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Stone selected as reporter for Student Television Network

Royse City High senior Schelly Stone has been tapped as one of five reporters for the U.S. Education Television broadcast at the Student Television Network national convention in Los Angeles this weekend. She will interview individuals for a live broadcast on the usededucationtv.com website. Only 18 U.S. students were selected. A two-year member of the RCHS broadcast team, RCTV, and one of the senior producers of the bi-weekly show, Daughter of Mike and Dianne Stone, Schelly is also majoring in video production at a Texas university.

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Rockwall Main Street receives recognition

The City of Rockwall received its third annual national recognition in progress in Downtown Rockwall as a designated Main Street city, according to a city news release.

The announcement was made by the Texas Historical Commission's Main Street Program in January at their annual gathering of Main Street managers.

Rockwall's Main Street Manager Bethany Golden works with the Rockwall Old Town Shoppes, the Friends of Downtown, the Main Street Board and other volunteers. Their work has helped attract tourists, retail shopping and thousands of visitors annually to special events such as the Farmer's Market, Founders Day Festival, the annual Runz Run and multiple holiday events.

The Main Street Advisory Board has awarded 18 facade grants totaling \$16,000, which allows merchants to revitalize the exterior of their buildings. Public and private reinvestment in downtown totals \$2.7 million since the inception of the program in 2009. Later this year, a \$1.625 million bond project for downtown improvements will begin, adding \$1.625 million to the reinvestment total when completed, Golden said.

The Texas Main Street Program is a revitalization plan for historic downtown and neighborhood commercial districts based on its Four-Point approach – organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring in the context of historic preservation. National accredited Main Street cities show above-average performance in 10 categories on an annual report. A selection criterion focuses on such things as planning, partnerships, staffing, volunteer effort and preservation ethic.

Sixty-seven programs were recognized by the commission.

Webb tapped as Rockwall High School head coach

Rodney Webb, who most recently served as the head football coach and campus athletic director at Mesquite's John D. Horn High School, has been hired to fill the head coaching position and campus athletic coordinator at Rockwall High School.

According to a Rockwall Independent School District news release, Webb's hiring was unanimously approved at the March 1 special meeting of the RISD Board of Trustees.

Webb has 22 years of experience as a teacher and a coach and has worked in several school districts, including the Elgin ISD, Glen Rose ISD, Austin ISD, Garland ISD, Royse City ISD and the Ruidoso Municipal School System in Ruidoso, N.M. He led Mesquite Horn High School to its first five playoff experiences in school history. He was named the 2008 District 11-5A Coach of the Year, the 2007 District 10-3A Coach of the Year and the 2004 District 9-3A Coach of the Year.

Webb holds a bachelor's degree from Tarleton State University. In

2007, he was inducted into the Tarleton University State Athletic Hall of Fame.



Rodney Webb

"We are so pleased to have Coach Webb as the new head coach for Rockwall High School," RISD superintendent Jeff Bailey said in the news release. "Coach Webb's previous experience and continued level of success will be great assets for that campus and for our district."

Webb's start date at RHS has not yet been determined, according to the news release.

New parks superintendent addresses Royse City council

by Millie Jean Coppedge

Brent Stowers, Royse City's new parks superintendent, gave an update at the City Council meeting Feb. 26. He discussed the improvements he plans to make concerning the athletic fields and the city playgrounds.

As part of Stowers' responsibilities, he is to supervise the trimming, mowing and weed control of neighborhood parks. He also oversees landscaping of any city-owned properties and the inside maintenance of facilities such as the museum, the animal shelter, the senior citizen center and the service center.

Of much interest to the City Council, staff members and those in attendance at the meeting, was Stowers' information regarding the upcoming season for West Nile mosquito spraying. He discussed taking samples for the mosquito-borne virus, then making the decision of whether or not there will be a need this year to spray.

At this point, Councilman Tom Crowley asked Stowers if it was important to conduct the testing. Stowers replied that he thought it was important, stating that if it were found that there was not a need this year to spray, it would save the taxpayers a lot of money, for the unnecessary expense. Stowers said he believes that spraying should not be the first option, but the last.

There were no speakers to address the Council during the citizens participation time allotment.

