mission; employ technology and communications solutions that provide efficiencies and improve services."

The council took no action on the presentations.

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## University scholastic honors

### Two named to AC Dean's List

Two local residents were among Austin College students named to Dean's List for the spring term, according to a news release from the college.

Lyly Nightengale of Heath, daughter of Jeff Nightengale and a graduate of Rockwall-Heath High School, and Megan Mayfield, daughter of Aubrey and Melanie Mayfield and a graduate of Rockwall-Heath High School, were the local students recognized.

Dean's List recognizes the top 20 percent of students taking a minimum of three graded, full-credit courses. A total of 294 students were recognized for the spring term.

### Local students recognized at BU

More than a dozen local students were named to the Dean's Academic Honor Roll for the spring semester at Baylor University, according to a news release from the Waco university.

Students recognized included, from Heath, Caitlyn Beth Holstead, Hailey Beth Platz and Courtney A. Sosnowski and, from Royse City, Sydney Parks.

Other students tapped for the Honor Roll included Anabel Burke, Meghan Renee Clements, Clara Loryn Cooke, Alexis Greenhill, Alexa Briel Hein, Taylor Rae Lemons, Christian El Mackin, De'Andra Christine Maxwell, Taylor Ashlyn Neely, Clark Sam Ntchoboh, Andrea Cecilia Pujol, Shelby Lee Striegel and Travis Traxler.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7, while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

### Two named to WJC Dean's List

Two local residents were among students named to the Dean's List at William Jewell College for the spring semester, according to a news release from the Liberty, Missouri, university.

Students recognized included Parker Wood, a junior business administration major from Heath, and Robert William Hurd II of Rockwall, a senior business administration and applied critical thought and inquiry major.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must earn at least a 3.7 grade-point average while carrying 14 or more semester hours.

### Master included on Samford Dean's List

Shelley K. Master of Rockwall was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, according to a university news release.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must have earned a minimum grade-point average out of a possible 4.0 while attempting at least 12 credit hours of coursework.

Dean's List is the highest academic recognition given by the college at the end of each semester.

### Collin College honor lists include locals

A number of local residents were included on the 2016 spring honors lists at Collin College, according to a news release from the college.

To qualify for the President's List, a student must take a minimum of 12 credit hours and maintain a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

President's List honorees included Xavier Spencer from Fate, Taylor Dodson, Jacqueline Mendez and Mark Sharpless from Rowlett and Michael Connolly from Royse City.

Rockwall honorees included Patricia Barreras, Jessica Conley, Krystal Contreras, Devon Hayworth, Thiel Hite, Candace Hurt, Collin Moore, Frank Neal, Savannah Pullin, Elizabeth Razor, John Singer, Samuel Spencer, Faith Starkey, Ashley Taylor, Adam Tollison Stuart Tollison, Austin White and Chase Wood, according to the release.

Also recognized were Dean's List honorees. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must take a minimum of 12 credit hours and maintain a GPA average between 3.5 and 3.99.

Named to the Dean's List were Caroline Poch, Olivia Rodriguez, Jennifer Ruppel and Karen Westrup from Fate; Caroline Aldridge, Charlin Calligros, Nikolas Gonzales, Emily Hill, Hannah Holland, Julia Juarez, Alec Minkoff, Allison Renner, Jackson Steele and Samuel Wallace of Rowlett; and from Royse City, Kirby Dresser, Chelsie Jordan, Noshin Shamili, Seth Thompson and Tyler Thompson.

Rockwall honorees included Ernest Albarado, Erik Angerstig, Brett Brinner, Ashley Browning, Caitlin Cruz, Christian Duvall, Christen Gang, Amanda Gentile, Jane Gibbs, Katie Glenn, Eric Gulley, Alexandra Jensen, Kastriot Kaba, Nicholas Morgan, Musonda Mwiyi, Kenneth O'Farriell, Thaddeus Perlit, Adam Rodriguez, Susana Sanchez, Taylor Smith, Luke Stephenson, Madilynn Szoboszlaj, Jennifer Vehslage, Seth Walls and Makenna White.

### Becton named to Dean's List

Corey L. Becton of Rockwall was named to the Columbia College Dean's List for the January/March and March/May sessions, according to a news release from the Columbia, Missouri, college.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 semester hours or more in a 16-week period and achieve a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 on a 4-point scale.

### Heath City Council meets May 18

The City of Heath held a special meeting, work session and executive closed meeting, starting 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 18, 2016, in the city hall building.

According to the minutes of the meeting, attending the early morning meeting were Mayor Brian Berry, Barry Brooks, Joe Chamberlain, Kelson Elam, Justin Holland and Kevin Lamberth.

Rich Krause was absent from the meeting.

The council discussed procedures of city government including public safety, police, fire, public works, streets, drainage, water, sewer, economic development, community development such as land use, budgeting, finance, and capital improvement projects (CIP).

CIP Projects Manager, Chuck Todd addressed questions regarding general and utility CIPs.

City Manager Ed Thatcher asked the council for assistance in prioritizing the projects.

Director of Finance, Laurie Mays, addressed funding and budget for the projects.

Berry closed the discussion by suggesting that the Park Board supply a master plan.

Next, the council discussed and took action on the funding and awarding of a contract for a bid to pave Dennis Bailey Lane, and a portion of Rabbit Ridge.

Todd explained that the project is for paving and drainage improvements to Dennis Bailey from FM-549 to Rabbit Ridge, and Rabbit Ridge adjacent to Ridge Lake Subdivision. The city received four bids for the project on April 26, 2016.

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## WIN seeks volunteers for summer program

WIN is in need of summer volunteers, according to a news release issued earlier this week.

With children of all ages in its shelter, volunteers are needed to facilitate pre-planned curriculum and activities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. At least four volunteers are needed each day.

Volunteers need to be at least 16 years old, unless accompanied by a parent; be able to pass a criminal history and background check; be able to make a weekly commitment to the day they choose; and be willing to fill out and submit the Volunteer Application Form.

