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Griffeth named director of Fate DPS

by Millie Jean Coppedge

Fate has a new Department of Public Safety director, Brian Griffeth. With 30 years of law enforcement under his belt, Griffeth's accomplishments read like a Who's Who for Law Enforcement. He worked with the Garland Police Department from 1983 until he retired in 2007. His previous positions were as legal liaison in the Garland Police Department to the Dallas County District Attorney's Office for 17 years. He was also a K-9 handler and trainer. He served five years for the City of Fate for the Department of Public Safety and was assistant fire chief and fire marshal. In 2005 he volunteered for the City of Fate, then in 2006 moved on to the Fate Volunteer Department. After working for the City of Fate for 10 years, Griffeth went to work as the Rockwall County fire marshal from 2009-2010. In various positions in law enforcement, Griffeth also served for 10 months as lieutenant for the City of Fate Sheriff's Department in Montana.

On Oct. 1, 2013, Fate's newly organized Department of Public Safety under Griffeth's direction will have 11-time sworn public safety personnel must be triple certified, which means the officer must be a police officer, firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). There are with 12 positions to be filled by Griffeth, the 21 volunteer fire department personnel also will remain on active status.

During the time the City of Fate was taking applications for the position of DPS director, a national search produced 70 applications for the job.

When the 48-year-old was asked if he has a bucket list of things he would like someday to do, he replied, "Go salmon fishing in Alaska. I'd also like to someday get to the point in my life when I can spend more time with my lovely wife, Terri. Our favorite thing that we love to do is to spend time together curled up on the couch just watching television, a real luxury with today's busy schedules. We just like to spend time together."

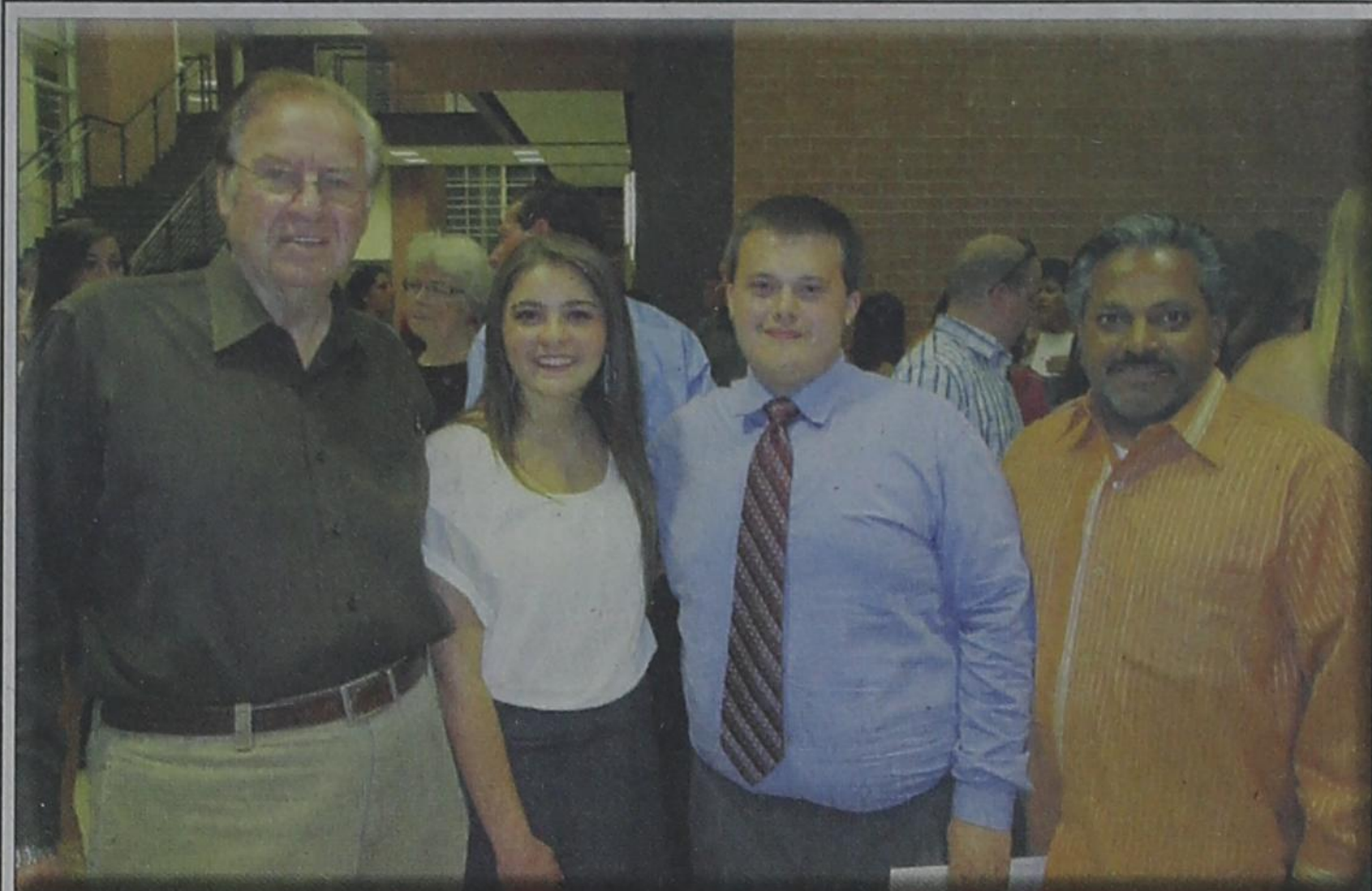
"Also, I have several hobbies," he said. "I love fishing, playing golf and reading novels. I love to read about World War II."

"This exciting opportunity to be director of the Department of Public Safety here in Fate is the culmination of my career," he said. "This small-town atmosphere is what drew me to Fate. I look forward to my new position and the great people I will be working with."



City of Fate has selected Brian Griffeth, a 30-year-old law enforcement officer, as the director of the Department of Public Safety, scheduled to go into effect Oct. 1, 2013.

by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



Pictured above are the Rockwall High School students awarded the Dr. P.J. Titus Memorial Scholarship during a recent awards ceremony. Shown from the left are Eugene Brunk, Morgan Reynolds, Ethan Barton and Jameson Titus. The award is given to local students for their community services and mission field work abroad.

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Two students from Rockwall-Heath High School recently were awarded the Dr. P.J. Titus Memorial Scholarship. Pictured from the left are Eugene Brunk, Victoria Bryant, Christian Pearce and Jameson Titus. The award is given to local students for their community services and mission field work abroad.

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Royse City names park after Don Becknell

Mayor Jerrell Baley presented a resolution from the Royse City Council to Don Becknell June 7, naming the North Houston Street city park Becknell Park in honor of the former city official. Becknell was Royse City mayor from 1987 until 1993 and served two terms on the city council from 2005 until 2009. Becknell, seated, and his wife of 61 years, Peggy, and their three sons, Ronny, James Michel and Jim, from the left, attended the presentation ceremony, which drew a small crowd of local residents.

