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GAVEL & BADGE

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Howdy!

**FROM PRESIDENT
CONSTABLE MATT WYLIE**

I am so pleased to introduce an updated Gavel and Badge. It is so important for our JPCA members to be informed and stay connected and this new format will help get information out as well as hopefully get members more involved in what is happening not only in JPCA, but also around the State with our fellow Judges and Constables. I am proud to be this year's JPCA President and I am looking forward to see how our association continues to grow this upcoming 2022 year!

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**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
JOHN W. SWENSON, JR.**

Time in office: 8+ years

Judge Swenson is passionate about making sure the small counties provide everything that the large counties provide.

"This is the most challenging job I've ever had, I am an attorney, I've been an attorney for 30 years, an assistant District Attorney, a state administrative Law Judge, and I was Constable before I went to law school. I have had a whole gamut of law enforcement and legal jobs and I just find that the Justice of the Peace Job is the most challenging in the world because of the variety of cases we have."

Spotlight

CLAY COUNTY



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<https://www.co.clay.tx.us/>

**CONSTABLE
KIRK HORTON**

Constable Kirk Horton is the elected Constable in Clay County Texas. He was appointed to the position in 2017 and was duly elected in a special election in 2018. Constable Horton has spent his entire Law Enforcement career working for and caring for the citizens of Clay County and has continued that legacy of caring as the Constable. Since his time in office, he has been able to bring his standard of excellence to the position. He has 1 full-time deputy and 5 reserves. He has also been able to get new vehicles for his office as well as adding a K-9 unit to the department. Constable K. Horton is excited about the future of Clay County and hopes to be a part of its progression for years to come.

Stay in Touch



June 27 - July 1, 2022

Texas A&M Hotel & Conference Center, College Station

Mark your calendar, Registration opens **March 15, 2022**

[Conference Flyer](#)

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Do you have a question or have an idea for an upcoming issue? We would love to hear from you!

Reach us @
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Upcoming EVENTS 2022

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

CONSTABLES

February 1-2, 2022	CIVIL WORKSHOP Corpus Christi Omni	February 22-25, 2022	VIRTUAL CIVIL PROCESS SEMINAR
April 10-12, 2022	CORE CURRICULUM Denton Embassy Suites	April 17-20, 2022	CIVIL PROCESS San Antonio Embassy Suites
May 8-10, 2022	CORE CURRICULUM Austin Southpark Hotel	May 22-25, 2022	CIVIL PROCESS Galveston Convention Center
May 15-17, 2022	CAUSE & MANNER San Marcos Embassy Suites	August 7-10, 2022	CIVIL PROCESS Denton Embassy Suites

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Education COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
Our team is dedicated to making sure that each and every Justice of the Peace has the information and resources they need in order to serve their communities. Thank you for allowing us to serve you! It is our honor!
Judge James Kerbow, Denton County



Texas Justice Court Training Center

The Texas Justice Court Training Center is thrilled to be fully back in-person and looking forward to a wonderful education year. This year you will notice even more flexibility, with virtual conferences still available for constables and clerks, and many ways for justices of the peace to build their 20 hours in person or online. We know there are evolving issues on everyone's mind – like the implementation of new bail laws and the changes made to exempt property. We have incorporated that information into our education offerings and will continue to make information on those topics available. As always, we are interested in your feedback, so never hesitate to reach out to me at td24@txstate.edu with ideas to enhance your education experience.

Very Truly Yours,
Thea D. Whalen



JPCA Scholarships and Award Applications will be accepted until
March 31, 2022

Visit www.jpca.com for more information!!

Chaplain's CORNER

Dwain Read
Chaplain for JPCA

What is the true meaning of happiness?

I read that happiness is an emotional state characterized by feelings of joy, satisfaction, contentment, and fulfillment. While happiness has many different definitions, it is often described as involving positive emotions and life satisfaction. Happiness is generally linked to experiencing more positive feelings than negative. Well, each day we are getting reminded of all the negatives for sure. If it isn't Covid and its impact, it may be what is happening politically in our state, country, and the world.

For some of you it hasn't been so happy around your life this past year. It is amazing the impact of Covid and the lives that have been affected through this crisis. I have lost several friends with Covid and I'm sure you have as well.

But I want to remind all of us that we have a lot to be thankful for and to be happy about namely God's love; look at [Romans 8:35-39. 35](#) (Click the link for the full verse)

Some say that happiness is a frame of mind really. I am reminded of a verse in [Philippians 4:11](#) (Click the link for the full verse). Whatever comes your way we need to remember God will help you through it and never leave you, but he expects us to be content in whatever circumstance we find ourselves in.

My prayer is that you will lean on your Heavenly Father in all things!

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