For more information, contact Cheryl Bahm at cbahm@wintexas.org or call 903-455-4612.

## Rockwall County News Briefs

### Hope Mobile animal spay/neuter available

The Spay/Neuter Network's 45-foot hospital bus will be in Rockwall on the second Friday of every month in the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot. Upcoming dates include June 10. Surgeries are performed on site; low-cost packages are available. Walk-up vaccinations are available at reduced prices from 10 a.m. to noon; check for specials at spayneuternet.org. Services available throughout the Metroplex: the Clinic in Crandall, the Hope Mobile or via transport, depending on location. For an appointment or information call 972-472-3500 or 817-423-5500. Spaces fill quickly. Be sure dogs' collars cannot be slipped and cats are in secure carriers. Promoted by Rockwall PAWS.

### Monthly prayer meeting set at HCA

A monthly prayer meeting, American Revival Now: Restoring America Through Prayer, will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 12, at the Heritage Christian Academy, 1408 S. Goliad St., Rockwall. Voter registration cards will be available, as will free copies of the U.S. Constitution (while they last). The Wells Family will provide music and contributions will be accepted to cover expenses. The non-church-affiliated event will be free and open to the public. For more details call Mike Kennedy at 972-998-2680 or Ken Shores at 204-334-1206.

### 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 ISD Nutrition Department and 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 from June 15 through July 27.

### RCP offers kids' summer workshop

Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk (two blocks off the square in downtown Rockwall), will offer a summer camp from 9 a.m. to noon July 5-15. Registration will open (Continued on Page 2)



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## Rockwall County Obituaries

### Thomas Fabian Spetter

Private services for Thomas Fabian Spetter, 92, of Roysse City will be conducted at a later date. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He died May 22, 2016.  
Born Dec. 18, 1923, in Topeka, Kansas, to Oscar Spetter and Regina (Heim) Spetter, he worked as a civil engineer for the Santa Fe Railroad from 1940 to 1943. He joined the U.S. Naval Air Corps in 1944. On May 30, 1944, he married Wanda Jane Haedgrave. He was discharged from the Navy in 1946 and became a licensed architect in February 1965. In the 1950s he was employed as an architect for the Latham White Architectural Firm. He worked as an inspector for the Army Air Force Exchange from 1966 until his retirement in 1986 in San Francisco, California. He returned to Dallas in August 1986.

He was a member of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Garland and was a giving and helpful man. He was a philanthropist and donated trees to the Rockwall County Museum and Harry Myers Park. He was a dedicated reader and collector and built model trains. He enjoyed teaching himself to do things rather than learning from others.

Survivors include his second wife, Lillian (Sharp) Brooks-Spetter; his children, Regina Mae Cozier, Belinda Cherie Traister, Donna Brooks, Tim Brooks and Tammy Hendricks; his grandchildren, Tommy, Tammy, Mark, Ashlyn, Jaron, Carson, Connor and Jessica; several great-grandchildren; and his brother, Danny Spetter.

His parents and his first wife preceded him in death.  
The family has suggested that as an alternative to flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to the Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 or woundedwarriorproject.org/donate.

### Judith Ann Wilburn

Services for Judith Ann Wilburn, 69, of Rockwall will be conducted at a later date. The Rest Haven Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

She died June 3, 2016.  
Born Aug. 22, 1946, in Berea, Ohio, she enjoyed helping others and was full of life and joy. She was a joker, always getting people to laugh, and had an addictive personality that drew people to her. She was athletic and was a lifeguard. She ran bingo halls in Rockwall estates and loved garage sales.

A loving wife, mother and grandmother, she had lived in Rockwall for 46 years.

Survivors include her husband of 46 years, Ronald Wilburn; her children, John Elza, and his wife, Kelly, of Carrollton and Ron Wilburn of Rockwall; her twin brother, James Bigam, and his wife, Ruth, of Medina, Ohio; her grandchildren, Dalton and Dylan Elza; and a lifetime friend, Bonnie Fish.

Her mother, Betty Bigam, and a brother, Jerry Bigam, preceded her in death.



## Two arrested, THC oil seized in drug bust

The Rockwall Police Department made two arrests and a seizure on Monday, May 23, that netted more than 200 grams of THC oil, according to a departmental news release.

THC oil is extracted from marijuana and is a more concentrated form of the drug.

Rockwall Police said in the news release that THC has become a growing problem among young people in the area. For several months, the Police Department's Narcotics Unit has been investigating the sale and use of narcotics among teens in Rockwall.

Rockwall PD's Narcotics Unit worked with the Rowlett Police Department's Narcotics Unit, the Rockwall County Sheriff's Office and Homeland Security Investigations to execute a search warrant in the 6300 block of Lancashire Drive in Rowlett.

Additional items seized in the bust were marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a firearm. One adult male and one juvenile male were arrested in the incident, according to the news release. The name of the adult was not released.

## Birth Announcements

Melinda Cruz and Juan Manuel Loredó-García have announced the birth of a daughter, Analia Rodríguez, at 8:31 a.m. on March 19, 2016, at the Lake Pointe Medical Center, Rowlett.

The infant weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20.5 inches long at birth.

She was welcomed home by siblings Carlos Cruz, Miranda Cruz and Abel Cruz.

Maternal grandparents are Maria and Ignacio Rodríguez of Dallas. Paternal grandparents are Maria Jesus and Rosalio Loredó.

## Rockwall, public information meeting street improvements

The City of Rockwall announced a scheduled public information meeting about the Boydston Avenue and Throckmorton Street Reconstruction Projects, to be held 6:00 p.m., Wed. June 29, 2016, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 385 South Goliad Street.

The construction project improvements for East Boydston extends from SH-205 (S. Goliad) to Clark Street.

The Throckmorton project extends from Boydston to E. Bourn Street.

The project will include installation of a new concrete street with curb and gutter, installation of sidewalks, construction of a storm sewer system and reconstruction of the water and wastewater system.

