

For Supreme Court . . . Statewide hopeful visits

A statewide political candidate made a visit to Fairfield in a bid to win the Republican nomination to place three on the Texas Supreme Court.

Stopping by briefly last week was Justice Rebecca Simmons, a Mexia native currently serving on the Fourth Court of Appeals in San Antonio.

"We've been campaigning hard since January," the candidate says. "Thankfully, I get to run around talking about good jurisprudence."

Simmons is one of six GOP candidates seeking the nomination to the place three Supreme Court seats and expects there to be a runoff election after March 2 primary balloting. There are two Democratic candidates seeking their party's nomination, setting up an election contest in fall.

"Everybody is trying to get their message out," Simmons says.



REBECCA SIMMONS

The justice is a native of Mexia, graduate of Baylor School of Law and practiced law for 20 years before entering public service. She was appointed 408th State District Judge in Bexar county and subsequently won election to the bench, and was selected to serve on the Fourth Court in May 2005, winning election to a full term in 2006.

At Baylor School of Law, Simmons was notes and comments editor for Baylor Law Review, worked as a briefing attorney for the Texas Supreme Court after graduation and received an International Rotary Fellowship to study at Durham University in England.

In private practice, she specialized in complex commercial litigation. The candidate is a third generation lawyer and has three brothers who are attorneys. One of her brothers, Patrick Simmons, is 77th District Judge serving Freestone county.

Serving as place three justice on the Supreme Court is Harriet O'Neill who decided not to seek re-

election in 2010. There are currently two women and seven men serving on the court.

The candidate and her husband of 26 years, Dr. Richard Clemons, are parents of three children.

Development-

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coordinating the functions of downtown development and revitalization in cooperation with professional business organizations as well as area, state and federal agencies.

"Mayor Hill, the council, Mr. Looney and I will be working together to attract new businesses to Fairfield and Freestone county as well as strengthening existing business with a focus on growing the retail sector," Mrs. Thornton points out. "We'll be studying the demographics, identifying community needs, conducting market analysis and involving stakeholders."

The new director says she hopes to bring additional activities for youth to the community and would like to engage the youth in planning the needed activities. She also notes that she will try to look at and act upon the big picture for the common good, and not the individual, and points out that she sees obstacles not as rocks, but as jewels of learning and opportunity.

"I'm glad I'll be involved in improving the quality of life in Fairfield, I want to honor its history and traditions while opening the door to new initiatives," she says.

"I'm anxious to bring my 36 years experience in higher education and economic development activities to the city's team."

Police Report by Kenny Bulger



(A summary of recent activity of Fairfield Police Department.)

February 8
5:55 a.m.—Officer Gallegos responded to an open door at a business. Officer Gallegos met with key holder and advised everything was okay.

1:30 p.m.—Officer Gallegos responded to the interstate in reference to a possible motor vehicle that had slid off the roadway due to the weather. Unable to locate.

2 p.m.—Officer Gallegos and Sgt. Warren responded to an alarm on Mount Street. The building was found to be secure.

5 p.m.—Officer Gallegos responded to a verbal dispute. Upon officer's arrival parties had separated.

9:44 p.m.—Officer Tiner responded to an assault that possibly occurred. Officer Tiner took a report and one subject was issued a criminal trespass from the property.

February 9
2 a.m.—Officer Tiner identifies suspicious person walking on N. Fairway.

4:15 p.m.—Officer Gallegos met with a clerk at a business requesting that a subject be removed from the property.

5 p.m.—Officer Gallegos met with a complainant in reference to missing property.

9:27 p.m.—Officer Tiner responded to an alarm at Valero convenience store. Met with key holders and everything was found to be okay.

February 10
6:40 a.m.—Officer Gasaway responded to a business in reference to an alarm. Officer spoke with manager who stated there was a language barrier with some employees that had gone in the wrong door.

9:30 a.m.—Officer Kindon met with a complainant in reference to missing hay.

3:10 p.m.—Officer Gasaway assisted with a loose dog causing traffic problems. Animal control called to assist.

7:05 p.m.—Officer Frasier dispatched to east city limits in reference to a reckless driver.

10:30 p.m.—Officers Frasier and Markham responded to an alarm at 101 N. Mount. Officers advised building was found to be secure. Key holder notified.

February 11
2:50 a.m.—Officer

Frasier responded to a possible disturbance in which one person had been assaulted.

12:45 p.m.—Officer Gasaway assisted with an obstruction in the roadway. Officer and a Good Samaritan removed a gas welding cylinder that had fallen off a welding truck.

4:30 p.m.—Sgt. Warren met with a complainant at the police department in reference to missing medication, and wishing to file a report. Sgt. Warren identified the subject and the subject showed to have an outstanding warrant from Dallas county. Sgt. Warren identified another subject that was with the original complainant, and he too showed to have an outstanding warrant from Fairfield Municipal Court.

Sgt. Warren took the report from the original complainant of missing medication then transported both subjects to jail.

7:13 p.m.—Officer Frasier assisted at an accident that occurred in the county. Department of Public Safety was notified.

9:51 p.m.—Officer Frasier, while patrolling, observed what appeared to be an accident on the interstate. Officer investigated what he had observed and assisted one subject that was wedged between the guide cables while still inside a car.

February 12
1:45 a.m.—Officer Frasier assisted a motorist that had slid off the roadway due to weather conditions.

7:35 a.m.—Officer Tiner responded to an alarm at Texas Burger. Officer spoke with responsible party and everything was okay.

9:05 a.m.—Officer Tiner assisted DPS at a motor vehicle collision.

10:55 p.m.—Officer Gallegos and Sgt. Warren responded to Pizza Hut in reference to an alarm. Everything was found to be okay. Employees going home for the night.

11:40 p.m.—Sgt. Warren observed a vehicle parked at the rear of LaQuinta Inn's parking lot with its doors open. Investigated and found subject to be in possession of suspected marijuana. Subject arrested on possession charges.

February 13
8:25 a.m.—Officer Tiner assisted with locating a possible stolen vehicle headed toward Fairfield.

11:40 a.m.—Officer Tiner met with a complainant in

reference to a terroristic threat.

1 p.m.—Officer Tiner took a report of criminal mischief, a broken windshield.

9:10 p.m.—Officer Gallegos assisted a stranded motorist on the west service road of I-45 at U.S. 84.

February 14
12:15 a.m.—Sgt. Warren, while patrolling in the 300 block of S. Bateman Road observed a subject having difficulty walking down the road, much less on the road. The subject was highly intoxicated and was in much need of assistance. Subject arrested on a public intoxication charge.

3 a.m.—Officer Gallegos responded to the Budget Inn in reference to a welfare check. Officer spoke with subject in question and everything was fine.

10:25 a.m.—Officer Tiner and Sgt. Warren assisted Fairfield EMS on a medical call.

2:15 p.m.—Officer Tiner assisted Teague EMS en route to the hospital.

4:45 p.m.—Officer Tiner met with a subject at the police department in reference to a terroristic threat.

7:18 p.m.—Officer Gallegos assisted DPS trooper on a stolen vehicle.

8:50 p.m.—Officer Gallegos assisted Fairfield EMS with a medical emergency.

9:20 p.m.—Officer Gallegos on report of disturbance. All was okay.

11:35 p.m.—Officer Gallegos assisted Fairfield EMS on a medical emergency.

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