Also on the agenda for the Royse City Council meeting was



After the Royse City Council meeting Tuesday night, the new parks superintendent, Brent Stowers, was happy to discuss his plans for the spring and summer improvements to the city's landscaping.

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Storm spotter training set March 9 at library

The National Weather Service office in Fort Worth will offer a SKYWARN severe weather program from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 9 at the Rockwall County Library.

Offered in partnership with Rockwall County Emergency Management, the program will include information on thunderstorm formation, ingredients and features associated with severe storms. It also will provide a review of tornado behavior and will provide insight into why some storms produce tornadoes and some do not. Also planned is a discussion of non-threatening clues that may be mistaken for significant

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Work is under way on the next Habitat for Humanity house, which is being built for the Villalobos family. Despite the chilly weather, volunteers came out and assisted in framing 2 1/2 sides of the house Saturday February 10. Anyone interested in helping with the build should visit rockwallhabitat.org for more details.

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to "consider possible continuance of the current mission statement and possible acceptance of the proposed vision statement." Both statements passed by a unanimous vote.

The Mission Statement for the City of Royse City reads: "To preserve our hometown atmosphere, to serve the community through responsible government and provide a safe environment, which promotes, enhances and develops a higher quality of life for our citizens."

The Vision Statement for the City of Royse City reads: "The vision of the City of Royse City is to become the most innovative, efficient, and proactive community in the area-in the eyes of our citizens, merchants, visitors and employees. We expect and demand the best we have to offer by always keeping our five core values in mind." The five core values are:

1. Ethical – We adhere to the highest ethical standards, which include honesty, integrity, and community trust.

2. Professional – We are committed to being accountable, honorable, courteous, conscientious and adhering to the highest established organizational standards.

3. Team Oriented – We work together as a team and recognize that our combined efforts will accomplish more for our community.

4. Dedication – We are professionals dedicated to service by being diligent, loyal, productive and adaptable.

5. Customer Responsiveness – We respond to the needs of our customers in impartial, efficient and timely actions.

Also unanimously passed by the council was a resolution to fund the 2013 Pay Plan for all city employees. This is an incentive, 10-step compensation plan allowing employees to advance their salary each year for 10 years, if submitted and approved by their supervisors.

City Manager Carl Alsabrook gave updates on the Erby Campbell Overpass project, saying "all utility relocations are now moving at a rapid clip," which is good news concerning the upcoming construction of the new Wal-Mart store. As of yet, no beginning construction date has been given by Wal-Mart.

All council members were in attendance as well as Alsabrook, city attorney Jason Day, city secretary Brenda Craft and other staff members. The next council meeting is set for 7 p.m. March 12.

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Library to offer technology test drives

The Rockwall County Library staff will demonstrate the ins and outs of a variety of e-readers and audio devices from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 7 and March 26. Devices have been provided by a grant from the Texas State Library. Individuals planning to participate should sign up at the library's reference desk or call 972-204-7770 to reserve a space.

Public School Rally set March 7

The Rockwall ISD will host a Celebrate Texas Public Schools Rally featuring former Texas Commissioner of Education Robert Scott beginning at 7 p.m. March 7 at the Rockwall High School Performing Arts Center on the Utley campus. The event is set to run concurrently with Celebrate Texas Public Schools Week and will feature several student performance groups, including the Amy Parks-Heath Starlight Singers, the Springer Elementary Guitar Ensemble, the RISD orchestra ensemble and the RHHS choir ensemble. Admission will be free and open to the public. For more information call the RISD Office of Communications at 972-771-0605.

Spring Break Art Camp scheduled

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host a Spring Break Art Camp from 2 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. March 11-14 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Eight spring-themed landscapes will be offered under the guidance of a professional, certified instructor. Participants will learn fine art techniques using five different media – oil, acrylic and watercolor, oil pastel and charcoal. All supplies are provided. Cost is \$119 for Rockwall residents, \$179 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Dr. Frank Miller Day set at church

March 17 will be Dr. Frank Miller Day at the First Christian Church Rockwall. Miller, who has been chosen for the position of elder emeritus, will be recognized for his leadership, dedication, consecration and faithful service. A presentation will be made at the 11 a.m. worship service and a reception will follow. Friends of the honoree are invited to attend. The church is located at 3375 Ridge Road, 1.4 of a mile south of I-30. For more details call 972-771-5526.