The public meeting will include a street layout, and question/answer session by the city staff and the project consultant.

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**Ephesians 4:23**

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- minor car accident (2 wds.)
- Grand \_\_\_ Opry
- Mexican dictator Huerta who died in El Paso
- Sinatra of 1963 film "4 for Texas" (init.)
- El Paso event: "Great River Raft \_\_\_"
- Dean of film in 21-across
- TXism: "in a \_\_\_"
- TXism: "in a \_\_\_ trouble" (lot of trouble)
- So. Padre buggy
- TXism: "\_\_\_ apart at the seams"
- letters expressing a foul odor
- where you put helium for a party (2 wds.)
- TXism: "no hill \_\_\_ stepper" (easy)
- TXism: "he couldn't lick his upper \_\_\_" (weak)
- TXism: "packed like \_\_\_ in a can"
- rabbit
- James Dean was this Rink in TX epic "Giant"
- star of epic western "The Big Country"
- this Ellie helped win titles with the Spurs and the Rockets

**DOWN**

- "Deke" Slayton was \_\_\_
- operations at TX Johnson Space Center
- Sam Houston beat this Hardin for governor in 1859
- home of SRSU in Callahan Co. on I-20
- Roy Rogers TX wife, Dale
- Houston university
- civil engineering degree (abbr.)
- TX cosmetics queen: Mary Kay \_\_\_
- restaurant found in TX: \_\_\_ Mexico
- TXism: "happy as a \_\_\_ Santa's lap"
- TX "Delta Dawn" singer (init.)
- union at Arlington's GM plant
- noted black TX choreographer, Alvin
- actress in TX epic, "Giant" (init.)
- \_\_\_ Mr. Nice Guy
- "Texas" is a Palo Duro musical
- Irish for "Ireland"
- TXism: "fast as a \_\_\_ up a rafter"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ of bones" (skinny)
- "Lebh Shomea" of south TX was once "La \_\_\_ Ranch"
- George W. is the \_\_\_ of six
- "busy bees"
- TXism: "pop the \_\_\_" (begin)
- Lennon's widow
- TXism: "plain as the nose on your \_\_\_"
- UH sprinter and later coach, Burrell
- \_\_\_ his way in if he could"
- worn-out horses
- Prickly Pear Cactus is TX state \_\_\_
- TXism: "long as a country \_\_\_"
- pottery oven
- Texas "\_\_\_-a-Highway" program
- TXism: "wipe the slate clean"

## 'Carousel' shows planned by RSM June 24-July 3

Rockwall Summer Musicals will present "Carousel" June through July 3 at the Rockwall Performing Arts Center on the Middle School campus.

Rockwall resident Barbara Doudt will serve as director. "I wanted to direct 'Carousel' because it has always been one of my favorite musicals," Doudt said in a RSM news release. "The marvelous score and story are an inspiration and a true R&H (Rodgers and Hammerstein) classic. 'You'll Never Walk Alone' is a favorite for the inspiration message it carries of hope."

Doudt, who serves as vice president of productions for RSM, has directed seven previous shows for the organization over the past 10 years. Previously she performed for many seasons with the Dallas Opera, appearing with Beverly Sills and Jose Carreras, according to the news release. The actor, singer, dancer, director, choreographer and teacher also has worked with Garland Summer Musicals.

Production crew members include Cody Dry, musical director, Patrick Persons, assistant director, and Casey Norris, stage manager. Cast members include Lucy Shea, Molly Pope, Katie Spetter, Brittany Murphy, Clayton Sacket, Bob Lewis, Eric Segovis, Debra Tipton, Justin Foley, Jon C. Hogwood, Katie Wick, Mike Craven, Kurtis Williams, Micheal Poston, Jerry McCulley, Tori Cameron, Robert Boraski and Trace Killian.

Other performers include Abby Foley, Lane Ward, Alayna White, Zoe Murphy, Chissy Benson, Kayla Rambo, David Sweet, Mar Nichols, Cecelia Rogers, Krysteena, Segovis, Mandy Williams, Raegan Vaughan, Melissa Feldman, Noah AuBuchon, Rodney Jaynes, Luke Riggs, Tim Gilliland, Ian Perkins, Mary Matthews, Chloe Poston, Tori St. John Gilbert, Kellie Sanchez Victoria, Anastasia Murphy, Raegan Vaughan, Rodney Morris, Michael Christian, Jordan Erebia, Liam Taylor and Jacob Thomas.

### Heath City Council ...

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The staff recommended awarding the contract to Ed B. Construction Company.

The Rockwall County News found no record that the request for notice of bid was published in accordance with state law.

Chamberlain made the motion to approve a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a construction contract or the Dennis Bailey and Rabbit Ridge Phase 1 Project. The council unanimously approved the motion that was seconded by Brooks.

The council held a closed session to discuss a contract with Rockwall County Emergency Services Corporation, and to discuss an administrative order from the Environmental Protection Agency. The session included undisclosed consultation with an attorney regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property including rights-of-way on Rabbit Ridge Road. No action was taken on the matters discussed during the closed meeting.

The council convened the special meeting at 11:27 a.m.

According to the minutes of the Tues. May 10, city council meeting, the council canvassed the returns of ballots cast for the general election held May 7, 2016, for the purpose of electing a mayor and council members for Places 3 and 5.

Liechty reported the results of the general election.

Berry received 665 votes for the uncontested position of mayor. Chamberlain received 693 votes for Place 3.

Kelson Elam was selected by the people to serve on the Place 5 position with a total of 537 votes, over opponent David Warren with 454 votes.

The RCN found no record that the city published the request for notice of election in accordance with state law.

Rockwall County Judge David Sweet issued the Oaths of Office for the new representatives.

The meeting was also attended by Brian Berry, Barry Brooks, Chamberlain, Justin Holland, Rich Krause and Kevin Lamberth.