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Rockwall County News Briefs

Blood drive set July 11

A Rockwall Community Blood Drive, hosted by the Rest Haven Funeral Home, will run from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. July 11 at the Red Cross Bloodmobile, which will be parked at 2500 SH 66. To schedule an appointment, call the funeral home at 972-771-8641 or visit redcrossblood.org (use keyword: resthaven). Walk-ins are welcome.

CARGO Rockwall Gun Club to meet

The CARGO Rockwall Gun Club will meet beginning at 6

p.m. July 11 at Soulman's Bar-B-Que in Rockwall. State Sen. Bob Deuell, a Greenville physician, a supporter of Second Amendment rights and a drummer in the Bois D'Arc Dixieland Band, will serve as featured speaker. CHL instructor Zac Sterling will give a summer gun presentation (send questions to txchl40@att.net). After the meeting, there will be time to visit with CHL instructors, federally licensed firearm dealers and law enforcement officers. There are no membership dues or fees to attend

and be a part of the club.

Royse City Chamber luncheon slated

The Royse City Chamber luncheon will begin at noon July 16 at Luigi's of Rockwall, 2002

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Rockwall's Adams preparing for Miss Texas USA competition

Adams, 22, is preparing to represent Rockwall in the Miss Texas USA Pageant Aug. 30-Sept. 1 in Dallas. "Every little girl dreams of becoming a princess, but never thinks she can achieve it," Adams said in her bio. "But some dreams can come true."

The reigning Miss Rockwall Texas USA, has been a Rockwall residence since her parents, Erin and Vincent, moved her and her brother, Vincent, to the community when she was in the fourth grade. She attended Williams Elementary before moving on to Williams Middle School and graduating from Rockwall High School.

For years in middle and high school, she competed on the girls' gymnastics team. "The most interesting thing about gymnastics is that it taught me poise, balance and the importance of being a team player," she said.

Adams competed as a member of the RHS swim team during her senior year. While working at the Rockwall MCA as a lifeguard, she was approached by a team member. She joined and ended up qualifying for the state team.

Adams admits to being a bit of a tomboy. "I'm a tomboy, don't get me wrong," she said, "but I'd rather choose camping, white-water rafting or rock climbing than a trip to the Mall of America."

Adams' favorite experiences was skydiving with a friend, she said. "It was so much fun that I was both laughing and screaming at the same time," she said.

Adams' bucket list are bungee-jumping, parasailing, riding in a hot-air balloon and cliff jumping. Adams' love for adventure comes from her parents, who both served in the U.S. Navy. Her father also was a member of the Blue Angels for three years.

Members of the Adams family are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall, where the pageant contestant was an active youth group member, participating in several mission trips.

"I loved the work, being outside and tackling a really hard job," Adams said. "We would get all sweaty and gross, but it was fantastic."

Looking forward to the Miss Texas USA Pageant, Adams said she is anxious to meet the other contestants.

"I believe that the Miss Texas USA Pageant will establish some forever friendships," she said.

She also hopes the competition will open the door to an array of prizes, including a college scholarship. Adams currently is paying her own way through college and hopes to someday work in fashion or behind-the-scenes at fashion shows.

"The goal of beauty pageants is to motivate young women to stir their best and occupy their time working toward a goal," she said in the news release. "To provide opportunities, personal training, growth and to promote positive attitudes."

Pageant requirements include the evening gown competition, swimsuit competition and personal interview.

"I just don't want to become a YouTube sensation for all the wrong reasons," Adams said with a laugh.



Meet-and-greet for Miss Rockwall Texas USA, Mandy Adams, will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 13 at the Rockwall Dodge to help the Miss Texas USA contestant raise money for her sponsors to cover pageant costs. All donations will be gratefully accepted. Winner of the Miss Texas USA pageant will represent Rockwall in the Miss USA 2014 contest and potentially advance to the Miss Universe competition.

Photo courtesy of Betty Moore/Rockwall County News





The Rockwall High School cheerleaders attended NCA Cheer Camp at SMU June 14-17 and brought home several awards. The varsity and JV squads received the Top Team Award in their respective divisions. The freshman squad was awarded the Champion Chant Award. All three squads received bids to the national competition in January, the Herky Team Award, the Spirit Award for stunting and the Spirit Stick. Mascots Adisyn Joplin and Alayna Davis won the Mascot Prop Award and head cheerleader Sammie Crawford won the overall Leadership Award and an NCA staff invitation. Rockwall had 25 cheerleaders and mascots named to the NCA All American Squad, which recognizes individuals with the highest-level skills.
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Fairy Tale Farm opens at Davis Elementary

The Davis Fairy Tale Farm, a quiet, shaded place designed for reading and opportunities for science pertaining to plants and growth, opened recently at Davis Elementary. The brainchild of teacher Monica Klinkerman-Evans, who partnered with other kindergarten teachers to write a grant request to the Royse City Independent School District Education Foundation, the area was by a grant and the work began.

"This is the perfect example of what the Education Foundation is about," said Cynthia Pense, principal. "A teacher has an idea, writes and is awarded a grant and then invites parents, community and students to participate."

The science and sensory garden is an extension of the school, providing an outdoor classroom for students. Life Skills, pre-K and kindergarten students will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on exploration, learning about plant characteristics and students' needs to fulfill tactile/sensory goals in the outdoor learning center.

In addition to the \$2,786 in grant funding, goods and services were provided by Glynn Dodson Inc. Farms, Royse City Tires, L.S. Miller Construction, Atmos Energy, United Rentals and members of the Alder family, Gonzales family, Bessey family, Mrs. Peterson and her daughter, Chelsea, the Bohlen family, Chuck and Carter Evans and the Morales family.



Mary Davis looks on as members of the Bonnie family, great-granddaughters Hannah and Riley McMahan cut the ribbon on the new science and sensory garden. Pictured in the background are David Arnold and Tim McMahan.
 Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Wilder graduates from medical school



Elizabeth Wilder

Elizabeth Wilder, daughter of Bud and Laurie Wilder, graduated from the University of Texas Health Science Center School of Medicine in San Antonio on May 26.

Wilder maintained a 4.0 grade-point average during her medical career and attained membership in the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Society.

She has secured a residency position at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas in the Department of Dermatology that will begin in July 2014. She will complete her first-year internship at the Medical Center Brackenridge in Austin.

Wilder graduated from Rockwall High School in 2003 and earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Dallas in 2008.

Garrity named to President's List

Rachael Garrity, a Rockwall High School graduate, has been named to the President's List at the University of North Texas.

Garrity was named to the honor roll for academic achievement during the spring semester. To be named to the President's List, a student must earn a perfect grade-point average of 4.0 while completing at least 12 semester hours.