American Legion's annual luncheon slated

The Rockwall Terry Fisher American Legion Post 117 will celebrate its annual American Legion luncheon March 17, honoring the founding of the organization 94 years ago. The event will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 108 E. Washington St., in Rockwall. All post members are invited; (Continued on Page 2)





City of Rockwall recognized for AHA 2012 Fit Friendly Worksite Award

Mary Smith, Rockwall's assistant city manager, and Nicole Bowen, a member of the city's finance department, are shown accepting the American Heart Association's 2012 Fit Friendly Worksite Award from Dr. Kenneth Cooper. The city was one of eight cities recognized at the Dallas Fit Friendly Symposium conducted recently in Dallas. According to the AHA, "fit friendly" cities create an environment of wellness that helps lower healthcare costs and protect their employees.

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FUMC Heath celebrates fiscal milestone with note burning

by Darcy DeBok

The First United Methodist Church of Heath, under the direction of the Rev. Dean Libby, celebrated a milestone in the church's history on Feb. 24. The congregation gathered to witness a note burning, signifying the church's recent paying off of debt.

According to Libby, the church had a total debt of \$780,000 incurred from the construction of phase 1 and 2 of the church's buildings. The debt had diligently and responsibly been paid down for the last 13 years. A large gift at the end of 2012 from an anonymous donor allowed the church to cross the threshold of financial freedom.

Without the financial constraints of mortgage debt, the church now will be able to better focus and utilize its resources towards its ministry work.

"We are excited how we can find new ways to minister to our community now that we don't have the burden of debt," said Libby.

In attendance for the special event were FUMC Bishop Mike McKee and District Superintendent Frank Algeria. The three former pastors of the congregation were also invited. The Rev. Reid Fate sent her greetings and congratulations via video message and the Rev. Scott Holcomb-McLain sent his wishes in a letter. Both are on assignment in other churches and were unavailable to attend in person. Carol Ann Ravert, wife of the late Rev. Larry Ravert, attended on his behalf.

The note was burned during the church's 11 a.m. worship service as a symbolic act of being released from the freedom of debt. Libby explained that it is a rare and special occurrence, as most churches live in debt.

"We celebrated our release from indebtedness," he said. "We are celebrating God's faithfulness to us in our past, present and into the future."

The congregation celebrated with a big lunch after the service. Libby said there was lots of excitement, as well as tears of joy.

"It was a great day as a church family to be together and celebrate the new kinds of ministry we will be able to do in our community," he said.

Correction

Ryan Ullom, one of the Rockwall FFA students who attended ag mech shows in San Antonio and San Angelo earlier this year, was incorrectly identified in last week's paper. Ullom is from Nebley Williams Elementary.

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Resident Bob Chapman with his daughter Degie during a book signing. Bob is a longtime resident of Emeritus at Summer Ridge Assisted Living and Retirement Community.

Rockwall County Entertainment

Style show, luncheon set March 8

Eloise's Closet, sponsored by the Rockwall Soroptimists, will host a style show luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. March 8 in the Rockwall County Library meeting room. In celebration of International Women's Day, models will include women from the community who have made a difference through their volunteer work. Melissa Woodward, founder of For the Sake of One, will be honored with the organization's Ruby Award for her work with the young victims of human trafficking. Tax-deductible tickets for this fundraiser cost \$25 each and may be purchased at Rockwall County Abstract & Title, Republic Title or Providence Place at the Harbor. Cotton Patch Café will provide lunch; seating will be limited.

Newcomers plan spring style show

The Rockwall County Newcomers and Friends will host a spring style show March 14 as part of their regular luncheon meeting at Occasions of Stone River, Royse City. The event will include a "How to Accessorize" segment. Doors open at 10 a.m. for coffee, tea and fellowship; the business meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., with the program and lunch to follow. Cost is \$19, which will be payable at the door. All female residents of Rockwall County are invited to attend. Reservations are required by March 4 and may be made by calling Sylvia at 972-772-4890 or Marion at 972-722-9896.