Starting at 6:30 p.m., Lakeshore Church Lead Pastor Brad Howard delivered the invocation.

The council unanimously approved the resolution.

The meeting with the invocation by Lakeshore Church Pastor Brad Howard.

The council discussed and acted on an ordinance related to the application of Manuel Lozano for a conditional use permit to construct an accessory building 1409 square-feet in area, 16 feet height, located at 1388 S. FM 740.

Director of Community Development, Robert LaCroix explained to the council that the Planning & Zoning Commission passed the ordinance unanimously, and that the homeowner was asking to build a 1400 square-foot building to include an outdoor kitchen.

Upon a motion by Berry and second by Brooks, the ordinance passed unanimously.

Mayor Liechty presented five proclamations "recognizing residents that have made special contributions in the community. Recognized were former City Secretary Stephanie Galanides, former Assistant City Manager Kim Dobbs, Jauna French, Sara and Rob Whittle and Mary Liechty.

Before adjourning the meeting at 7:10 p.m., newly elected Mayor Berry read and presented a proclamation to former Mayor Liechty "in honor of his legacy and service to the citizens of Heath for twenty years." A reception to honor Liechty was held in the community room following the meeting.

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at 9 a.m. July 5. Students will learn basic theater techniques from stage directions, audition and performing techniques. A 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 Utey 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 9:30 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, Texas, commanded by 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.

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## On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

### Right to liberty ... Part 4

Christians utilize various tools toward exercising their right to serve God. Keep in mind that serving God can be as simple as ministering to someone at work, the park, or even while shopping, etc.

Serving God is the reasonable response for they who have obtain that precious liberty.

Yet, we find throughout the book of Acts and in most of the Epistles that Christians do face attacks from others who serve according to the will of the God of this world, the Devil. They seek not but to kill, steal and destroy.

We find a basic truth about liberty -- it can and will be attacked. It is true that our Lord Jesus "blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us ... nailing them to the cross" (Colossians 2:14), yet we will be bombarded with attempts to place us under religious and political rules that scorn and punish people. In short they are preventative regulations. A close examination of the U.S. and Texas statutes reveal a strong religious influence.

Based on the accounts in Acts, the Apostles and believers did not strive hard against the abusive governments and their religious partners. The Christians did not burn their lives over politics. They endure hardships and spoke the truth. They pressed forward with their right to travel and speak and bear the full armour of God.



Norma Morris, right, president of Soroptimist International of Rockwall, and Sue Reeves, left, scholarship chair, are shown with Jena Alstatt, recipient of a \$2,000 Susan Faulkner Memorial Scholarship presented by the local organization. Alstatt is a graduating Rockwall High School senior who will attend the University of Southern California to major in business administration. The Rockwall Soroptimists work to improve the lives of women and children in their communities and internationally.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Friday Study Club holds meeting at Rockwall County Library

The Friday Study Club held its May 2016 meeting in the Rockwall County Library with Kathy Melston, club president, presiding. Becky Cecil led the meeting, with Gail Lombard and Ms. Melston as co-hostesses.

The Rockwall County Library is one of the club's ongoing projects. Melston introduced Marcine McCulley, Head Librarian, who accepted the club's donation for the library.

Melston installed the following members: Becky Cecil, President; Patell Smith, First Vice President; Becky Cecil, Second Vice President; Billye Wood, Recording Secretary; Pat Calhoun, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; Ruth Willis, Reporter; June Wley, Parliamentarian.

Refreshments were served, the club adjourned until September 2016.



Rockwall County Library Head Librarian Marcine McCulley (right) receives a donation from the Friday Study Club President Kathy Melston (left) during the May 2016 meeting held at the library.

Photo by Ruth Willis/Rockwall County News

## Rockwall County Entertainment

Live music events offered weekly in downtown Rockwall's newest public space, San Jacinto Plaza, from 12:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. Café-style tables and chairs, as well as seating, are available in the space. Guests are welcome to bring lawn chairs, food and beverages, according to information on the City of Rockwall website. Visit [rockwall.com/mainstreet/events.asp](http://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 27 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 and more information visit [rockwallsummersmusicals.org](http://rockwallsummersmusicals.org).

Vets invited to ride in Heath's July 4 parade The City of Heath's Annual Independence Day Parade will take place on 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 parade float. For details, contact Brandie Smallwood at 972-771-1188 or visit [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com). Staging for the parade will begin at 8 a.m., and judging at 8:30 a.m. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. at Amy Ks-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 for all.

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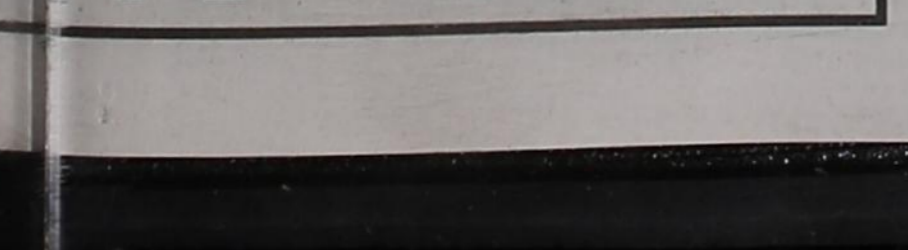
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c/o: Barbara J. Fitzhugh Attorney at Law PO Box 851689 Mesquite, TX 75185 DATED the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2016.

