'Jericho Drive' surrounds Texas with prayer

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he knew the exact bridge where they were to pray.

At that deserted spot of the Pecos, where no car passed the entire time, they felt God wanted them to sound the shofar – a horn instrument used in the Bible to symbolize deliverance – 49 times. Mrs. McCord indicated part of the reason may have related to the area's historic reputation for lawlessness in the Old West.

Praying there, Lisa Love said it felt "like the heavens opened up, and you could feel the presence of God descend on the water."

The next day, the church members drove along the U.S.-Mexico border, where Mrs. McCord said she sensed a spirit of oppression. She said she felt the same thing in parts of Southeast Texas, and mentioned there was poverty in both regions.

The seventh-day drive was mostly in East Texas, and on the eighth day the group traveled along the Red River and returned to Burkburnett.

In all, the trip included 4,237 miles – 3,769 along the state's perimeter, plus the miles to Burkburnett and back again to Lampasas. Mrs. McCord said they did not have a bit of vehicle trouble on the Jericho drive and rarely encountered much traffic.

In East Texas, though, an extension ladder fell off a truck ahead of their RV on the highway. Fiddler was driving and tried to avoid the ladder, but another vehicle ran over it, breaking the ladder and sending debris flying. The debris missed the RV, though.

Mrs. McCord is considering additional Jericho drives



COURTESY

An RV carrying local church members, photographed by their acquaintances from Del Rio, travels in the area of Big Bend during a prayer journey around the entire perimeter of Texas.

around Texas in the future, but she has not set specific dates yet.

She believes Lampasas and

Texas have special meaning in God's plan. She experienced physical healing as well as spiritual growth after she moved here years ago.
"When I moved here, I was
eaten up with cancer," Mrs.
McCord said. "I had less than

six months to live. I got here from Houston. And when I got here, I started getting healed. God healed me."

DISTRICT COURT

Lampasas County 27th
District Court convened last
week with Judge John Gauntt
presiding over the day's
hearings.

Among the cases heard Jan. 20 were several adjudication announcements.

Reco Antonio White, 23, of San Antonio had his probation revoked, and he was sentenced to five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for aggravated robbery. He was credited with time served. White also is to pay court costs and attorney fees.

Elizabeth Ashley Salas, 25, of San Antonio had her probation revoked for abandon/endanger a child-criminal negligence, and she was given two years in the TDCJ with credit for time served. The court ordered her to pay court costs and attorney fees.

Probation also was revoked for Jessica Robin Campbell, 40, of Lampasas. She is to serve 18 months in the TDCJ for possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram, plus pay court costs and attorney fees. She was credited with time served. At his pretrial hearing last

week, 22-year-old Trevor Dean Vaughn received nine months in the TDCJ for credit card or debit card abuse. The defendant was credited with time served but must pay court

costs and attorney fees. In other action taken Jan. 20, 10 years' deferred probation with a \$2,000 fine was assessed to Amy Elizabeth Sankey. The 31-year-old Granite Shoals woman is charged with possession of a controlled substance over 4 grams and less than 200 grams. The court ordered her to pay court costs plus attorney fees.

Frank Leroy Bailey, 49, of Kerrville received six years' probation at his plea hearing for driving while intoxicated, third or more. In addition, he is to pay a \$2,000 fine, court costs and attorney fees.

Amber Nichole Johnson, 22, of Lampasas earned three years' deferred adjudication probation with a \$500 fine for possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram. She also must pay court costs

and attorney fees.
A two-year probation and a \$1,500 fine were given to

Roberto Garcia Ortiz, 36, of

Fort Worth for driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age. The defendant was ordered to pay court costs and attorney fees associated with the case.

A motion to adjudicate was dismissed for 38-year-old Kenneth Leon Mask, and the Lampasas man had his probation amended. He is charged with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

And warrants were issued when two defendants failed to show last week for their court proceedings:

Christian Vasquez-Mangual, 25, of Killeen, charged with possession of a controlled

substance less than 1 gram. Conrad Magana, 18, of Lampasas, charged with possession of a controlled

substance less than 1 gram.
An attorney was appointed for Joel Dominguez Fuentes, 33, of Harker Heights, and his arraignment was reset for Feb. 3. He is charged with burglary of a habitation.

