

Rockwall County Obituaries

Edwin Alfred Keegan

A memorial service for Edwin Alfred Keegan, 83, was conducted at 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 3, 2015, in the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall with Dr. Joe Pool officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



He died, surrounded by his family, on July 30.

Born to Margaret and Tom Keegan in 1932 in Chandler, Oklahoma, a town his family helped settle in the Oklahoma land rush, he graduated from Chandler High School where he met Martha Sue Keegan, whom he described as being the "nicest girl he ever met." As small children the two even went to each other's birthday parties. The pair married in 1953.

A high school track and football star, he lost his leg at the age of 16 playing football for the Chandler Lions, but he never let it slow him down. Despite having a wooden leg, he earned a pilot's license and took his wife and children on mountain motorcycle rides in Colorado. He parlayed his expertise in dealing with one leg into "Sam the Peg-legged Man" stories he told his children and their friends around the campfire.

After graduating from high school, he attended the University of Oklahoma and graduated in 1953. He studied business and was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Following graduation, he secured a job with Continental (Conoco) Oil Co. in Oklahoma City. The family moved to several cities across the country, living in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Wichita, Kansas; Houston; Humble; Marlboro, New Jersey; New Canaan, Connecticut; and Rockwall. He served Conoco as an international negotiator and in this role traveled to Great Britain, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Russia, Uzbekistan, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Yugoslavia, Colombia, Brazil, Nigeria, Hong Kong, South Korea, Ghana, Somalia, Libya, Togo, Japan, Thailand, Vietnam, the Philippines, Burma, Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea and Australia.

In 1975, he moved to Rockwall, taking a job with Texas Pacific Oil Co. Following Texas Pacific, he pursued various independent ventures, including a drilling venture in Colombia. He also was an investor and developer of land in Rockwall and Collin counties. He never believed in retirement.

Survivors include his wife and children, Tom Lee Keegan, Karen Kay Keegan, Edwin Alfred Keegan II and Patrick Kevin Keegan, as well as his son-in-law, Guy Weaver Van Syckle Jr.; his daughters-in-law, Yvonne and Jane Keegan; and his grandchildren, Kathryn Victoria Van Syckle, Guy Weaver Van Syckle III, Fallon Sue Keegan, Sean Edwin Keegan, Caitlin Jane Keegan and Joshua Kedash Keegan.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the church building fund or the charity of the donor's choice.

Norma Alice Klutts

Services for Norma Alice Klutts, 98, a lifelong resident and member of a pioneer Rockwall County family, were conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015, in the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall with Dr. Joe Pool officiating. Burial was in the Rockwall Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.



She died July 29. Born to Elmer and Martha Edwards on July 13, 1917, in Fate, she was a 1936 graduate of Rockwall High School. She married Ben Klutts of Rockwall on June 20, 1937. The two were married for 66 years until he died on Feb. 21, 2003.

She spent her life as a homemaker and relished her roles as a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. A member of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, Eastern Star and multiple bridge clubs throughout her life, she was actively involved in the community, especially during her husband's 12 years as mayor of Rockwall. She always will be remembered for her kind heart and unselfish deeds.

Survivors include her children, Betty Klutts Barton and her husband, Wesley, and Ben Klutts Jr. and his wife, Julie; five grandchildren, Becky Barton Sinclair and her husband, Greg, Brenda Barton Neuwirt and her husband, Craig, Beverly Barton Gentry and her husband, Danny, Ben Klutts III and his wife, Angie, and Kelly Klutts Hawk and her husband, Jordan; 11 great-grandchildren, Patrick and Kylie Sinclair, Kaitlyn, Lauren and Matthew Neuwirt, Allison and Tyler Gentry, Emily and Kaylee Klutts and Hadley and Conway Hawk, all of Rockwall; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a sister, Imogene Wright; and a great-grandson, Landon Klutts.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the church building fund.

Royse City tackles street repairs, financing ...

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firm has indicated the entire cost of the project should be under \$2.5 million. Lopez said there would be no tax increase needed in relation to the project.