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### Talking Tombstones lecture set Oct. 14

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

### Fisher to be recognized at Nov. 10 event

Terry Fisher, the first Rockwall soldier to be killed in World War II, will be recognized by Dick Clark, member of American Legion Post 117, at the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series presented by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission from noon to 1 p.m. in the third floor in the 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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**Texas Department of Transportation**

DALLAS DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Department Policies Affecting Bicycle Use on the State Highway System

In accordance with Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, § 25.55(b), the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) - Dallas District is partnering with North Central Texas Council of Government (NCTCOG) to offer a public hearing on district transportation programs and policies affecting bicycle use on the state highway system. The public hearing will be held at the **City of Richardson Civic Center, Grand Ballroom, 411 West Arapaho Road, Richardson, Texas 75080 on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.**

The purpose of the public hearing is to provide information on the bicycle plans, policies, and programs for the TxDOT Dallas District and NCTCOG, and to receive public comment. Display illustrating existing bike facilities and upcoming projects on the state system within the Dallas District will be available for viewing during an open house format beginning at 5:00 pm, with formal presentation commencing at 6:00 pm.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing to obtain information about the district transportation programs and policies affecting bicycle use on the state highway system and to express their views. Persons requiring special communication or accommodation needs should contact the **TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Officer at (214) 320-6100** at least two (2) working days prior to the public hearing. Because the public hearing will be conducted in English, any request for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two (2) working days prior to the public hearing. Every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs will be made.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the district transportation programs and policies affecting bicycle use on the state highway system are encouraged and may be presented for a period of 10 calendar days following the hearing. Written comments may be submitted either in person or by mail to the **TxDOT Dallas District - Advance Project Development, 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643, Attn: Sandra J. Williams.** All written comments must be postmarked on or before **Friday, July 1, 2016** to be included in the official public hearing record.

For additional information, please contact Ms. Sandra Williams, TxDOT Dallas District, via phone at (214) 320-6686, or e-mail [Sandra.Williams2@txdot.gov](mailto:Sandra.Williams2@txdot.gov).

## Royse City Police Blotter

### May 27-June 2

- **Friday, 27 May:** Suspicious person, Area of Logan Drive and Rowdy Drive; Medical assistance, 300 block N. Houston Street; Welfare concern, Area of FM 2642 westbound; Welfare concern, Area of Erby Campbell Boulevard eastbound; Alarm, 100 block E. Old Greenville Road; Suspicious vehicle, 600 block S. Elm Street; Driving while license invalid arrest, I-30 NSR near FM 35; DWI without a license arrest, I-30 SSR and Erby Campbell Boulevard; Driving while license invalid arrest, Dallas Police Department's warrants arrest, 100 block E. I-30 NSR
- **Saturday, 28 May:** Suspicious vehicle, 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Suspicious vehicle, 1700 N. Nevers Drive; City ordinance violation, 300 block Midnight Drive; Noise disturbance, Area of Highway Circle; Rockwall County Sheriff's Office warrant arrest, 100 block W. Main Street
- **Sunday, 29 May:** Suspicious vehicle, 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Accident, Area of Erby Campbell Boulevard; Noise disturbance, 1500 block Audrey Drive; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound near 74-mile marker; Reckless driver, I-30 westbound near the 81-mile marker; Theft, 200 block W. SSR; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound near Epps Road; City ordinance violation, Area of Rowdy Street; 911 hang up, 1400 block Englewood Drive; Welfare concern, 2900 block Marshall Street; Accident, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Possession of drug paraphernalia arrest, I-30 eastbound near 78-mile marker
- **Monday, 30 May:** Alarm, 1200 block Hawthorne Court; Suspicious vehicle, 200 block W. I-30 NSR; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound near the 74-mile marker; Alarm, 500 block E. Main Street; Alarm, 500 block Tripp Trail; Medical assistance, 4800 block FM 1777; Welfare concern, 200 block Ame Lane; Disturbance, 200 block Ame Lane; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound near the 74-mile marker; Noise disturbance, 300 block N. Houston Street
- **Tuesday, 31 May:** Criminal mischief, 6500 block W. I-30; Medical assistance, 300 block Houston Street; City ordinance violation, 300 block Rowdy Drive; Suspicious vehicle, Area of Timberhaven Trail and Evergreen Street; Accident, I-30 westbound near the 77-mile marker; Accident, 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Welfare concern, 700 block Meadowdale Drive
- **Wednesday, 1 June:** Suspicious vehicle, 500 block Hwy 66; Accident, I-30 eastbound near the 81-mile marker; Medical assistance, 1000 block Caddo Court; Medical assistance, 400 block Rowdy Drive; Suspicious person, Area of 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Suspicious person, Area of Erby Campbell Boulevard; Welfare concern, 1300 block Sandow Court
- **Thursday, 2 June:** Suspicious vehicle, 500 block E. I-30 NSR; Suspicious person, 200 block W. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 1300 block Live Oak Street; Welfare concern, Area of Pin Oak Lane; Ordinance violation, 200 block Adams Street; Suspicious person, Area of 200 block W. I-30 NSR; Suspicious vehicle, 1100 block Live Oak Street; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound from the 74-mile marker; Accident, I-30 westbound near the 79-mile marker; Rockwall County Sheriff's Office warrant arrest, 400 block W. I-30 NSR

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# Opinions

## Defining character

by Bill Pertler  
Slices of Life

I've been contemplating character lately. Not as it pertains to a character actor like Donald. I'm referring to character – as in what you stand for as a human being. To a large extent, your character defines who you are. And whether it is good or bad, strong or weak, your character is built over time through the actions and decisions you make.

As a mom, I think about the character of my kids. It's important to us as moms and dads. And, although our kids may not ponder it deeply as we do, it's important to them as well. Especially as they step out into the real world and forge a way for themselves. You can be a smart, athletic and charismatic and good looking, but if you don't have a good (strong) character then none of the other stuff is going to get you anywhere. At least not for long. And at least not anywhere worth going.

I like to hand out advice to my kids like it is candy (while they are more like I am an empty Kit Kat wrapper in the middle of the wrapper), and have come up with some unsolicited thoughts about character. I put this ever-useful mom information in an across-the-board because I enjoy playing with words almost as much as I enjoy giving my kids advice. Character:

**H – Humble.** A person of character cares about others in the truest sense. He has the ability to empathize and understand the emotions of others. She is kind not just to people, but animals and Mother

Earth. She cares about the world around her.

