



June 2016



### Honoring Service

The May 10 City Council meeting will hold a special place in the history of Heath. Mayor Lorne Liechty's 20-year legacy of service was honored; Mayor Brian Berry and Councilmembers Kelson Elam and Joe Chamberlain were sworn into office; and special proclamations recognizing citizens were issued. After the meeting, a reception was held in honor of Mayor Liechty.



There wasn't a dry eye in the room as Mayor Liechty issued a special proclamation honoring the support of his wife, Mary.



Another loving wife, Shelley Berry, looks on as husband Brian Berry is sworn into office as Mayor of Heath by Rockwall County Judge David Sweet.



Incumbent Councilmember Joe Chamberlain was sworn into his second term of service to the City of Heath.



Longtime Heath resident Kelson Elam was welcomed and sworn into office. He was elected to Place 5 during the General Election on May 7.

Mayor Liechty issued numerous proclamations to Heath citizens for their significant contributions, including Jaunna French, owner of the City's longest existing business. Heath Hair Salon and Spa opened in 1976 and now employs 28 hair styling professionals.



Current and past council members were among the many citizens who attended the reception honoring Mayor Liechty. From left, Councilmember Rich Krause; former Mayor Chris Cuny; Councilmember Justin Holland; Mayor Liechty; Mayor Brian Berry; Councilmember Barry Brooks; past Councilmember Bob Hille; and Councilmember Kevin Lamberth.







## July 4: Annual Independence Day Parade & Patriotic Celebration in the Park

Start planning now to be a part of this Heath tradition on Monday, July 4! The City invites

all veterans to ride in a special float created to honor your service. We're also encouraging a little friendly competition among neighborhoods with a new award for the BEST NEIGHBORHOOD/HOA FLOAT! Staging begins at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary at 8 a.m.; judging at 8:30 a.m.; and the parade at 9 a.m. Parade entry awards will be presented during a patriotic celebration immediately after the parade in Towne Center Park, featuring a live barbershop quartet, free popsicles and PIE! Watch for more details next month and at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com).



## Heath DPS Hosts National Peace Officers Memorial Day Service

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week, to pay special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

Heath DPS recognized the memorial by hosting a ceremony at Heath City Hall on May 16 for fellow Rockwall County Peace Officers and the public. You can watch video of the touching ceremony at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com).

### CARRY THE LOAD

Heath DPS will also participate in Carry the Load, a national event dedicated to restoring the true meaning of Memorial Day by connecting Americans to the sacrifices made by members of the military, law enforcement officers, firefighters and their families. Team Heath DPS is part of The Rockwall County First Responders Company, which will once again embrace this vision by participating for the fourth consecutive year in numerous activities including fund raising, welcoming Carry the Load's National Relay Team when it comes through Rockwall, and participating in the 20-hour Dallas Memorial March at Reverchon Park in Dallas on May 29.

"Heath has consistently been among the top fund raising teams, raising nearly \$35,000 to date. With the continued support of our community, we hope to continue this success in 2016," said Heath DPS Chief Terry Garrett.

### HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE:

- You can greet the National Relay Team and attend the ceremony held at 3 a.m., May 29, at the Rockwall County Courthouse.
- You can attend and/or participate in the Dallas Memorial March beginning at 4 p.m., at Reverchon Park.
- You can make a donation to the Heath DPS team - Rockwall County First Responders via [www.heathtx.com/departments-of-public-safety](http://www.heathtx.com/departments-of-public-safety).

## City Sponsors Free E-Waste Collection on May 28

The City will co-sponsor a free E-waste Collection on Saturday, May 28, 9 a.m. to noon at Cain Middle School, 6620 FM 3097. Items accepted for recycling include: computer hardware, TV's, printers, copiers, scanners, faxes, servers, cell phones, corded phones, stereos, DVD players, small household appliances, ink and toner cartridges, batteries, and eye glasses for the Lions Club. Document shredding will be available.

## Business Spotlight:



### YOUNG HEATH ENTREPRENEUR BRINGS PATRIOTISM TO HIS NEIGHBORHOOD WITH FLAG SUBSCRIPTION BUSINESS

While some kids his age are playing video games or practicing their sport of choice, Nolan Fichtel has launched his own business dedicated to ensuring his neighborhood is the most patriotic in Heath.

Thanks to Nolan's Flag Subscription Service, every home owner in Crestridge Meadows can now proudly wave the American flag on seven patriotic holidays including Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, New Year's Day and Washington's Birthday. The fee is just \$45, and the flags are mounted in place at the curb by dawn of each holiday, and taken down at dusk the same day, as mandated by flag etiquette.

The flag service isn't the first business or civic-minded endeavor for this hard-working, self-motivated 10-year-old who enters the 5th grade at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School in the fall. A conscientious volunteer for many events, including the City of Heath's Holiday in the Park and Heart of Heath 5k and Family Run,

Nolan has also helped present Cain Middle School Winter Glow-Out Dances as a volunteer and vendor who made and sold special bracelets used as tickets. Even as a little tyke, he was setting up a store or lemonade stand in his front yard, and many nights he now runs a "restaurant" at home, charging his big brothers and parents for preparing and serving them evening snacks and beverages.

Ask Nolan what motivated him to start his flag subscription business, and the answer is pretty straightforward. "I like to stay busy, I like to make money and I am proud of my country and community," he says with his impish smile and a shrug.

As we head into Memorial Day Weekend, the City salutes this young Heathen who exemplifies the American spirit and work ethic that made our country great!