

Most on drug charges . . . Grand jurors indict 22

Out of 22 indictments handed down by the Freestone county grand jury in felony criminal cases, 14 were on drug charges.

The grand jury convened Wednesday, June 24, at the courthouse in Fairfield for its regular monthly sessions.

Charges on which action was taken include driving while intoxicated, forgery, aggravated assault, possession of methamphetamine, possession of a prohibited substance in a correctional facility, possession of cocaine, manufacture or delivery of methamphetamine, assault on a public servant, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, hindering secured creditors and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Indicted by the grand jury are:

—Juan Ramos Dominguez, 24, of Teague on a May 2 felony DWI charge. The indictment shows two prior DWI convictions.

—Charles Edward Griffin, on a charge of forgery, allegedly writing a \$40 bad check on a banking account of Shane Blanchard on April 28.

—Stephanie Dunn, 32, of Fairfield on a May 24 charge of possession of methamphetamine.

—Thomas Walker Lee,

22, of Buffalo on a complaint of possession of a prohibited substance in an adult correctional facility, allegedly possession of marijuana in the Freestone county jail on May 18.

—Matthew Pottillo, Jr., 54, of Fairfield on a May 15 complaint of possession of cocaine.

—Jim David Lott, 48, of Fairfield on a charge of manufacture or delivery of methamphetamine on May 13.

—Karen Vance, 49, of Fairfield on a charge of manufacture or delivery of methamphetamine on May 13.

—Michael Dewayne Duke, 49, of Paris on a May 16 charge of evading arrest or detention, allegedly fleeing from Teague Policeman Scott Sykora.

—Michael Dewayne Duke, 49, of Paris on a May 16 charge of possession of methamphetamine.

—Samuel Wiley, 31, of Groesbeck on a complaint of possession of cocaine on April 28.

—Lucio Segundo, Jr., 22, of Teague on a charge of manufacture or delivery of cocaine on May 14.

—Samuel Levar Mack, 32, of Teague on an April

19 charge of assault on a public servant, allegedly kicking Teague Policeman Scott Sykora.

—Samuel Levar Mack, 32, of Teague on an April 19 charge of possession of cocaine.

—Nicholas Tarran Freeman, 31, of Wortham on a complaint of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, allegedly striking Chandra Gray in the head with a pair of garden shears, on June 1.

—Valeria Lynn Watson Doyle, 21, of Palestine on a June 4 charge of possession of methamphetamine.

—Bobby Joe Tucker, 51, of Fairfield on a complaint of possession of methamphetamine on June 4.

—Thomas Lee Kirven, 21, of Teague on a charge of possession of cocaine on May 20.

—Carl Dewayne Jones, 19, of Teague on a June 1 complaint of manufacture or delivery of methamphetamine.

—Natalie Stephenson, 25, of Teague on a June 1 complaint of manufacture or delivery of methamphetamine.

Three indictments remain sealed pending arrest of defendants.

Trustees

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eral money I feel confident we can cover this with local funds," Ms. Ryan says.

Under the salary plan approved by trustees, beginning teachers on 12-month contracts would be paid \$36,552 with a bachelor's degree, \$37,552 with a master's degree and \$38,052 for a doctorate.

Pay increases every year through 24 years of experience under the FISD schedule—top teacher salary levels are \$60,213 for a bachelor's degree, \$61,213 for a master's and \$61,713 for a doctorate.

The school board added the 23rd pay step to the schedule to give longtime teachers, who had been stalled, a raise.

Administrators also receive a \$1,000 annual raise and a 24th step on the salary schedule is added by trustees.

Ms. Ryan reports that

paraprofessional teacher aides in FISD already are paid more than the state average and the board opted not to make any changes in that salary schedule.

Benefits provided employees by the district are \$225 per month for health insurance, a \$25,000 life insurance policy and \$600 annually toward a tax sheltered annuity plan.

Stipends paid to staff for additional duties, such as vocational coordinators, coaches, band directors and University Interscholastic League academic coaches, are unchanged.

Trustees spent the first couple of hours of their meeting last week setting district goals in a state mandated board training session.

Four areas of attention in setting district goals, to make FISD a "STAR" district, are students, teachers, administration and relationships as a community.

Board members developed goals for each of four "STAR" categories, and started formulating a plan to address those areas at each campus.

The school board will hold a called meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the administration building to accept resignations and hire staff members.

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On the Edge of Common Sense

By Baxter Black, D.V.M.



INDEPENDENCE DAY, THE PROMISE OF HOPE

July 4th. Independence Day in the United States of America; the more it changes, the more it stays the same. Our prosperity, armory diplomacy, generosity and faith in democracy is on display around the world as it has been for a hundred plus years. Iraq has stabilized but Afghanistan's kettle still boils; every week the newspaper prints the names of soldiers who have given their lives. Sacrifice...all in the name of freedom.

The span of countries that owe the United States, in part, for the independence they enjoy today covers the globe. From the Philippines to Western Europe, to China and South Korea. History also includes the present day citizens of Russia, Japan and Germany who were freed from oppressive regimes. Canada and Mexico live under the shade of our military might.