**H – Humble, honest and heartfelt.** I couldn't narrow this one down to just one "H" because they are all key. A person with character approaches life wholeheartedly; he is 100-percent behind the tasks set before him. He is honest in his abilities, humble when faced with difficulties and, more importantly, with successes.

**A – Attitude.** It makes all the difference in how we see things. A person with a positive attitude can move mountains; someone with a negative attitude gives up before even trying. When a person of great character is faced with a difficult task, her first thought is not, "I can't," but "How?"

**R – Responsibility.** I fear this trait is lacking in our it's-not-my-fault culture. When we fail a test, it's most likely because we didn't study, not because the teacher is out to get us. We will all make mistakes. Owning up to them is part of learning not to make those same mistakes in the future. A person of character takes his responsibilities seriously. He admits when he messes up and then he moves forward.

**A – Ambitious actions.** Again, I couldn't pick just one because action and ambition so often go hand in hand. A person of character is not only ambitious, she puts those ambitions into action – most often for the betterment of others, and in the best case scenario tries her best to be anonymous. (There's another one.)

**C – Contributions.** A person of character contributes – to the community, family, charities and wherever he is needed. He seeks out

opportunities to give to others because time, energy and talent should be shared.

**T – Trustworthy.** Making good on obligations and commitments is important to a person with great character. She can be trusted to keep a promise. She is loyal to friends and family and is known as a person of her word.

**E – Ethical.** The dictionary defines this as humane, moral, respectable, decent, honest and noble. I couldn't have summed it up better myself. A person of character is true to himself while being true to others. He follows the rules. He has a honed moral compass and has it pointed straight in the direction of decency.

**R – Respect.** A person of character respects others as well as herself. This often involves putting the needs of others before her own. She admires and is grateful for the abilities, talents and achievements of others and demonstrates acceptance of people with differing opinions and beliefs.

Our character determines how we respond to the circumstances in our life. It is the core of what makes us who we are as individuals. As spring blossoms into summer and we see our kids graduate – whether from college, high school or kindergarten – I hope they (and we as parents) are spending as much time and energy building their character as we are with sports teams, summer reading and the multiplication tables. And even more importantly, I hope we all realize we are still building ours.

## The Keynesians stole the jobs

by Ron Paul

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Last week the markets were shocked by a surprisingly bad jobs report – the worst monthly report in nearly six years. The experts expected the US economy to add 160,000 jobs in May, but it turns out only 38,000 jobs were added. And to make matters worse, 3,000 of those 38,000 were government jobs! Adding more government employees is a drain on the economy, not a measure of economic growth. Incredibly, there are more than 102 million people held at home (no one either unemployed or are no longer looking for work).

Richardson, TX reacted to the report quickly and decisively, gaining 2.5 percent to \$1,243 per ounce on Friday. Gold mining stocks also saw significant gains on the day.

As recently as late May, there was confident talk about a rate hike when the Federal Reserve meets in June. Transcripts of the Fed's Reserve's April meeting showed that the central bank was considering a June rate hike. With last week's jobs report and our bad news, that is increasingly unlikely. In fact, citing the weak May employment numbers, Goldman-Sachs is now predicting there is a zero percent chance of a rate hike in June. Of course, I see this as a temporary blip in an otherwise robust economy, predicting a 40 percent chance of a rate hike in July.

I don't mean to rain on Goldman's parade, but there are no signs between now and July that will propel the economy to where according to their terms a rate hike would be appropriate.

Many will point to the May employment numbers and the weak economy in general and pin all the blame on President Obama. However, Obama is only part of the problem. The real culprit is an economic philosophy shared by both Republicans and Democrats for many decades. It is a belief in the fantasy of effective central economic planning by the Federal Reserve. It is a belief that a central bank can determine better than the free market what interest rates should be. This belief results in mal-investment, spiraling debt, distorted markets, inflation, bubbles, and finally economic depression.

I was not surprised by the lousy May employment numbers. Actually, I am surprised that so many others were surprised. While the "experts" have talked about our "economic recovery" since the crash of 2008, I happen to believe we have been in a recession or even a depression for the past eight years. The government manipulates the statistics to hide how bad the economy really is, until finally a bit of the truth leaks out and everyone seems surprised.

The people sense something is wrong but many don't fully understand what it is. They have been told that more government spending will stimulate the economy and bring back jobs, and that more tinkering with interest rates will finally produce ideal economic conditions. But the real problem is that there is a cancer out there and it needs to be aggressively treated, not handed an aspirin. What we are seeing is an epic failure of the Keynesians who have tricked so many people into believing that economic interventionism can create

a perfect economy. They have mismanaged the economy and I am afraid the worst is yet to come.

All is not lost, however. I am encouraged that so many people are seeing through government deception and are turning to the study of Austrian economics to understand what is wrong with our current system and how we can rebuild the economy. Reading Mises and Rothbard is the best way to understand what is really wrong with our economy...and how it can be fixed.

## Texas National Guardsmen deploy to Middle East

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On Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., the Texas Army National Guard will bid goodbye and good luck to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 176th Engineer Brigade as they mobilize to the Middle East. The deployment ceremony will be held at Cowtown Coliseum in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Grand Prairie-based 176th Engineer Brigade Headquarters falls under the Domestic Operations Task Force of the Texas Military Department, headquartered in Austin. While deployed, the brigade's mission will be to provide engineer support and capabilities to maneuver units across the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

This Texas-based element will provide the command and control for engineer forces providing horizontal, vertical, fixed bridging and combat engineer capabilities throughout the region. Brigade leaders and Guardsmen are motivated and excited for this opportunity to serve their nation.

"If an engineer brigade headquarters had the ability to choose their mission, this is the mission we would choose," said Col. Charles M. Schoening, 176th Engineer Brigade Commander. "We have a highly trained force that is motivated and prepared to answer the call."

The brigade headquarters is made up of approximately 135 Soldiers from throughout Texas, with the majority of them calling the greater Dallas-Fort Worth area home. While overseas, the headquarters will have command and control of about 1,700 Soldiers from a variety of Active Duty, National Guard and Army Reserve engineer elements.