Garrity is the daughter of David and Anne Garrity of Rockwall.

Breakfast with Mayor event slated in Fate

Breakfast with the Mayor will take place July 17, giving residents the opportunity to meet with Mayor Bill Broderick in a casual, round-table discussion. The event will include enjoying breakfast snacks and learning about things happening in the city.

The event is designed to give residents the opportunity to ask questions, give suggestions and share concerns and needs with a city member of the community.

The mayor has scheduled the event for 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at the Community Center, 1000 William E. Crawford Blvd. For more information, call the city at 972-771-4400.



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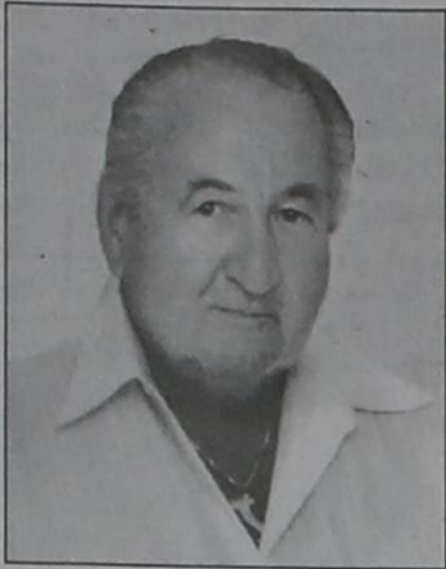


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Rockwall County Obituaries

Joseph Charles Babboni



Joseph Charles Babboni, 82, of Rockwall, died at 5 p.m. July 3, 2013, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel with Donaho officiating. He was born July 3, 1931, in Chicago, Ill., and Carmella (Maniaci) Babboni was a professional nurse. Survivors include his wife, Peggy Babboni of Rockwall; son, Michael Babboni, and his wife, St. Petersburg, Fla.; a daughter, Keria Kern, and her husband, Francis "Buck" of Richardson; daughter, Ueline Strauss, and her husband, Al, of Chicago; and his daughter, Angela Fabian and Jessica Fabian, both of Dallas, and his son, Enzo Babboni, both of St. Petersburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Charles Babboni. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 8900 John Carpenter Frwy., Dallas, TX 75247.

L. David Holloway



L. David Holloway, 48, of Rockwall, died at 6 p.m. July 5, 2013, at his home at 911 N. Alamo. He was buried at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. He was a member of the First Church of Rockwall and a Degree Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Keri (Rice) Holloway of Rockwall; two sons, Tyler and Cole Holloway of Rockwall; his parents, Dick and Betty Holloway of Hamilton, Ala.; four sisters, Angela, Cathy, Linda and Patsy; a brother, Marlon Jr.; and numerous nieces, nephews and grandnieces. He was preceded in death by his sister, Patsy.

Mary Jo Polk



A memorial service for Mary Jo Polk, 82, of Rockwall will be conducted at 1 p.m. July 12, 2013, in the Lake Pointe Church in the Pier 4:19 Building, 701 E. I-30, in Rockwall with Dr. Bill Cathey and Dr. Timothy Warren officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements. She died June 23.

Born June 11, 1931, in Midland to George Marvin and Ruby Rae (Shoemaker) Johnston, she was a trailblazing educator in the field of dyslexia and other learning disabilities in the Rockwall Independent School District, Legacy School of Rockwall, at SMU and for the State of Texas. She was a member of Lake Pointe Church.

Survivors include her children, Gary Robert Polk and his wife, Gaylia, and Jo Beth Cathey and her husband, Dean; her grandchildren, Matthew Robert Polk, Andrew Joseph Polk, Sally Ruth Polk, Joshua Dean Cathey, Caleb Robert Cathey and Micah Ross Cathey; and her great-grandchildren, Nathanael Robert Polk, Abigail Kelley Polk and Anna Catherine Polk.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Clyde Polk Jr.

James Marvin Sexton



A memorial service for James Marvin Sexton, 80, will be conducted at 2 p.m. July 13, 2013, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died June 15 in Rockwall following a long and courageous battle against Parkinson's disease and cancer.

Born Sept. 23, 1932, in Dallas to William "W.J." Sexton and Freda Bayer Sexton, he graduated from Sunset High School in Oak Cliff in 1951 and married Freda Woolsey on Nov. 20, 1954, in Rockwall County. He worked his way through college and supported his family by working nights. He attended North Texas State College (University of North Texas) during the day and graduated in 1959 with a degree in accounting and finance.

He took several financial courses at SMU, obtaining his real estate license, and served in the Air National Guard Reserves. He was a lifelong Rotarian, serving as a member of both the White Rock Rotary and the Rockwall Rotary clubs. He served for many years on the board of Rockwall County Helping Hands and worked for many years for Lomas & Nettleton. He was one of the original serving founders of National "Write Your Congressman," serving on the board for more than 50 years until May 2013. After retiring from Lomas in the '90s, he continued to work as an independent financial consultant where he continued providing consulting services until 2012.

Survivors include his wife, Freda Sexton of Rockwall; three children, Dusty (Shelley) Sexton of Austin, Steve (Kelly) Sexton of Rockwall and Rocky (Tricia) Sexton of Broomfield, Colo.; two grandchildren, Brennan Sexton and Dylan Sexton; and his siblings, Beverly (John) Morgan of Garland, Bill (Anne) Sexton of Grand Prairie and John (Renee) Sexton of Rockwall.

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S. Goliad. The Texas House of Representatives' Scott Turner will serve as guest speaker. RSVPs should be made to Julia Bryant by July 12. For more details or to RSVP call 972-636-5000.

Breakfast with Mayor event set in Fate

The next Breakfast with the Mayor event in Fate will run from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. July 17 at the Community Center, 104 William E. Crawford Ave., in downtown Fate. The event takes place on the third Wednesday of each month. For more details call 972-771-4601.

Zombie Glow Run fundraiser slated

The online registration deadline for the Zombie Glow Run, a July 19 fundraiser for the Rockwall Community Playhouse, is July 12. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Harry Myers Park, 827 Washington St., in Rockwall. Early registration costs \$25 for 5K, \$15 for the one-mile walk; race-day registration will be \$30 and \$20. Participants should dress as zombies; prizes will be awarded for best costumes. Proceeds will be used toward a new RCP facility. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Church plans

Kingdom Rock event

Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church will host a summer children's event, Kingdom Rockwall, July 21-25. Children can participate in Bible-learning activities, sing, play teamwork-building games, enjoy treats and test "Sciencey-Fun Gizmos" that can be taken home and enjoyed all summer long. Children also will learn to look for evidence of God through "God sightings." Each day will conclude with the Fanfare.