The workshop was a time for the council, Lopez, Alsbrook, city attorney Justin Day and Raymond to hear and discuss information regarding the repairs or replacement costs and the potential timeline for the work to begin.

Alsbrook said that those three streets didn't just need repairs, they needed to totally be replaced with concrete.

Councilman James Branch continued to challenge Lopez, Raymond and Alsbrook, wanting more exact facts of the cost and beginning construction dates for the new streets.

"If we pass this tonight," he said, "when will we see construction begin?"

Raymond and Lopez told Branch there would have to be a bond sale next spring and if it passed, construction could begin in late 2016 or early 2017.

Branch kept trying to pin Lopez, Raymond and Alsbrook down to the date of when the construction would begin and an approximate completion date - when the streets would be "ready to drive on."

Alsbrook told Mayor Janet Nichol that he wanted a decision before the night was over as to what the plans were for the project.

Lopez also told the council that they would vote on the three streets when all the information was available as to needs and costs. He estimated that all the information should be in and ready for a vote by the council in about a month and at which time more information on the exact funding of the street project will be available.

During the regular scheduled council meeting, when the Phase 1 of the street repairs was brought up for a vote, 6-1 agreed with the plan presented by Lopez. Charles Houk, the Place 1 councilman, cast the opposing vote.

All members of the council were present for the meeting except Councilman Clay Ellis.

The next council meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, at the Police and Courts Building, 100 W. Main St.

CASA gets new office, needs more volunteers

Lone Star CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) has opened a new Kaufman County office, but is in need of additional volunteers.

The new office is located in the Wells Fargo Bank building at 2100 S. Washington St., Kaufman.

More volunteers are needed to serve the foster children of Rockwall and Kaufman counties, according to the CASA news release. Volunteers from all cultures, professions and educational backgrounds are welcome.

Volunteers must complete 30 hours of new volunteer training; review case records; research information, prepare court reports; make recommendations to the court, advocate in court; and complete 12 hours of training per year.

The next volunteer training session is scheduled to begin in October. Three information sessions are scheduled for this month to provide information to individuals interested in helping local children. Dates include:

- Monday, Aug. 17 - Kaufman CASA Office, Wells Fargo Bank building, 2100 S. Washington, Kaufman, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 18 - Rockwall CASA Office, 108 Kenway, Rockwall, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 20 - First Presbyterian Church, 12433 FM 1641, Forney, 6:30 p.m.

Be kind one to another with tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:23

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ribbon-cutting marking the park's opening will be conducted at 10 a.m. Snow cones, drinks and snacks will be served. Face painting and puppet shows also will be offered. The public is invited.

RHS Stingerettes to host dance clinic

The Rockwall High Stingerettes will host a Storybook Dance Clinic for girls entering K-6th grade on Aug. 10-14 at Middle School. Stingerette officers will teach dance techniques a routine to be performed on the final day of camp. Each girl will receive refreshments daily, a clinic T-shirt and a photo with Stingerettes; participants also will be invited to join the Stingerettes in their pre-game spirit line at the first RHS home football game. Tickets will be \$90 for those pre-registering before July 20, \$100 after that day or at the door on the first day. The clinic will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Contact Edith Davis at 214-926-8526 or edithj4@att.net for more details.

Hope Mobile spay/neuter hospital dates set

Upcoming dates for the Spay Neuter Network's Hope Mobile spay/neuter hospital bus that is parked in the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot are set for Aug. 14, Sept. 11 and Oct. 9. Surgeries are performed on a low-cost package are available; walk-up vaccinations are offered from 10 a.m. to noon (watch spayneuternet.org for online appointment). Call 972-472-3500 for appointments; limited space is available. Dog collars cannot be slipped; cats must be in secure carriers. For more details, visit the nonprofit Rockwall PAWS website at rockwallpaws.com or email rockwallpaws@att.net. The network funds the treatment of heartworm-positive Rockwall shelter dogs.

Mobley to perform at Farmers Market

Clay Mobley will be the featured performer at the Saturday, Aug. 15, Farmers Market on the downtown square in Rockwall. The market will be open from 8 a.m. until noon.