Southern Junction to host Texas music artists

Texas music artists coming to Southern Junction Nightclub and Steakhouse are Deryl Dodd Saturday March 16 and Josh Abbott Saturday March 23. For ticket information call 972-771-2418.

Robert Post show slated March 18

Rockwall MusicFest will present Robert Post in a one-man variety show at 7:30 p.m. March 18 at the RHS Performing Arts Center, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall. Post's show is inspired by classic vaudeville and his Italian grandmother, who danced and sang at any family occasion. Tickets cost \$65 for concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$25 for individual performance ticket. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com.

42Five performance set May 9

Five male voices comprise 42Five, which will offer up its form of entertainment singing tunes from the '60s to today, including "Don't Stop Believing," "Don't Stop Me Now" and "Joy to the World," beginning at 7:30 p.m. May 9 at the RHS Performing Arts Center. Tickets cost \$65 for concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$25 for individual performance ticket. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com.

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features. Safety planning – that is, what individuals can do to keep themselves and others safe when threatening thunderstorms are present – also will be reviewed.

The program will be in multimedia format, featuring new photos of storms and some video from the 2012 severe storm season.

"We have quite a bit of new material for this year's spotter training program," said Mark Fox, warning coordination meteorologist at the Fort Worth office. "We will be showing data from the severe weather events of 2012, plus emphasize how your storm observations help to save lives."

The purpose of the training remains constant – spotter training saves lives, according to the NWS news release.

"Weather radar is a great tool, but it only tells part of a storm's story," said Tom Bradshaw, meteorologist-in-charge of the Fort Worth office. "Spotter observations are fundamental to the protection of life. The combination of spotter reports and radar data gives us the best possible picture of the storms and what's going on inside them."

The program will be free and open to the public. No advanced registration is required.

"By coming to this program, you will learn a lot about thunderstorms," Fox said. "Even if you don't become an active storm spotter, you will learn about how storms work and the visual clues you can identify when storms are in your area. This will better prepare yourself and your family for the threats that storms pose."

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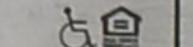


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Pictured above is this year's National Charity League Seniors. Shown at front are Kennedy Vaughan and Audrey Towne, both students at Rockwall-Heath High. On the second row are Hayley Brock, Carley Gates and Berkley Talley, all Rockwall High students; Sarahbeth Beauchamp, RHHS; Courtney Corbin, RHS; and Haley Gates, RHS. At back are Autumn Tarter, RHHS; Shelby Adams, RHHS; Jessica Allen, RHHS; Erin Iles, RHHS; Madison Hatfield, RHHS; Lindsey Wheeler, RHS; and Anna Burke, Heritage Christian.

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Fundraiser, craft show planned in RC

The 4th Annual Battle of the Bulldogs Fundraiser & Craft Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 23 at the Royse City HS Royce Swine Facility, 700 S. FM 2642. The event, sponsored by Royse City Softball, will include a car show, rag ball tournament, cow patty bingo, silent auction, jail and bail. Special visits by the Easter bunny also will be offered. Photos available with the bunny from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost for an booth is \$50. For more details visit rcisd.org/rchs and click on the Bulldogs link.

Easter egg hunt set at park

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Recreation Department-sponsored egg hunt will begin at 10 a.m. March 23 in Harry Myers Park. Special eggs will be included in this old-fashioned hunt. A bounce house, games and other fun activities are planned. For more information call 972-771-7717.

'God's Favorite' auditions set

Audition for the Neil Simon comedy "God's Favorite" will begin at 10 a.m. March 23 at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk, in Rockwall. No appointments are needed. "God's Favorite" is a light-hearted piece of five men and three women. Those planning to audition should bring a resume and headshot and be prepared to read from the script. Thibodeaux will direct the play.

Dr. Larry Lea to speak March 24

Dr. Larry Lea, founding pastor of the Church on the Rock in Rockwall, will be on hand to preach at the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services at General Baptist Church, 3025 E. I-30, Fate, on March 24. Church on the Rock

movement of more than 100 churches internationally that adopted the name or were influenced by the mother church. Lea is the best-selling author of "Count Not Tarry One Hour?" and traveled to more than 60 countries helping others develop a personal prayer life. He is coming to Rockwall to preach for his son, Pastor John, and will teach through the Word he developed from the Book of Prayer. For more information visit generationschurchtx.org.