Following some additional training, the brigade will deploy for overseas sometime this summer.

The mission of the Texas Military Department (TMD) is to provide the Governor and the President with ready and trained forces in support of the citizens of Texas and State and Federal civil/military authorities at home and abroad.

The Texas Military Department is commanded by the Adjutant General of Texas, the state's senior military official appointed by the governor, and is comprised of the Texas Military Department (formerly the Adjutant General's Department), the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG), the Texas Air National Guard (TXANG), the Texas State Guard (TXSG) and the Domestic Operations Command (DOMOPS).

The Rockwall County News will publish a followup story following receipt of documents and answers to the below request and inquiry that was sent May 30, 2016:

1. One digital copy of the related order issued by the governor to deploy to the Middle East in support of the federal military.
2. One digital copy of the order and/or request from the federal government to the State of Texas for military support in the Middle East.

Please reply with answers to the following questions:

1. Why are Texas citizens in the Texas Military Department being deployed for foreign military service? The list provided in the last paragraph of the release does not include foreign or out-of-state military service.
2. Are the Texas citizens in the 176th Engineer Brigade required under orders to deploy? Or are they volunteering to deploy?
3. We recently received a separate press release about the Texas Military Department running training exercises. Is there a relationship between the 176th deployment and training exercises?"

### TWC malenforcement of Unemployment Compensation Act

The below 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

#### 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 Comptrollers 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 tax is limited to entities that are required by District of Columbia Law, Commonwealth 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 stated political bodies, that are engaged in statutory "employment" activity on the soil of Texas.

See Tx. Labor Code Section 201.101 (federal conformity clause) & 26 U.S.C. 3306 (c), (g), and (j)(1)

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), to 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 as 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.

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# Rockwall Lady Jackets earn softball All-District honors

The 2016 11-6A softball All-District team was recently announced. Rockwall High School Lady Jackets Reagan Swindall (Fr) and Erica Speer (Fr) were given top honors.

Swindall (center fielder) was named Offensive Player of the Year. Newcomer of the Year was awarded to Pitcher Erica Speer. Earning positions on 1st Team All-District were Shelby Court (Sr, Catcher), Dani Greenlee (Sr, Short Stop), Alyssa Henry (Sr, Right Fielder), Darryan Welborn (So, Third Base).

Hannah Frank (So, Pitcher) was named on 2nd Team All-District. Named Honorable Mention were Cassie Lawrence (So), Rebekah Allen (So), Samantha Bean (Fr) and Liz Monks (Fr).

The Rockwall team logged the highest number of All-Academic Team members, including Court, Greenlee, Henry, Taylor Edwards (Jr), Allen, Haley Claterbaugh (So), Bean, Monks Speer and Swindall.

The Lady Jackets finished the 2016 season (Overall 20-11) after falling to Waco Midway (7-1, 4-3) during the weekend of Thurs. May 12, 2016, in the Regional Quarterfinals playoffs round at Waxahachie.

Rockwall defeated Copperas Cove (7-2, 13-3) during the weekend of Fri. April 29, at the Waco ISD Complex, for Bi-District.

On Fri. May 6, the Lady Jackets defeated Highland Park (4-1) for Area.

### Rowlett High School honors:

Pitcher of the Year – Erin Kiser (Sr).

Defensive Player of the Year – Payton Sabolski (Jr, Catcher).

### Yellowjackets K-6 football camp set

The Rockwall Yellowjackets 2016 Football Camp for incoming students, grades K-6, will run from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. July 25-28 at the Kyle Practice Field at Rockwall High School.

Cost is \$80, which includes a camp T-shirt distributed on the final day of camp.

Campers should wear rubber cleats, if possible, and a T-shirt and shorts. Water will be provided.

### 1st Team All-District

Kendyl Dockter (Jr, 3rd Base), Alex Kaldin (Jr, Short Stop), Pat Jones (Sr, Center Field), Aleisa Poer (Jr, Pitcher), Victoria Rodriguez (Catcher).

### 2nd Team All-District

Kayleen Gonzalez (Jr, Right Field), Lindsey Pikulinski (Sr, Base).

Honorable Mention Carissa Dominguez (Jr), Savannah Shultz (Sr).

### All-Academic Team

Ashley Colement (Jr), Dockter, Gonzalez, Kaldin, Lauren VanC (Jr), Kiser, Pikulinski.

### Jacket Hoops Camp scheduled June 13-14

The Jacket Hoops Camp for boys will take place June 13-14 at Rockwall High School.

The morning session, serving incoming seventh, eighth and ninth grade boys, will run from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The afternoon session, open to incoming third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade boys, will run from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Camp training will focus on fundamentals such as ball handling, passing, shooting and defense. There will be plenty of competition to keep participants motivated, according to the Rockwall website.

## Sports Notes

### 2016 Caddyshack Golf Tourney planned

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce will host its 2016 Caddyshack Golf Tournament on Friday, June 17, at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club. The event will be open to the public; participation is limited, so those planning to participate should register early. A 1 p.m. shotgun start is planned. Contact the chamber to register; call Stacy Maynard at 972-771-5733.

### Lady Hawks Basketball Camp slated June 20-23

The Lady Hawks Basketball Camp will run Monday through Thursday, June 20-23.

Two sessions are scheduled, including one for incoming 2nd through 6th grade students, 9 a.m. to noon, and one for incoming 7th grade through 9th grade students from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.



Will Thatcher, son of Jon and Wendy Thatcher, shows off his roping skills after just a few seconds of instruction by Charles Lambreth of the Rockwall County Sheriff's Posse. Will, a 9-year-old third grade student, listened intently as Lambreth showed him proper positioning in the saddle and how to put the lasso over the head of the cow when roping cattle. This was one of many activities for children offered at the Rockwall County Fair sponsored by the Rockwall Soroptimists on Saturday, June 4. More than 100 booth vendors and food vendors were on hand for the event. Live music could be heard throughout the grounds as bands and singers performed. Proceeds from the nonprofit event will go toward projects benefiting women and children, including the new Children's Advocacy Center in Rockwall at the Soroptimist House. Soroptimists are a world-wide organization of volunteers who work to empower women and children.