Rockwall Democrats to meet

The Rockwall County Democratic Party will meet from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Aug. 15 at the Harry Meyer Community Center. All Democrats are welcome. Visit rockwalldems.com for more details.

CASA information sessions slated

Lone Star CASA will host three information sessions for potential volunteers this month. Sessions are set for Monday, Aug. 17, at the Kaufman CASA Office, Wells Fargo Bank building, 2100 S. Washington, in Kaufman; Tuesday, Aug. 18, in the Rockwall CASA Office, 107 Kenway, Rockwall; and Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Presbyterian Church, 12433 FM 1641, Forney. All three sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers from all cultures, professions and educational backgrounds are needed. For more details call 972-5858 or email vickie@lonestarcasa.org.

U.S. Chamber to host Partnership Luncheon

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Partnership Luncheon at noon on Aug. 19 at the Rockwall County Courthouse, Liberty Hall, 1111 Yellow Jacket Lane. Guest speaker will be Ratcliffe, U.S. congressman, who will provide a general update on Washington, D.C., and the impacts on the community. Register by contacting the Rockwall Area Chamber at 972-771-5733.

Farmers Market to feature Efeney

Trey Efeney will be the featured performer at the Saturday, Aug. 15, Farmers Market on the downtown square in Rockwall. The market will be open from 8 a.m. until noon.

Sports physicals, immunizations offered

The Health Center of Helping Hands, 102 S. First St., Suite 101, Rockwall, is offering \$25 sports physicals from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. For an appointment call 972-772-8194. Low-cost immunizations also are being offered from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. through Aug. 29. Walk-ins are welcome; no appointment needed. Shot records are required. Immunizations are available for uninsured and those on Texas Medicaid; private insurance will be accepted.

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Rockwall County Entertainment

Tickets available for 'West Side Story'

Tickets for Rockwall Summer Musicals' "West Side Story" production are now available. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. Aug. 13-15 and 2 p.m. Aug. 16 at the RHS Performing Arts Center at Utley, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall. Cost are \$19.95 for adults, \$17.95 for seniors/students. Tickets are available online at showclix.com/events/9148 or by calling 1-888-71-TICKETS.

'Cinderella' to be screened Aug. 7

The movie "Cinderella" will be screened beginning at 9:15 a.m. Aug. 7 at City Lake Park. The event is part of the Hot Summer Series organized by the Royse City Parks & Recreation Department.

Casino for a Cause, silent auction set

The Royse City Chamber will host its annual Casino for a Cause and silent auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, at Southern Junction Nightclub, 5574 SH 276, Royse City. Cost is \$25 per person, which includes a steak dinner with beverage, two tickets, casino cash, prizes and admission to the silent auction. Southern Ride Band will provide music for entertainment and dancing. Visit roysecitychamber.com, email info@roysecitychamber.com or call 972-636-5000 to register and pay. Proceeds benefit community improvement and nonprofit efforts. The public is invited.

Gospel quartet to perform Aug. 9 in R'wall

The Pathfinders Gospel Quartet from Midlothian will perform at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, at the First United Methodist Church, 1201 Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. The group will perform traditional gospel music. Complimentary childcare will be provided. Advance reservations (972-771-5500). The Rockwall Squares Gospel Group also will perform. A free-will offering will be collected and cookies-and-punch reception will follow. The public is invited.

Family Fun Friday set at The Harbor

The next Family Fun Friday, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be conducted at The Harbor on Aug. 7. Family activities such as dancing, games, bounce house and more will be offered. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glow sticks will be available for purchase. "Big Hero 6" will be screened at dusk.

History of State Fair to be explored

The history of the State Fair, which began in 1886, will be explored Sept. 11 as part of the Sheri Stodhill Lecture Series, formerly Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. in the third courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

Senior Health Fair set Sept. 16

A Senior Health Fair will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at The Center. The event will be hosted by the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department.

Family Fun Friday set at Hickory Ridge

The next Family Fun Friday, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be conducted at Hickory Ridge Park on Aug. 25. Family activities such as dancing, games, bounce house and more will be offered. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glow sticks will be available for purchase. "Paddington" will be screened at dusk.