On the court docket for Feb. 10 are the following: Pretrial hearing for Rolando Erebia, 35, of Lometa, charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. A waiver of arraignment was filed for the defendant, and an attorney was appointed for him.

Erebia also has a pretrial hearing set Feb. 10 on a charge of sex offender's duty to register life/annually.

Arraignment of Andrew
Joseph Perez, 19, of Killeen,
charged with possession of
a controlled substance less
than 1 gram. An attorney was
appointed for him.

Arraignment of Derichon
Jamaal Christopher, 26, of
Rusk, charged with evading
arrest/detention with a vehicle.
The court appointed an
attorney for him.

Pretrial hearing for William Garrett Goudeau, 22, of Copperas Cove, charged with tamper/fabricate physical evidence with intent to impair.

Pretrial hearing for Jorge
O. Hernandez-Ruiz, 26, of
Copperas Cove, charged with
burglary of a habitation.

Pretrial hearing for Andrew Del Rio, 27, of Austin, charged with manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance over 200 grams and less than 400 grams.

Adjudication announcement

for John William Honea, 33, of Flower Mound, charged with unlawful restraint of a person less than 17 years of age.

Plea hearing for Shawn Annette Lampe, 43, of Melvin, charged with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Melinda Caroline Rhea, 37, of San Saba had her pretrial hearing reset to Feb. 17. She is charged with possession of a controlled substance over 1 gram and less than 4 grams.

A plea hearing is scheduled Feb. 17 for 29-year-old Bobby Scott Chaney of Lampasas.
He is charged with aggravated assault causes serious bodily

The March 3 court docket includes the following action:

injury.

Pretrial hearing for Abelardo Carbajal, 24, charged with burglary of a habitation.

Plea hearing and presentence investigation for Benjamin Daniel Maldonado, 44, of Lampasas, charged with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram. Pretrial hearing for Terry

Wayne Perkins, 41, of

Florence, charged with burglary of a building.

Plea hearing and presentence investigation for Kimbrough Fred Estes, 47, of Lampasas, charged with obstruction or retaliation.

Revocation hearing for Michael Blake Bruton, 46, of Lometa, charged with criminal non-support.

Set for a March 10 plea hearing with presentence investigation is 51-yearold Mark Kevin Pierson of Lampasas. He is charged with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Also on March 10 is a plea hearing and presentence investigation for Osvaldo Daniel Alvarado, 20, of Lometa. He faces a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

A jury trial is planned March 20 for Jesse Raymond Kissel, 28, of Copperas Cove, charged with prohibited weapon-tire deflation device.

And David Magdaleno Bailon, 27, of San Angelo has a jury trial set April 17 on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance over 200 grams and less than 400 grams.

ARRESTS

The following arrests were reported to the Lampasas Dispatch Record by area law enforcement officials. The Dispatch Record prints the name and charge(s) of people arrested on at least one Class B misdemeanor – or more serious – charge.

JAN. 25

Arthur Joseph Sanchez, 46, of Marble Falls for driving while intoxicated, third or more. William Joshua Warren, 39, of Lampasas for burglary of a

JAN. 24

habitation.

William Monroe King, 20, of Lampasas for possession of marijuana.

Dessa Yvonne Faubion, 47, of Lampasas for assault causing bodily injury – family violence. Bryce Brandon Taylor, 17, of Lampasas on a Lampasas Police Department warrant fo aggravated assault.

James Winston Teer, 42, of Lampasas for driving while license invalid without maintaining financial responsibility.

JAN. 22

Clint Dewaine D'Spain, 44, of Lampasas for possession of a controlled substance and 17 Lampasas Municipal Court warrants. Angelina Vittori Lodes, 19,

of Bastrop for possession of marijuana. Jesse Paul O'Neal, 34, of

Jesse Paul O'Neal, 34, of Lampasas for possession of a prohibited weapon – knuckles.

> JAN. 20 Shawn Lee Johnson, 45,

of Goldthwaite for driving while license invalid with no insurance.