We as a nation seem to be stewing in discontent, recession, terrorist threats, sadistic reality shows, the unending pessimism of the news media and the gloom that emanates from Washington D.C. But underneath the oil fire that sits on top of this American Sea, the majority of us...the 90% who didn't lose our homes or jobs are busy taking care of ourselves, our neighbors, our friends, and our relatives that did take a hit.

Farmers are still going into the field to insure that nobody goes hungry. Teachers, public servant bureaucrats, mechanics, bus drivers, handymen, policemen, firemen, hospital workers, plumbers and airline pilots show up to work every day ready to

carry their share of the load...and more.

The strength of any country's productiveness lies in the character, work ethic and compassion of each individual. In countries where individual effort is discouraged, per-

sonal responsibility is diminished, and faith in God is disregarded, the incentive to overcome adversity disappears. Countries like that offer the security of a subsistence socialism in trade for the Promise of Hope.

July 4th we celebrate this Promise of Hope. We draw on our historic patriotic roots and our deep American values that have brought us to this day, through harsh wars and hard times, from Valley Forge to 9-11.

Life is not supposed to be easy. It is supposed to be as good as you can make it. That is the Promise of Hope. It is what makes America great. It's why immigrants flock to our shores and why we really ARE different. Of the people, by the people and for the people, under God, indivisible.

Put your hand over your heart, bring on the fireworks and hang out Ol' Glory! It's the 4th of July and we're gonna act like it!

Buffalo Livestock

On Saturday, June 27, 2009, Buffalo Livestock Commission sold 1,711 head. There were 244 sellers and 51 buyers.

Slaughter Cows:
Cutter cows 40-45
Fat cows 44-46.50
Canner cows 35-51.50

Slaughter Bulls:
Heavy Bulls 55-64
Light Bulls 48-54

Cow/Calf Pairs and Bred Cows:
Choice Pairs 950-1050
Good Pairs 850-950
Plain Pairs 600-750
Bred Cows 3-6 yr. 500-850

Steer/Bull Calves and Yearlings: Some plainer, hard to place calves below these figures.

150-200 lb.	95-125
200-300 lb.	95-123
300-400 lb.	95-122
400-500 lb.	85-115
500-600 lb.	85-99
600-700 lb.	84-96
700-800 lb.	81-92

Heifer Calves and Yearlings: Some plainer, hard to place calves below these figures.

150-200 lb.	95-120
200-300 lb.	95-116
300-400 lb.	85-117
400-500 lb.	85-98
500-600 lb.	83-98
600-700 lb.	83-97
700-800 lb.	80-85

BUFFALO LIVESTOCK MARKETING'S PRE-CONDITIONED WEANED CALF AND YEARLING SALE



Sale Date: Wednesday, August 26th
Enrollment Date for this sale is July 12th

Sale Date: Wednesday, November 11th
Enrollment Date for this sale is September 15th

All consignments must have been weaned 45 plus days and received two rounds of vaccinations. Consignors must contact Buffalo Livestock and receive ear tags by the sale enrollment date.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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MONDAY, JULY 6

- VFW Bingo, 7:30 pm, VFW Post 5872
- Freestone Quilt Guild, 6:30 pm, Fairfield Harmony Presbyterian Church
- Freestone County Commissioners Court, 9:00 am, Commissioners Courtroom
- Butler Community Improvement Coordinating Council, 1:00 pm, E.E. Wheat Memorial Community Center
- AA, 6:30 pm, FUMC Fairfield

TUESDAY, JULY 7

- AA, 8:00 pm, Lakeside United Methodist Church-Annex Bldg., 515 FM 416 (across from September Sound)
- Rotary Club, noon, Big Cedar Country Club
- Freestone County Historical Commission, 7:00 pm, Whitaker Sessions Training Center
- AA & NA, 8:00 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church Fairfield
- Freestone County Horse Club, 7:00 pm, Fairfield Rodeo Arena
- Wortham Garden Club, 4:00 pm, Strange Community Center
- Freestone County Cancer Support Group, 5:30 pm, Fairfield Harmony Presbyterian Church
- Country & Western Music, 6:30 pm, Fairfield Senior Center
- Bingo, 11:00 am, Fairfield Senior Center

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

- Weight Watchers, 5:00 pm, Calvary Baptist Church
- VFW Bingo, 7:30 pm, VFW Post 587
- Blood Pressure Check, 11:00 am, Fairfield Senior Center

THURSDAY, JULY 9

- Children's Story Time, 10:30 am-11:00 am, Mary Moody Northern Library
- Out & About Christian Singles, 6:30 pm, First Baptist Church of Wortham
- Fairfield Lions Club, 7:00 pm, Fairfield Conference Center
- Fairfield Library Association Board, 5:00 pm, Mary Moody Northern Library
- Dew School Board, 6:00 pm, Dew ISD Cafeteria
- AA & NA, 8:00 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church Fairfield
- AA, 6:30 pm, FUMC Fairfield

FRIDAY, JULY 10

- AA & NA, 6:30 pm, Old City Hall, Main St., Teague

SATURDAY, JULY 11

- Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, 8pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fairfield
- Barnstomper, 7:30 pm, FJHS Cafeteria

To list calendar items, call 903-389-3334 or e-mail advertising@thefairfieldrecorder.com.