Rib Rub Run & Roll planned

Rockwall's 7th Annual Rib Rub Run & Roll will take place Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Rockwall Community Center. The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and is free to the public. For more information, call 972-771-5733.

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- TXism: "got as much ___ as a hibernating bear"
- this Baldwin was in film "The Aviator" about TX Hughes
- in Hays Co. on I-35
- Roberts of 2007 film "Nancy Drew" with TX Kay Panabaker
- early TX land grants were made by this entity (2 wds.)
- "walking on ___"
- Chireno's "Gingerbread House" has this facade (2 wds.)
- ACU degree
- for older TXNs: Medi ___
- hot dog
- Hawaiian beach (without the first "I")
- 1980 song: "Raisin' ___ in Texas"
- TX-made salsa
- Nolte of film "North Dallas Forty" (init.)
- not expecting?
- trim off
- TXism: "___ some gravel" (fell)
- former TX pro DB for Detroit who is in Hall of Fame
- TX-born fashion designer, Oldham
- TX or IA town
- home of SFA
- football, e.g.
- Santa word
- TXism: "I took a ___" (drink)

DOWN

- TXism: "it ___ to rope him" (large man)
- Rachel McLish was 1980 & 1982 "Ms. ___"
- community college in Corpus Christi
- Old ___ TX
- TX Sly Stone's "___ to Take You Higher"
- saddle
- TXism: "tough row to ___" (difficult)
- this Durning was the coach in "North Dallas Forty" (init.)
- A&M administrators
- computer address (abbr.)
- TXism: "take a look ___"
- TX ghost town: "The ___ Light" (exclamation)
- TXism: "Well, I ___!" (exclamation)
- "Dallas" was a prime time ___ opera
- TX Tommy who won 10 Tony Awards
- bounty hunter's quest in early TX
- how TX tea is best served (2 wds.)
- O'Daniel was 34th gov. of TX
- South TX rancher: Mary ___ West
- middles
- "Texas Troubadour" ___ Tubb
- Palo Duro, et al.
- this co. no longer sends telegrams in TX (abbr.)
- TXism: "if I was ___ better, I couldn't stand it"
- Hereford AM/FM
- Belfast Army (abbr.)
- Creek in Palo Pinto County
- TXism: "trust every body but always cut the ___"
- football protectors
- TXism: "two-bit ___" (bad horse)
- Red Steagall: "Official Cowboy ___ of Texas"
- Fort Worth Star-Telegram founder: ___ Carter
- another TX dance
- TX radio feature: "___ From Baseball's Past"
- female univ. student
- brand the hide
- long curtain
- this George was Oilers' 1st QB
- TXism: "could ___ the drops" (little rain)

RC to participate in Clear the Shelters event

Royse City Animal Control at 1101 N. Josephine St. in Royse City is scheduled to participate in this year's Clear the Shelters event on Aug. 15.

On that date, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., the shelter will waive the spay/neuter fee in the hope of attracting more prospective pet owners, according to a Clear the Shelter news release. Other shelter fees may still apply.

The local shelter is one of 39 North Texas facilities participating in the area-wide event. More than 300 shelters have signed up to participate across the U.S., according to a Clear the Shelter news event.

According to the animal shelter's website, it is open by appointment only. Staff and volunteers are regularly on duty at the shelter; however, those planning to visit are encouraged to call ahead: 214-796-1445 or 214-934-9352.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Speaking in tongues ... believe, then receive

According to Acts 19:2, Paul asked certain disciples an important question, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" This is a simple, yet extremely important question. It helps to understand the essence of true baptism and salvation. It was Paul's desire that all might be saved. Thus, it stands to reason that his question was directly related to obtaining salvation.

The word "receive" was translated from the ancient Greek word "Lambano" which meant to lay hold of, or seize unto something. It carried a sense of permanent ownership.

The term "the Holy Ghost" was translated from the Greek word pneuma hagion, which simply meant "holy spirit." It did not include the article "the."