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Rockwall County Entertainment

Chinatown to play pop concert

Chinatown will perform pop music beginning at 7:30 p.m. July 11 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

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One-way service roads prompt discussions in Fate

by Millie Jean Coppedge

The City Council of the City of Fate met July 1. Hal T. Stanford, the area engineer for Kaufman and Rockwall counties-Dallas District for the Texas Department of Transportation, had been asked to be present to address any questions and concerns related to Resolution No. R-590 on the council's agenda, which was to be discussed and considered by the council. The resolution concerned the one-way frontage roads for the upcoming FM 551 interchange project.

"As the frontage roads in Royse City are being converted and the frontage roads in Fate will be converted as part of the upcoming FM 551 interchange project, the city is providing their support for conversion," Stanford said.

In Stanford's support of the one-way-service roads, "the current TxDOT Roadway Design Manual states that "higher crash rates are normally experienced when the frontage roads are two-way. In large part, this is because of the risk of essentially head-on collisions at the ramp terminals and the likelihood of increased potential for wrong-way entry to the main lanes."

Resolution No. R-590 states "supporting the north and south service roads of Interstate 30 to be one-way from the city's west city limits to the city's east limits for the City of Fate, Texas."

Philip Martinez, Fate city manager said that he would like to see the

two-way service roads go to one-way now and not wait until the I-30 overpass at FM 551 is built. This will give citizens a chance to get used to the one-way service roads before the actual construction of the overpass begins.

Stanford said construction would likely begin in six to eight months. He said the relocation of Farmers Electric Cooperative and the right-of-way acquisition must be addressed and completed first.

Mayor Bill Broderick said that he wants to get the project underway, saying that he would even put his hard hat on and be out there to help move the project along.

After much discussion, the resolution passed 4-1. During closing remarks, Broderick said the newly dedicated Billy Stevens Elementary School is "One beautiful school. It has natural lighting and is just one gorgeous school."

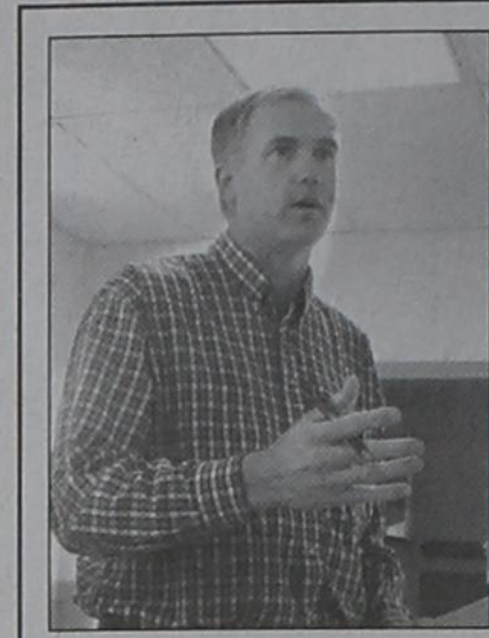
Broderick then asked the council to be thinking of any ideas of using the Fate Community Center for senior citizen projects or events.

"We have a really nice building here and I would love to see it benefit our senior citizens," he said.

Martinez reminded everyone that city code enforcements are being put into place because of the high weeds and grass. He stressed that he wants to keep our city nice and clean. He also reminded everyone that watering of yards can only be done on trash pick-up day, which is one

day a week. Fate City Council members present were Broderick and Councilmen Lorne Megyesi, Steve Skipworth, Michelle Butler and

Cameron Cowan. The next council meeting will be at the Fate Community Center, 104 South W.E. Crawford St., Fate, Texas 75087, on Tuesday, July 15, 2013.



Hal T. Stanford, area engineer for the Department of Transportation for Kaufman and Rockwall counties, addressed the Fate City Council on July 1. Stanford was on hand to answer any questions related to the City of Fate's consideration of a resolution related to the upcoming FM 551 interchange project. Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge, Rockwall County News.

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EASTRIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST
670 Stodghill Rd., Rockwall
UNION VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST
9424 FM 35, Royse City

BIBLE
IGLESIA BAUTISTA INUEVA ESPERANZA
149 Blackland, Royse City
GRACE FELLOWSHIP
1408 Damascus Dr., Rockwall
LAKE POINTE BAPTIST CHURCH
701 E. I-30, Rockwall
LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH
850 Blackland Road, Fate
NEW CALDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
301 Bourn, Rockwall
NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
400 Old Greenville Rd., Royse City
TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
360 Hickory Hill Rd., Royse City
UNION VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
4830 W. Hwy. 276, Royse City
FAITH TEMPLE BAPTIST
11214 FM 1565, Terrell, TX 75160

BIBLE
ROCKWALL BIBLE CHURCH
801 Zion Hills Circle
FAMILY BIBLE CHURCH
351 S. Munson Rd., Royse City
CEDAR RIDGE BIBLE CHURCH
114 East Main St., Royse City

CATHOLIC
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH
1305 Damascus Road, Rockwall
SAINT MATTHIAS
OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH
305 S. Fannin, Rockwall

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1524 Smirl Dr., Heath
LUTHERAN
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3003 Horizon Rd., Rockwall
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METHODIST
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506 E. Boydston, Rockwall
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Anonymous, 24 hour
8602.

Meetings
Days a week, Big
3 Rusk St., 972-

Meetings
Information and loca-
a, 214-363-0461.

Garland
Friday & Friday, 8
h Jupiter St., Suite

City Kiwanis Club
Tuesday at noon
Wedding Chapel,
added an evening
st Tuesday of each
also at the Rock-
n Chapel, 203 S. Fan-
ormation call 972-

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

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

NAMI (National Alliance of
Mental Illness) meets second Satur-
day monthly. We offer support and
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als affected by mental disabilities.
For more information call Bea &
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office at 214-341-7133.

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Tree trimming and pruning.
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Carroll Foundation Repair. House
leveling since 1971, Slabs, Pier-n-
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Plots for Sale. Cemetery Plot in the
"Love" section at Rest Haven for
sale by owner. 214-538-0869.

Heath corner lot for sale. Lakeview.
Asking \$129,000. 214-251-7186.

Pets & More
Adopt a pet today. Rockwall
Animal Rescue. 469-698-8898.
Rockwall Animal Adoption Center.
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Legal Notices
Mariah Bay. Saturday and Sun-
day. Estate Sale

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The City of McLendon-
Chisholm, Texas, is seeking
qualifications from qualified
and licensed architectural firms
for the design and contract
supervision of a new City
Hall. The City is considering
the design and construction
of a new city hall building
consisting of approximately
5,000 square feet. The Request
for Qualifications propounded
by the City is available at City
Hall at 1248 S. Hwy 205,
McLendon-Chisholm, Texas.
Inquiries may be made to
the City Administrator Dave
Butler at (972) 837-0318, or via
e-mail at debutter76@aol.com.
Statements of qualifications
should be sent to City Hall,
Attn: City Secretary, 1248 S.
Hwy 205, McLendon-Chisholm,
Texas 75032, and must be
received no later than 10:00
a.m., on the 16th day of August,
2013.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS:
TO MARK HARDING
AND ALL OTHER PERSONS
INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF
ROBERT MARION
HARDING, DECEASED,
CAUSE NO. PR11-105
COUNTY COURT AT LAW
OF ROCKWALL COUNTY,
TEXAS

Robert Tatum Harding,
Administrator in the above
entitled and numbered cause
filed an

Application for Authority to
Make Partial Distribution of
the estate on June 26, 2013,
requesting that

the Court approve a partial
distribution of assets of the
estate to the heirs of the
Decedent.