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## Rockwall City Council

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The council recessed the public meeting into a closed meeting to discuss legal options available to the city related to possible violations of drainage and detention development standards; a facility agreement for a property adjacent to Ridge Road; and appointment of city council subcommittees, board liaisons and designation of Mayor Pro Tem.

After adjourning the closed meeting at 4:50 p.m., Mayor Pruitt reconvened the public meeting at 6:00 p.m.

City Secretary Kristy Cole administered the Oath of Office to the following unopposed city council members: John Hohenshelt (Place 2), Dennis Lewis (Place 4), and Mike Townsend (Place 6).

The council unanimously voted to name Townsend as Mayor Pro Tem.

Pruitt read and presented proclamations for "Police Week," and "Safe Boating Week."

Fire Chief Mark Poindexter spoke on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. He shared statistics indicating the importance of wearing life jackets while in and around the lake. He further shared that the Auxiliary are a group of volunteers who "utilize their own, personal watercraft to patrol the lake and provide public service in the form of performing safety inspections on boats."

During the open forum Paul Jacobs of Rockwall spoke on the issue of the recent bathroom ordinance issue. He reminded the elected officials that "sometimes taking action on an issue comes at a price, that being the price of a lawsuit. He further encouraged the city to not be dissuaded by lawsuits, and that the price of taking no action at all is far greater than taking an action.

Jaenette Keaton asked the city to consider building a hike and bike trail that is similar to the Katy Trail in Dallas. She also spoke in favor of the council's non-action on the bathroom ordinance issue.

Karen Rogancamp spoke in favor of the council's non-action on the bathroom ordinance, and expressed concerns about Mayor Pruitt's recent open letter about the bathroom ordinance.

Jill Muncy spoke against the council's non-action on the bathroom ordinance, and in support of Pruitt's open letter. On the question of government's role in public safety, she reminded the council that the U.S. has a standing army that is paid for by taxpayers and that is in place for protection.

Rita Flinchum spoke in favor of the council's non-action on the bathroom ordinance, and expressed how the city received negative press over the matter.

Judith Matherne spoke on the bathroom ordinance issue, and in criticism of Pruitt's open letter. She explained that the meaning of the term "transgender," and expressed her belief that there is no link between "transgenders" and pedophilia.

Donna Doorman expressed support for Pruitt's interest in protecting women and children, as was expressed in the Mayor's open letter.

The Mayor's open letter was published in the Thurs. May 19, 2016 issue of the Rockwall County News.

The council unanimously passed the consent agenda, which include three ordinances establishing a "prima facie" speed limit with a penalty, under the Transportation Code. The city attorney did not advise the council on whether the cited Transportation Code Section 545.356 falls under the authority of Sections 545.351 and 545.352; and whether the language of Sections 545.351 Maximum Speed Requirement and 545.352 Prima Facie Speed Limits include language designating noncompliance of speed limits as a criminal offense punishable by fine.

### The consent agenda included:

• A request for the approval of an ordinance for the annexation of a tract of land situated within the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

• Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Facilities Agreement with Meritage Homes of Texas to extend/reconstruct Quail run Road in front of Fire Station Number Three in the amount not to exceed \$245,147.45, with funding from the 2009 G.O. Bonds.

• Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Data Transfer Solutions in the amount of \$76,160 to perform a pavement assessment on streets, alleys and sidewalks in the City of Rockwall.

• Approval of an ordinance to negotiate settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corporation, regarding the company's 2016 rate review mechanism filings.

• Approval of resolution abandoning the right-of-way for Rolling Meadows Drive and Rolling Meadows Circle, and recognizing them as private streets to be maintained by the Rolling Meadows Homeowner's Association.

• Consider a request from owner Robert John Crowell of Crowell Development Corporation for the approval of a final plat for Wanda Ridge Estates located north of the intersection of Wanda Lane and FM-548.

The city did not publish the required notices for the agenda items in accordance with state law.

Chief Appraiser Patricia Davis addressed the issue of recent

countywide increases in assessed property value appraisals. He fielded questions from Mayor Pruitt and council members. Davis explained that values, overall, were low in the County, and that the values were especially low.

### Public Hearing items included:

• Request from Bob Hubbard of EZ Mart Stores for the approval of an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit to allow a retail store with more than two gasoline dispensers for general retail district land located at 2901 Ridge Road (1st reading). Passed unanimously.

• Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request from Marvin Wu of West Union Investment, Co. for the approval of an ordinance for a zoning change from agricultural district to a planned development district for sing-family 10 district land uses, located on Rochell Road south of the intersection of Rochell Road and SH-130 (1st reading).

• Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request from Lakeside Church of Christ of Rockwall for approval of an ordinance for a zoning change from agricultural district to a planned development district for single family 10 district land uses located on the north side of Airport Road, west of the intersection of Airport Road and FM-3549.

10 people spoke on the issue, including Mike Singleton, Hank Eavenson, Dwight Walker, Quinn Johnson, Bob Carroll, Hank Seay, Donna Orr, Kerry Prisco, Roger Shank and Craig Zolkow. All speakers expressed approval of the ordinance, with some expressing concerns about the tree line. The ordinance was approved unanimously.

### Action items highlights include:

• Ordinance adopting the 2015 International Building Code, Residential Code, Mechanical Code, Plumbing Code, Fuel Gas Code and Energy Code, Existing Building Code and the 2014 National Electric Code with certain local amendments (2nd reading).

The motion passed by a 5-2 vote with Pruitt and White opposing.

• Ordinance repealing the 2009 International Fire Code and adopting the 2015 International Fire Codes (2nd reading). The motion passed 6-1 with White opposing.

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

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