A comparative word study of the uses of pneuma hagion with and without the article "the" goes a long way toward right interpretation of God's word.

Notice that the words "you believed" refer to a prerequisite for receiving holy spirit. He said, "Have you received ... since you believed?" According to Romans 10:9-10, believing results in righteousness (being filled with holy spirit).

Returning to Acts 2:4, what did they do to receive, after they believed?

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Romans 10: 9-10

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

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

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding;"
Proverbs 3:5

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

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known ..."
Proverbs 3:6

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1 John 4:16

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On July 9, representatives of the Transformation American Church signed a loan for construction of a new church building to be built on property on SH 205 near Kensington Drive in McLendon-Chisolm. Pictured from left are Cookie Ray of Republic Title Company; Scott Baker of American National Bank in Rockwall; Father Don McLane, pastor of the church; and John Shaver, the church's executive director of ministries. The church moved to Rockwall in 2008 and meets at 10 am Sundays at Heritage Christian Academy.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

University Scholastics Honors

Six locals named to SHSU Dean's List

Six local residents were among students named to the Dean's List at Sam Houston State University, according to a news release from the Huntsville university.

Honorees include Lindsey Whitfield of Fate, Gregory Daniells of Royse City and Sarah Bigham, Camille Cotsakis, Alissa Powell and Kaitlyn Saunders of Rockwall.

The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who achieve at least a 3.5 grade-point average out of a possible 4.0 during a semester, according to the release.

Three named to SHSU Honor Roll

Three local residents were among students named to the President's Honor Roll at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, according to a university news release.

Honorees include Lindsey Whitfield of Fate and Sarah Bigham and Camille Cotsakis of Rockwall.

The President's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who achieve a perfect 4.0 grade-point average during a regular semester.

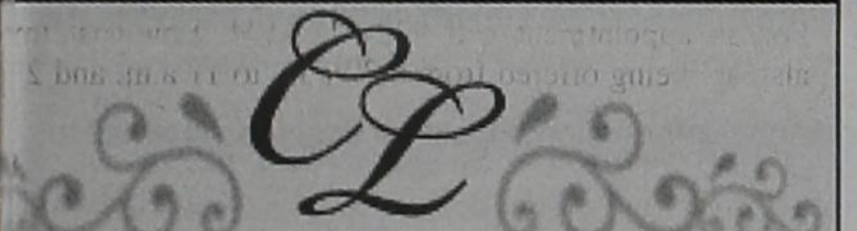
These students were recognized for academic achievement achieved during semester, according to the news release.

University Scholastics Degrees

Whitney receives business degree

Carron Whitney of Royse City graduated cum laude from the University of North Texas in Longview, according to a university news release.

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The County of Rockwall will only consider those proposals which include an unconditional stipulation that there will be no "lasering" or individually specified deductible assignments initially or at each subsequent renewal period.

The effective date of reinsurance coverage is to be October 1, 2015. Proposals must be delivered to the office of The Director of Human Resources by 1:00 pm CDST on Friday, August 14, 2015. Proposals must be sealed and contained within an envelope marked by the following designation:

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Andrada to perform at Farmers Market

Victor Andrada will be the featured performer at the Saturday, Aug. 29, Farmers Market on the downtown square in Rockwall. The market will be open from 8 a.m. until noon.

Farmers Market to feature Amber Logue

Amber Logue will be the featured performer at the Saturday, Sept. 5, Farmers Market on the downtown square in Rockwall. The market, which will open weekly until the last

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Oct. 3. Activities will include the 5k run, a car show, motorcycle show, barbecue contest, a kids zone, beer tasting and live music all day long. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Program slated on Parker Cemetery

Jan Willess Johnson will talk about one of the oldest Rockwall cemeteries, Parker Cemetery, on Oct. 9 as part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, at noon in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. The cemetery is the final resting place for some of the county's earliest settlers, including the Truitt, Hays, Orr, Collins, Parker and Willess families. Lectures are free and open to the public.