Said Application may be heard
and acted on by said Court at
any call of the docket on or after
10:00 a.m. on the first Monday
following the expiration of ten
days from date of publication
of this

citation, at the Rockwall County
Courthouse 111 E. Yellowjacket
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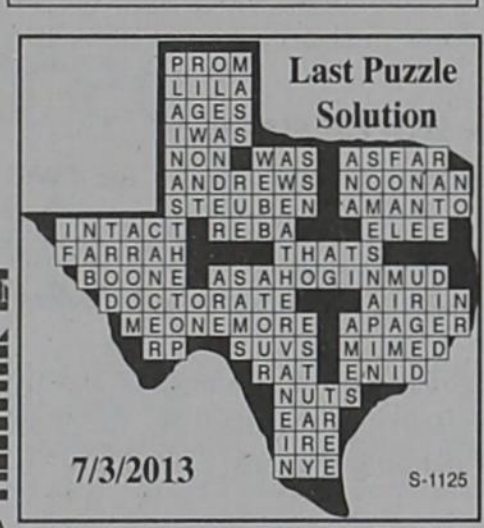
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Rockwall County is comprised of small communities. Most elected officials are Republicans. The largest houses of worship hold strict conservative values. I ask myself, "How does this insulate some citizens of Rockwall from a wider reality?" Facts indicate the majority of people in the United States have differing views regarding the current women's health issues on display in the Second Special Session of the 83rd Texas Legislature.

Recent polls by one of the world's premier research and strategic consulting firms, Greenberg, Quinlan, Rosner, show Texas voters oppose legislation like Senate Bill 1 and House Bill 2. Recent polls indicate only 19% of Texans think the government has a right and an obligation to pass restrictions on abortion. 71% think that Governor Perry and the legislature should focus on jobs and the economy, not abortion.

House Bill 2 and Senate Bill 1 restrict personal liberty and intrude on the lives of women and their families. Republicans and Democrats, men and women and teens, value a woman's right to make personal choices for her life and health. This legislation IS not supported by many

women and men in Rockwall despite their religious beliefs and political affiliation. Many agree that a woman, her family and her doctor have the right to make reproductive health decisions.

Judith Matherne, County Chair
Rockwall Democratic Party

How surprising it was recently to learn the supposedly conservative Texas Republican Senator John Cornyn cast his final vote in support of ObamaCare, tsk, tsk, tsk.

Perhaps Senator Cornyn knows more about ObamaCare secrets than his constituents do since "Congressional leaders in both parties are engaged in high-level, confidential talks about exempting lawmakers and Capitol Hill aides from the insurance exchanges they are mandated to join as part of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, sources in both parties said."

"The talks ... are extraordinarily sensitive, with both sides acutely aware of the potential for political fallout from giving carve-outs from the hugely controversial law to 535 lawmakers and thousands of their aides ..."

Why is it necessary to keep reminding congressmen voters want ObamaCare repealed for all Americans.

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New Egyptian War: Americans lose again

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Looking at the banners in the massive Egyptian protests last week, we saw many anti-American slogans. Likewise, the Muslim Brotherhood-led government that was deposed by the military last week was very critical of what it saw as US support for the coup. Why is it that all sides in this Egyptian civil war seem so angry with the United States? Because the United States has at one point or another supported each side, which means also that at some point the US has also opposed each side. It is the constant meddling in Egyptian affairs that has turned Egyptians against us, as we would resent foreign intervention in our own affairs.

For more than 30 years, since the US-brokered Camp David Accord between Israel and Egypt, the US supported Egyptian dictator Hosni Mubarak. Over that period the US sent more than \$60 billion to prop up Mubarak and, importantly, to train and seek control over the Egyptian military. Those who opposed Mubarak's unelected reign became more and more resentful of the US, which they rightly saw as aiding and abetting a dictator and denying them their political aspirations.

Then the US began providing assistance to groups seeking to overthrow Mubarak, which they did in 2011. The US continued funding the Egyptian

military at that time, arguing that US aid was more critical than ever if we are to maintain influence. The US Administration demanded an election in Egypt after Mubarak's overthrow and an election was held. Mohamed Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood won a narrow victory. The US supported Morsi but kept funding the Egyptian military.

After a year of Morsi's rule, Egyptians who did not approve of his government took to the streets to demand his removal from power. The US signaled to the Egyptian military that it would not oppose the removal of Morsi from power, and he was removed on July 3rd. With the overthrow of the Muslim Brotherhood-led government came the arrest of many politicians and the closure of many media outlets sympathetic to them. Then the US government warned the same Egyptian military that undermined democracy that it needed to restore democracy! Is it any wonder why Egyptians from all walks of life are united in their irritation with the United States?

Despite the Egyptian government being overthrown by a military coup, the Obama Administration will not utter the word "coup" because acknowledging reality would mean an end to US assistance to the Egyptian government and military. That cannot be allowed.

Instead, we see the same Obama administration that is on a manhunt for pro-transparency whistle-blower Edward Snowden, that the Egyptian military exercise "political transparency" with the ousted Muslim Brotherhood-led government.

So, successive US administrations over the decades have all sides in Egypt, from dictator to demonstrator to military, only one side that the US government has never supported: The American side. It has never supported the side of the US who resent being forced to fund a foreign dictatorship, a foreign and foreign protestors. It has never supported the side of Americans who do not wish to get involved in the confused affairs of countries thousands of miles away. It has never supported those of us concerned about blowback, which is the result to our national security. Unfortunately, US administrations follow the same old failed policies and Obama is no different. More intervention, more foreign aid, more bullying, more empire.

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An examination of the Unemployment Compensation Act

by Timothy W. Burnett

In 1977 the Texas Legislature established the Sunset Advisory Commission for the regular assessment of the need for a state agency to exist.

In 2015, the Sunset Advisory Commission (SAC) will closely examine and assess the need for the Texas Workforce Commission to exist.

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is widely popular among the workers in Texas. However, a close examination and assessment of its procedures compared to the Texas Constitution and the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act (TUCA) reveals that the agency has sought to enforce the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act far outside of the act's narrow scope and in violation of the Texas Constitution Article 1 Section 16.

This article will briefly examine the law for a determination of exactly who is required to participate in the Texas unemployment compensation insurance plan.