Aaron Guisseppi Campanaro, 28, of Copperas Cove for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction, a Lampasas County warrant for driving while license invalid with previous conviction, and two Lampasas Police Department warrants for failure to appear and driving while license invalid.

Jacklyn Monique Jacks, 24, of Round Rock for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, prohibited substance in a correctional facility and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Jaime Daniel Zarate, 23, of Lampasas for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

City seeks proposals for trash service

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if the city can negotiate better rates than what it is paying under the current contract.

Mayor Pro Tem Misti
Talbert said the council is
not unhappy with Waste
Management but wants to
see if it is possible to save
money on trash collection.
Mrs. Talbert said if the city
realizes savings, it should
"pass that savings on to
the consumer" by reducing
trash-collection fees on
customers' utility bills.

Proposals for solid waste disposal services are due Feb. 23. The City Council may consider awarding a contract at its Feb. 27 meeting.

On a different agenda item, the council voted 6-0 to approve an expenditure of \$33,942 for extending fiber optic cable to the fire department, animal shelter, public works barn and water/wastewater plant. The extension will connect the locations listed above to the existing City Hall network.

Southwest Fiber Optic Communications will run the fiber optic cable to each site, provide the necessary materials and perform installation.

By another 6-0 vote, the council agreed to lease a D5 dozer from Caterpillar Financial Services Corp.

The five-year lease agreement is for \$1,661 per month, which Councilman Chris Harrison said gives the city significant savings. He said last year the city rented a dozer for about \$10,000 per month.

The city must lease the equipment for five years to receive the discounted municipal rate, Harrison and deGraffenried said.

The dozer will be used to clear land at the FM 580 West Sports Complex, and it also will be used for cleanup work at the former city landfill on Old Georgetown Road. In addition, it can be used to clean and maintain drainage ditches, and to help with the pad for the new wastewater treatment department building.

Also Monday, the council voted to call a May 6 municipal election and approved two related items. The council approved an agreement to hold the election jointly with the Lampasas Independent School District, which has two Board of Trustees members eligible for re-election, and OK'd a contract for the county elections administrator to conduct the city election.

The mayor and Harrison, Place 2 Councilman Robert McCauley and Place 6 council member TJ Monroe are eligible for re-election. Toups, however, said he will not seek another term.

Mayor Pro Tem Misti Talbert, who holds the Place 4 seat on the council, has filed to run for mayor. On Thursday morning, the only other candidate who had filed was McCauley -who is seeking re-election to his Place 2 council seat.

On two other matters, the council voted to delay action until the Feb. 13 meeting.

The council was set to vote Monday on the second reading of a specific-use permit to allow a vapor/electronic cigarette shop in a retail zone at 102 E. Fifth St. The council voted unanimously to pass the first reading Jan. 9, but members opted to consider the second reading next month.

The delay is intended to give the city attorney time to draft restrictions to include with the specificuse permit.

Although vapor shop owner Jamie Walker said she will not sell any drug paraphernalia or marijuana-like synthetic products, council members are seeking to word the permit in such a way that the sale of such items would be expressly prohibited.

The council also voted to take action later about a proposed ordinance amendment related to satellite dishes.

The amendment presented Monday reads: Stand alone or ground mounted satellite or parabolic dishes up to twelve feet in diameter shall be allowed in all non-residential zoning districts as an accessory to the primary use of the tract providing a primary structure exists on the tract. No stand alone or ground mounted satellite or parabolic dish are allowed without a primary structure."

Based on comments from KCYL owner Ronnie Witcher, the council discussed creating an exemption for commercial radio or television broadcasting uses licensed with the Federal Communications Commission.

Harrison suggested taking action at a later date, when a new draft of the ordinance amendment is prepared. The rest of the council agreed, as officials said it will be fine to wait a few weeks.

In other items Monday, the council:

• appointed Marisa Canales and Jackie Baltrun to the Planning & Zoning Commission. They will replace Steve Hudson, who has resigned from P&Z, and Clay Greiner, who announced he would like to resign.

• accepted a Lampasas Police Department report that stated no complaints of alleged racial profiling had been received in 2016.

• accepted the fourthquarter finance report for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, 2016.

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