Nov. 13 program to focus on Rayburn

Sam Rayburn, one of Texas' best-known statesmen, will be the focus of the Nov. 13 program, part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

Rock wall to be revisited

The history of the rock wall and recent developments about the unique underground structure will make up the Dec. 11 program that will be part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

Rockwall County Sheriff's Office

July Report

- Calls for service - 786
Incidents/investigations:
• Aggravated assault - 1
• Simple assault - 3
• Burglary/breaking & entering - 4
• Theft from motor vehicle - 2
• Theft of motor vehicle parts or accessories - 1
• Motor vehicle theft - 1
• Credit card/ATM fraud - 1
• Impersonation - 2
• Destruction/damage/vandalism of property - 2
• Drug/narcotic violations - 12
• Weapon law violations - 1
• Driving under the influence - 3
• Drunkenness - 2
• Liquor law violations - 1
• All other offenses - 98
• Total offenses - 138; total incidents - 117
- Arrests:
• Simple assault - 1
• Burglary/breaking & entering - 1
• Drug/narcotic violations - 12
• Drug equipment violations - 3
• Weapon law violations - 1
• Driving under the influence - 3
• Drunkenness - 2
• Liquor law violations - 1
• All other offenses - 131
Total charges - 155; total arrests - 72
- Accidents:
• Total accidents - 9
- Criminal papers:
• Affidavit for surety to go off bond (171) - 11
• Affidavit for surety to go off bond (171) - 8
• Bench warrant - 7
• Bond forfeiture - 27
• Civil - 2
• Failure to appear for court - 49
• Insufficient bond - 7
• Motion to adjudicate guilt - 7
• Motion to revoke probation - 25
• Probable cause - 5
• Traffic - 121
• Warrant - 25
• Total criminal papers served - 283; total criminal papers - 294
- Civil papers:
• Citation - 14
• Citation by publication - 2
• Criminal subpoena - 7
• Notice - 1
• Notice to show cause - 1
• Order of sale - 3
• Order to appear & show cause - 1
• Precept to serve - 1
• Subpoena - duces tecum civil - 1
• Summons - 3
• Total civil papers served - 27; total civil papers - 34

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legally qualifies for publication of required legal notices for all government units located in Rockwall County as a newspaper of general circulation under Texas Government Code Section 2051.044, 2051.045, 2051.046, 2051.048 (b) and (c), and 2051.049.

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Rockwall teams return with medals

Texas Amateur Athletic Federation hosted its 89th annual Games of Texas at Bryan-College, Thurs. July 30 to Sun. Aug. 2, with at least 13 Rockwall area athletes competing in the Track & Field event.

Collins returned with the gold medal in 800M run (14 & under) with a championship time of 2:24.14. She shaved nearly 4 seconds off her Regional meet time of 2:28.14.

ns also placed 4th in the 400M dash with a time of 1:00.90.

etes returning with 2nd place finish were Canyon Hall (12U) and Dkaira Otis (18U).

finished the 80M Hurdles in a time of 13.05, just short of Landon Walker's 1st place time of 12.90.

finished the 300M Hurdles in 45.62 seconds, and took 5th place in the 100M Hurdles with a time of 1:22.00.

ing 3rd in 100M dash 14U was Kendelle McCoy with a time of 12.76 seconds. McCoy also finished with a time of 25.87 in the 200M dash.

Collins took a 3rd place finish in the 800M run with a time of 2:28.51. Collins also finished 10th in the 400M dash with a time of 1:00.90.

Rockwall area athletes placing were:

Collins 10U – Girls Shot put 4th place distance of 21-05.50

Horan 18U (McKinney) – Girls 400M Dash, 7th with a time of 57.94

Norris 18U (Lakepointe T) – Boys Pole Vault, 9th with a height of 13-06

Hickmon 18U (Lakepointe T) – Girls 200M Dash, 12th place time of 1:02.24

Rockwall 'A' 14U – Girls 4x100M relay team of Liah Collins, Kailah Gilmore, Gabrielle Lapiano, and Kendelle McCoy, 19th place time of 53.57.

During the Track & Field games, two former athletes retained their record-breaking results for another year.