This kind of study may seem extremely boring. But if people consider the broad state-wide implications of the Texas government forcing any and all natural people and business entities into purchasing an unemployment insurance plan and reporting payments, they might grow increasingly motivated to learn whether the law really requires them or their businesses to purchase such an insurance plan.

Texas law

Start with Texas Constitution Article 1 Section 16, "No bill of attainder, ex post facto law, retroactive law, or any law impairing the right of contracts, shall be made."

The administration of the TUCA basically regulates contractual agreements in the conduct of business. The agreements may include whether or not to offer certain insurance plans such as health care insurance or unemployment insurance.

In order to pin down who is required to pay for a state run unemployment compensation insurance plan, the definition of "employer" for purposes of the TUCA must be determined.

Section 204.001 Contributions Required states, "an employer shall pay a contribution on wages for employment paid during a calendar year."

Section 201.021 General Definition of Employer means an employing unit that paid wages and employed at least one individual.

Now it is important to learn the meaning of "employing unit."

Section 201.011 General Definitions (11) states, Employing Unit means "a person who has employed an individual to perform services."

If an Employing Unit is a "person," then how do the statutes define the term "person?"

The TUCA does not define the term "person" for the purpose of the Act.

Who is an "employing unit?"

Based on an October 9, 2012 TWC Rule 13 Appeal final decision, the Commissioners concluded that the term "person" in the definition of "Employing Unit" meant the full meaning of the term "person" found in the Texas Code Construction Act.

Code Construction Act Section 311.005 General Definitions (2) "Person" includes corporation, organization, government or governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, association, and any other legal entity.

The Rule 13 Appeal final decision was approved by Commissioners Andres Alcantar (Chairman) and Ronald Congleton. A dissenting vote was cast by Tom Pauken.

It's interesting to note that the Commission was not unanimous on the question of how to determine who really is required to participate in the state run unemployment insurance plan.

Furthermore, the TWC does not administer the TUCA within the

limited boundaries of its own interpretation of what "persons" fall in the meaning of "Employing Unit." The history of TWC may reveal numerous control-and-rob actions against natural people who pay others for services rendered. The term "person" in the Code Construction Act does not include natural people.

There is a little known code section that shines more light on the subject and reveals that the Commission's final decision did not settle the matter.

Conformity with the federal statutes

Section 201.101 Conformity with Federal Statutes requires the TWC to administer the TUCA in conformity with the federal statutes. This statute changes things.

The scope and administration of the TUCA must conform to the federal unemployment compensation act (FUCA).

A precise examination of 26 U.S.C. 3306 Definitions reveals exactly what part of the term "person" applies to the meaning of the term "Employing Unit" for the purpose of defining the term "Employer" in the TUCA.

Remember, the objective of this examination is to determine exactly who is required to purchase the Texas unemployment compensation insurance plan.

The federal statutes examined

Federal Unemployment Tax Act Section 3306 Definitions (g) Contributions "For the purpose of this act, the term 'contributions' means payments required by a state law to be made into an unemployment fund by any person ..."

It first glance, it appears that the state of Texas can require any person to make a payment into its unemployment fund. To test this assumption, the meaning of the term "state" must be determined. Section 3306 (j)(1) State "includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands."

It looks like the word "state" does not include Texas state law or any other state in the United States.

Amazingly, the term "state" does include the District of Columbia and two U.S. territories.

A reasonable question to ask is, what types of legal business entities might be required by District of Columbia law to make a payment into an unemployment fund?

Next study the meaning of the term "employment."

Section 3306 (c) Employment, "For the purpose of this chapter, the term 'employment' means any service performed ... (i) within the United States, or (ii) on or in connection with an American vessel or American aircraft ..."

The meaning of the term "United States" is significant.

Section 3306 (j)(2) United States, "The term 'United States' in a geographical sense includes the States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands."

In short, by conforming its administration of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act with the Federal Unemployment Compensation Act, the TWC is required to enforce the FUCA upon legal business entities and who are engaged in "employment" activity on the geographic territory of Texas.

Conclusion

What legal entities might be required by District of Columbia law to do this?

26 U.S.C. 3308 shines more light on this subject. The whole about "Instrumentalities of the United States."

Returning to the question about the term "person" related to "Employing Unit."

The term "person" in the Texas Code Construction Act includes corporations.

Most professional business people might acknowledge that Instrumentalities of the United States are corporations such as stock companies or joint-stock associations.

If the TWC enforced the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act in accordance with the law, their actions would not be in violation of Texas Constitution Article 1 Section 16.

To be continued.

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TEXAS CROSSWORD

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Rockwall-Heath, Jackets impress in 7-on-7 football league play

Seven football teams representing Rockwall and Rockwall-Heath competed in league play. The best team will be in the state tournament. Teams are not to play in State Qualifying Tournaments. RHHS placed second in its pool Friday at the Prosper Invitational. The four pool winners advanced to the semifinals, from which the winners qualified for the state tournament. Rockwall defeated Sherman 42-35 and Azle 49-33, but lost to Creekview 44-13. Creekview defeated Denison to advance to the state tournament.

Rockwall-Heath also placed seventh in the overall competition, which included a number of skills competitions at different positions. Quarterback Jordan Hoy won the 40-yard dash in the quarterback challenge with a time of 4.56 seconds. RHHS' team placed third in the 40 competition. On the field, Rockwall-Heath played excellent defense in going 9-0 for the first three weeks of the North Forney league, and had a chance to wrap up the league championship on the final night of league play Thursday. Last week, RHHS defeated Greenville 28-1 (with GHS awarded 1 point for an interception) and host North Forney 26-12. The Hawks also won by forfeit over North Mesquite. Hoy threw four scoring passes against Greenville, and three more vs. North Forney. Jake Fisher grabbed two touchdown passes in each game. Eric Hurst took an interception for a TD against North Forney.

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Traxler of Rockwall hits a forehand during the US Open National Qualifier Tennis Tournament, June 28, in Arlington. *Rockwall County News*



Traxler (right) of Rockwall sports her winning trophy at the US Open National Qualifier mixed doubles tennis tournament June 28, in Arlington. Standing with Traxler is her doubles teammate John Mee (left) of Dallas. The team will compete at the US Open National Playoffs-Mixed Doubles tournament, August 21-24 at Yale University in New Haven, Conn. *Rockwall County News*

Baum begins career with 2 scoreless innings

Baum made his professional baseball debut Tuesday, June 25, when he pitched two scoreless innings in relief for the (Utah) Raptors in a Rookie Class Pioneer League game against Idaho Falls. Baum, a Rockwall-Heath graduate, drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in June, had pitched in relief four times through Monday. In a total of 7 2/3 innings, the right-hander had an 0-1 record and a 1.17 earned run average. Under James Leverton, Rockwall '05, earned his first Triple-A save June 28 for the New Orleans Baby Cakes, the Miami Marlin's top farm team. He pitched three innings to finish New Orleans' game that night. He had a 2-1 record and 2.36 ERA. Another Rockwall graduate, shortstop Spencer Edwards, began this season in an 0-for-15 slump for the (W.Va.) Rays of the Rookie Class Appalachian League. He broke out with a home run against Johnson City June 25, and hit another 3 days later against the Johnson City Cardinals. He missed a chance to win the Johnson City series against fellow RHHS '12 graduate Steve Bean. The catcher has been out since June last month because of a broken finger. Another Rockwall graduate, right-hander Travis Ballew '09, was tied for third in the Class A California League with 4 saves, including consecutive games July 4 and 5. Pitching for the Lancaster JetHawks, a Los Angeles affiliate, he was 2-2 with a 3.23 ERA. More than half of his outs were on strikeouts.

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Traxler, at 15 one of the youngest players among more than 100 competitors, and her 17-year-old partner advanced to the US Open National Playoffs-Mixed Doubles Championship Aug. 21-24 at Yale University in New Haven, Conn. Thirteen teams will be competing there for one spot in the mixed doubles main draw Aug. 26-29 at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York.

Most of the players in the Arlington event were former or current college players. That didn't deter Traxler and Mee, who defeated former SMU player Heather Steinbauer and current Texas Longhorn Nicholas Naumann in the championship match 7-6 (7-2), 6-4.

Texas' top-ranked 18-and-under female player came one step closer to her dream of playing professional tennis in Grand Slam events. She also came close to winning the women's singles title in Arlington, reaching the semifinals before losing to the eventual qualifier, Peggy Porter, 6-4, 6-2. Traxler already has won national age-group titles. She has played in older age groups almost since she began playing tennis at age 5 with her father. They still hit frequently at the Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club.

In Arlington, Traxler had to overcome nearly 6 hours on the court in temperatures approaching 100 degrees for the June 27 semifinals. She had defeated another Rockwall 15-year-old, Rylie Cox, in the quarterfinals 6-0, 6-0. Former state 4A high school runner-up Brady Bohmstedt of Fate, who played at Rockwall-Heath and now is a senior on the Oklahoma State team, reached the men's singles semifinals. He fell there to 33-year-old Karl Sloss, the head coach at the University of Hawaii-Hilo. Bohmstedt lost the first set 7-5, then retired because of heat-related illness.

lead RHHS to a 20-0 victory over Terrell. Three interceptions contributed points in a 9-0 defeat of Crandall. A week later, Rockwall-Heath defeated Terrell 20-7 and North Forney. Hoy threw six touchdown passes in the two games, including three to Preston Smith. RHHS also was awarded a point for Ryan Todd's interception. In addition to the four wins on the field, Rockwall-Heath also received two wins by forfeit against North Mesquite, which dropped out of the league. On June 18, Rockwall's Ballard threw seven touchdown passes, three to Seth Whitson, in a 44-20 victory over Jesuit Prep of Dallas. Rockwall also defeated South Garland 26-18 that night. Ballard's four TD passes in that game included three to Galloway. A week earlier, Reed had thrown two scoring passes, both to Whitson, as RHHS edged South Garland 20-19. Rockwall also outscored Wylie 51-35, with Reed and Ballard each throwing four TD passes and Whitson and Galloway catching two apiece.

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RACE places fifth behind Brown, Butler, Eldridge and Lowry

Rockwall Aquatics Center of Excellence swimmers won five individual events and four relays to place fifth overall in the fifth annual Bill Nixon Memorial Swim Meet at the Rockwall ISD Aquatic Center June 20-23.

Jace Brown won two events in the 11/12 Boys division with AAAA qualifying times. Jared Butler posted a National qualifying time of 2 minutes, 8.82 seconds to win the 15 & Over Boys' 200-meter individual medley.

Brown's winning times were 59.94 seconds in the 100-meter freestyle and 1:05.31 in the 100 butterfly.

Other RACE event winners were Raena Eldridge in the 15 & Over Girls' 100 fly in 1:03.19, one of her two AAAA qualifying times, and Savannah Lowry in the 11/12 Girls' 50 backstroke in 34.02, a Texas Age Group Swimming qualifying time.

Cadman is YMCA's new sports director

Bill Cadman is the new sports director at the JER Chilton YMCA at Rockwall, according to a recent news release.



Bill Cadman

Cadman has been employed by the YMCA for more than 10 years, including three years as sports director at the Cross Timbers YMCA, five years in the same position at the Park Cities YMCA in Highland Park and two years as sports coordinator at Town North YMCA.

Cadman is a Youngstown University graduate. He played basketball at the collegiate level. He is the 2008 recipient of the Herschel Hodges Outstanding Achievement Award.

He and his wife, Mary, are moving to the area from Colleyville. He said they look forward to the possibilities that Rockwall holds for them.

"I'm so excited to be moving to a community that is so sports-minded and where parents and volunteers care so much and are so involved in their kids' lives," he said in the news release.

Cadman began his work in Rockwall July 8.

The relay wins were by RACE's 11/12 Boys' 400 free relay, which included Brown, and the 11/12 Girls' 200 and 400 free relays and 200 medley relay.

Lowry was part of all three girls' relay winners. She teamed with Emma Hultquist, Janelle Hummingbird and Ruth Huffman to take the 400 free (4:23.57) and 200 free (2:00.89), and with Nicole Bruner, Huffman and Hultquist to win the medley relay in 2:17.11.

Thirty-two teams for Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana competed in the event hosted by RACE. Lakeside Aquatics Club was first overall with 2960.5 points and in both the boys' and girls' competition. Next were Nitro Swimming, second with 2122, Dallas Mustangs third with 1913, Frisco Aquatics fourth with 1875.5 and RACE fifth with 1509.

RACE's boys totaled 735 points for fifth place and the girls had 774 points to finish sixth. Butler had AAA qualifying times while finishing second in both the 100 (1:31.31) and 200 (2:10.35) backstrokes. He also swam on the second-place 15 & Over Boys 200 and 400 free relays and the fifth-place 400 medley relay.

Brown placed second in the 11/12 Boys 200 fly with an AAA time of 2:32.93 and fourth in the 200 IM with a TAGS time of 2:43.33. He also swam on the second-place 200 medley and third-place 400 free relay. Eldridge had a second AAAA qualifying time in the 50 fly, placing third in 27.48, and AAA times of 2:25.70 while finishing third in the 100 IM and 1:09.14 with a fifth-place finish in the 100 back. Her time of 5:12.15 in the 400 IM was a AA qualifier.

Huffman had three AAA times – 2:43.33 in the 200 fly, 3:32.75 in the 50 fly, sixth, and 1:06.47 in the 100 free, seventh, place 200 free in 2:12.36 met the TAGS qualifying time.

Among the 13/14 girls, Carolyn Johnston had AAA times in the 100 back, placing third, and 5:18.43 with her seventh-place time. Also achieving AAA times were Jeremiah Kim (15 & over boys), Manly (13/14 girls) and Kiley Harmon (10 and under girls). Harmon achieved a Sectional time in the 15 & over 100 breaststroke, and reached the 11 & Under Girls' TAGS qualifying time in the 200 fly.