Brianna Richardson broke the record during the 2010 games, in the Girls Triple Jump 18U with a distance of 39-01.25.

Samantha Redding reached a record-breaking height of 10-03 during the 2010 games in the Girls 14U Pole Vault event.

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Legal Notices

2015 Property Tax Rates in County of Rockwall

This notice concerns 2015 property tax rates for County of Rockwall. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:		General Fund
Last year's operating taxes		\$24,293,423
Last year's debt taxes		\$6,715,624
Last year's total taxes		\$31,009,047
Last year's tax base		\$7,099,994,428
Last year's total tax rate		0.395900/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)		\$28,089,515
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)		\$7,284,975,569
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund		0.385581/\$100
Total effective tax rate		0.385581/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)		\$22,094,569
+ This year's adjusted tax base		\$7,284,975,569
= This year's effective operating rate		0.303289/\$100
+ 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate		0.327552/\$100
+ This year's debt rate		0.108248/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund		0.435800/\$100
This year's total rollback rate		0.435800/\$100

For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rate for pollution control		0.014537/\$100
= Rollback tax rate		0.450337/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If County of Rockwall adopts a 2015 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.385581 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2014 taxes by \$992,021.

Schedule B: 2015 Debt Service: General Fund

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
County Obligations Fund	4,120,000	3,902,880	8,000	8,030,880
Total required for 2015 debt service				\$8,030,880
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2015				\$8,030,880
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 98.000000% of its taxes in 2015				\$163,896
= Total Debt Levy				\$8,194,776

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The County of Rockwall spent \$ 212,049 from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is 68,445.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 841 Justin Road, Rockwall, TX 75032. Name of person preparing this notice: Patricia Davis Title: Chief Appraiser Date prepared: July 27, 2015

Opinions

Dodging the storm

Bill Pertler
 es of Life

are at the lake and they are swimming – despite the gray clouds and looming weather, which dampen everything except their spirits. They seem oblivious to the oncoming onslaught, even the air hangs heavy and dark, even though it is late afternoon – prime time for summer storms. I walk down to the beach. They are as unaware of me as they are of the overcast sky. I sit on the dock with my toes in the water watching them jump and dive. Splashing. Laughing. Dunking each other the others do.

The youngest looks up and sees me. "You don't have to watch us," he says.

is right. They are old enough to swim together without me being right there. The days of required supervision are gone.

"now," I say. "I just want to."

son, familiar with my motherly weirdness, accepts my presence and goes on dunking.

Sometimes it's like that. Motherhood. Parenthood. We sit and watch them because we want to and because they are in the water and we are on the dock. They are on the court and we are on the bleachers and we are outside and we are at the window. They are on the field and we are in the stands. They are here and we are in the audience. They are sleeping in bed and we linger at their doorway.

Sometimes in quiet moments of contemplation, when the world seems to stop and we are alone with our thoughts, we ponder who they are and the vulnerability they create in us. We reflect on a love so great we wouldn't have imagined it had we not experienced it firsthand. Such deep thoughts can make us teary and emotional, and when this happens we try not to let them see us in such a state because they wouldn't understand. Think us silly, even. At least that's what we believe.

Under rustles in the distance. The storm is growing closer.

"under," I say. "Time to get out."

er years growing up at the lake they understand that lightning and swimming do not mix. Without the usual arguments, they head toward me and I ready the towels to loop over their shoulders and them from the wind. The oncoming weather is making me feel protective. It's hard to explain the love of motherhood that can roll in out of nowhere, much like a summer storm.

They reach the safety of the dock before the first raindrops hit and we sprint toward shelter and I wish it always be like this. Running together to the safety of the cabin. Dodging the storm. Sitting on the dock keeping them safe from thunder and lightning.

Everything.

That can't happen. Won't happen. Because that is not how life works – not how it's supposed to be. It's not always possible to keep them safe. It isn't always as easy as hearing thunder and knowing it's time to get out of the water. Sometimes it's impossible to dodge the storm. Sometimes we won't get there in time for them. Not because we wouldn't if we could; but because it isn't possible. Because we aren't supposed to be there all of the time every time.