Heat was on for Rockwall Chamber's Caddyshack Golf Tournament

Team Tobacco Box may have tried to smoke the competition, but several teams were hot on their trail at the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce's Rockwall Open Caddyshack Golf Tournament. Finishing first place Bill Heard, Bo Hartline, Donnie Gray and Harvey Rippy.

More than 30 teams competed in the Chamber's annual fundraising event, which was held June 28 at Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club. Nearly 150 guests filled the patio at Nineteen for the pre-tournament par-tee and auction, benefiting the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Rub performed live and Gary Freedman served as auctioneer. Team American National Bank came in second place, followed by Stewart Storms, Blake James, Steve Reid and Jason Johnston. Law Firm captured third place, thanks to the efforts of Team Carolos Dela Santos, Nick Ziebell and Teal Willis.

Taking the "Dead Ass Last" Award was Team Resolute, comprised of Mark Selby, Randy Dotson, Chris Hurst and Timmy. The longest drive winner was Jay Humphrey from Team Bank of America.



Winning the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce's Rockwall Open Caddyshack Golf Tournament, June 28, are Team Tobacco Box members (from left) Donnie Gay, Bo Heartline, Bill Heard and Harvey Rippy.

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Finale, a celebration open to family members and friends. Kingdom Rock is open to youths from age 3 to 7th grade and will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more details call 972-771-8242.

Vacation Bible school set at FCC

The First Christian Church Rockwall will host its vacation Bible school from 9 a.m. to noon July 22-26. Children ages 4 through fifth grade are invited to attend. This year's theme is Athens-Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth. Register online at fccrockwall.com or for more details call the church office at 972-771-5526.

CASA plans info sessions for potential volunteers

Lone Star CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) is seeking volunteers interested in helping area children who are involved in the courts as a result of abuse or neglect. As a CASA volunteer, individuals speak up in the best interests of the child and help ensure a safe, permanent home for them. Info sessions, all of which will begin at 6:30 p.m., will be conducted as follows: July 22 at the CASA Kaufman office, 209 N. Washington St., Kaufman; July 25, St. Martin Church, 9470 CR 213 (at I-20), Forney; July 29, Terrell Library, 301 N. Rockwall, in Terrell; and July 30, CASA Rockwall office, 108 Kenway St., in Rockwall. For more details call 972-772-5858 or email vickie@lonestarcasa.org.

Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle scheduled

The monthly Spay Neuter Network Shuttle will pick up pets at 7:30 a.m. July 25 in the southeast corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot; pets will be returned at 6:30 P.M. Dogs must have no-slip collars; cats must be in secure carriers (no cardboard boxes). To make an appointment call 972-472-3500 (hablamos Español) or email info@spayneuternet.org. Financial assistance is available. Call Rockwall PAWS at 972-310-1354. Upcoming shuttle dates are Aug. 15 and Sept. 19.

Duck Dash to sideline Rubber Duck Regatta

This year's Rockwall Rubber Duck Regatta will include a 5K race, the Duck Dash, which will raise funds for the Rockwall Boys & Girls Club and Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall. The Duck Dash will begin at 8 a.m. Sept. 21, followed by the Family Walk and Waddle at 8:30 a.m. Registration costs \$35 for the 5K and \$20 for the walk. Duck Dash T-shirts will be distributed; racing caps will be given to the first 600 registrants. The best dressed male and female duck costumes will each win a pair of Newton running shoes. The race will be managed by Event Southwest, using ChronoTrack timing technology. More than 1,000 runners are expected. To register, visit <https://register.bazumedia.com/reg/form?eventID=3087>.

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Final Family Fun Night set

The movie "The Pirates Band of Misfits" will be featured at the final Family Fun Night of the year set for July 12 at Myers Park. Activities and games will begin at 6 p.m., with the film set to start at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

Teen Movie Matinee offered at library

The Rockwall County Library, as part of its Teen Read program, will offer a Teen Movie Matinee beginning at 2 p.m. July 16. The movie will be "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part II."

Texas beach music show set

Hanna's Reef will offer Texas beach-type music beginning at 7:30 p.m. July 18 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

Free Saturn-viewing event at library

A free Saturn-viewing event will be offered from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. July 19 at the Rockwall County Library, 1215 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. NASA's Cassini spacecraft's cameras will be taking a rare picture of the earth on that date. Max Corneau will be on hand to assist viewers with the use of high-powered telescopes. For more details visit thedaytheearthsmiled.com.

Mosaic Art workshop planned for teens

The Rockwall County Library, as part of its Teen Read program, will offer an All About Me Mosaic Art workshop July 23. In-person registration is required and may be completed at the Teen SRC table; registration begins July 9.

Rock variety performance slated

Big Mouth will perform a variety of rock tunes beginning at 7:30 p.m. July 25 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

'Zombie Prom' slated

The Rockwall Community Playhouse will offer performances of "Zombie Prom," a "campy, rollicking musical with a visit to the atomic age of America and the golden age of sci-fi horror," July 26, 27 and 28 and Aug. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11. Shows will be at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

'ParaNorman' screening set at library

A screening of the film "ParaNorman" will be offered as part of the Rockwall County Library's Teen Read program beginning at 2 p.m. July 30.

Swanson is chamber's Ambassador for July

Jeanie Swanson has been recognized as the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce's Ambassador of the Month for July, according to a chamber news release.



Jeanie Swanson

Swanson is the owner of Minuteman Press; treasurer and a board member for Women in Need; a member of the Rockwall Area Networking Group; and a member of the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce, the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, the Roysse City Chamber of Commerce and the Caddo Mills Chamber of Commerce.

She and her husband, Tom, work together at their business. She enjoys playing with and reading to the couple's grandchildren, gardening and volunteering in the community.

Track repairs set for Ridge Road

The DGNO Railroad will begin working with the Texas Department of Transportation July 15 to make repairs to the track crossings on Ridge Road (FM 740).

The repairs to the southbound crossing are expected to take one to three days, according to a news release from the City of Rockwall. Upon completion of the southbound crossing, the northbound crossing will be repaired. Repairs to the northbound crossing should take approximately the same amount of time.

The project should be completed with normal traffic patterns resuming on or before July 20.

TxDOT will install traffic control device in the work zone on Ridge Road beginning July 14.

For more details, call the Rockwall Engineering Department at 972-771-7746.



The Rockwall July 4 parade includes good feedback with new route that started at Utley Middle School and finished at Dobbs Elementary.

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Fireworks lit the night sky during the July 4 festivities at Myers Park.

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Singer/Songwriter Amber Carrington of Rockwall performed during the July 4 festivities at Harry Myers Park.

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Children wave from floats during the July 4 parade.

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