As they go through life, they will stumble and they will fall (much like we did). Most times they will get up. It's possible there may come a time when they don't. That is the truth.

Thankfully, most days we don't contemplate this. You can't as a parent or you'd die from the worry and anxiety and the fear of all the things that could or might go wrong. So you walk down to the beach. You watch them from the dock and track the storm from the safety of the cabin. And you try to drink in and appreciate it for what it is. Moment by moment.

And you realize the best and most you can do is give thanks for days like these. For simple times when together is enough.

When it is more than enough.

Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author.

Do we need to bring back internment camps?

Ron Paul
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ired General Wesley Clark, who was NATO commander during the US bombing of Serbia, pro that "disloyal Americans" be sent to internment camps for the "duration of the conflict." Discussing the recent military base shootings in Chattanooga, TN, in which five US service members were killed, he recalled the internment of American citizens during World War II who were merely suspected of being Nazi sympathies. He said: "back then we didn't say 'that was freedom of speech,' we put him in a camp."

called for the government to identify people most likely to be radicalized so we can "cut this off at the source." That sounds like "pre-crime"!

n. Clark ran for president in 2004 and it's probably a good thing he didn't win considering what would have happened to him if he had. He was his disregard for the Constitution. Unfortunately in the current presidential race Donald Trump even one-upped Clark, stating recently that NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden is a traitor and should be treated like one, implying that the government should kill him.

ese statements and others like them most likely reflect the frustration felt in Washington over a 15 year war on terror where there has been no victory and where we actually seem worse off than when we started. The real problem is they will argue and bicker over changing tactics but their interventionist strategy remains the same.

tired Army Gen. Mike Flynn, who was head of the Defense Intelligence Agency during the US wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, told al-Jazeera this week that US drones create more terrorists than they kill. He said "The more weapons we give, the more bombs we drop, that just ... fuels the conflict."

il Washington pursues the same strategy while expecting different results.

s probably almost inevitable that the warhawks will turn their anger inward, toward Americans who are the victims of the endless and costly wars. The US loss of the Vietnam war is still blamed by many on the interventionists at home rather than on the foolishness of the war based on a lie in the first place.

It's not surprising that these threats from Clark and Trump are not a trial balloon leading to a clampdown on our liberties. There are a few reasons we should be concerned. Last week the US House passed a bill that would allow the Secretary of State to unilaterally cancel an American citizen's passport if he determines the person has "aided" or "abetted" a terrorist organization. And as of this writing, the Senate is debating a similar bill that would allow the Secretary of State to cancel the passport of any American who owes too much money to the IRS.

canceling a passport means removing the right to travel, which is a kind of virtual internment camp. A person would find his movements restricted, either being prevented from leaving or entering the United States. Neither of these measures involves any due process or possibility of appeal, and the government's evidence supporting the action can be kept secret.

It should demand an end to these foolish wars that even the experts admit are making matters worse. Of course we need a strong defense, but we should not provoke the hatred of others through drones, wars, or pushing regime change overseas. And we must protect our civil liberties here at home from the interventionist elites who increasingly view us as the enemy.

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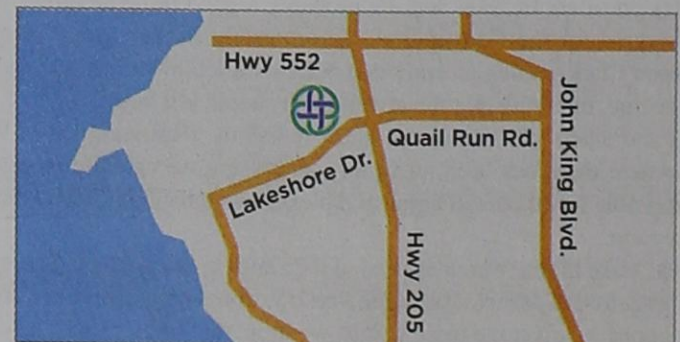
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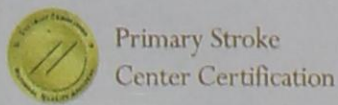
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