Rockwall plans Fire Academy

The City of Rockwall Fire Department is accepting applications for its 2013 Citizen Fire Academy, which will run March 28 through May 23. The academy, designed to provide participants with information on increasing fire and life safety awareness, will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. each Thursday full day on May 18 at Fire Station No. 2 at 920 Rockwall Park. Participation in the academy is offered free of charge. Participants must be at least 18 years of age. For more information on the academy contact Billy Terminus at 972-7700 or 972-7772 or by email at btermin@rockwall.com.

Women's League seeks grant requests

The Rockwall Women's League is accepting grant requests from nonprofit agencies that provide services in Rockwall County. Submission deadline is April 10. Requests should include: project name, 501(c)(3) ID number, project description, program benefit and amount requested. Grant requests should be submitted in writing to P.O. Box 383, Rockwall, 75087, attn.: Joey Grand-Lies.

For more details call 972-800-8000. Proceeds from the RWL Annual Charity Ball are used to provide grants, as well as scholarships to Rockwall County high school seniors. Last year \$22,200 in grants and \$50,000 in scholarships were awarded. This year's charity ball, Under the Big Top, is set for April 20 at The Fairmont Hotel, Dallas. To contribute or attend, contact Cindy Kirk at 972-942-9752 or dallasflooranddesign.com.

Relay For Life registration underway

Cancer fighters, survivors and their caregivers are invited to participate in the annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life event beginning at 7 p.m. April 12 at Cain Middle School. Those plan to participate should register soon as possible at relayforlife.rockwalltx.org. For more details, contact Sheila Wooten at 469-698-9590 or email kilarwooten@yahoo.com.

Barry makes his mark

Al Garity, a junior criminology major at Texas State University, has achieved in the field of Rockwall High School.

Family services for Tom Rowlett will be conducted in Rockwall under the direction of

Funeral Home-Rockwall.

of natural causes on Feb. 23.

Feb. 23, 1945, in St. Paul, A. and Thelma Ray (Whitman) was a bookkeeper in the Capitol, Calif., from 1945 to 1950. She was active in the community, hosting gatherings.

Her husband, Kenneth, died in 1965. Their son, Steve Swofford, officiated at the funeral.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Samantha 'Sammy' Knostman

Memorial service for Samantha "Sammy" Knostman, 3, of Rockwall was held at 1 p.m. Feb. 28, 2013, in the Lake Pointe Church auditorium in Rockwall with Pastor Steve Stroope officiating. A Night of Remembrance was conducted Feb. 27 at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

Died Feb. 23.

In Jan. 22, 2010, in Dallas to Doug and Ann (Bahr) Knostman, she died at the Pointe Church.

Survivors include her parents; her brothers, Bryan and Ben Knostman of Rockwall; her grandparents, Ronald and Ruth Bahr of Downers Grove, Ill.; and her sisters, Jill Knostman of Troy, Ohio; her aunts and uncles, David and Valerie Knostman; Tom and Katie Knostman and Steve and Michele Knostman; and her sons-in-law, Greg, Steve, Patrick, Noah, Liam, Will, Charlie, George, Andrew and Andrew.

Survivors have suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Medical Center, 1935 Medical District Drive, Dallas, TX 75235.

Tomie Lamb

Services for Tomie Lamb, 67, of Rowlett will be conducted under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

Died of natural causes on Feb. 24,

Born June 20, 1945, in St. Paul, Ark., she was working as a bookkeeper.

Survivors include her husband, Doug Lamb of Rowlett; one daughter, Danielle Roark, and her husband, Michael, of Rockwall; her grandchildren, Jordan and Samantha; her mother, Raye Knorr of Eagle Creek, Ind.; and her sister, Mary Cooper of Eagle Creek.

Kenneth L. McKinney

Services for Kenneth L. McKinney, 89, of Rockwall were conducted at 1 p.m. Feb. 28, 2013, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Steve Stroope officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Cemetery, Rockwall.

Died Feb. 23.

Born March 6, 1923, to Mary and Floyd McKinney of Halfway, Mo., he married Mary Eagon in 1942. He earned a Purple Heart in 1945 in the military and graduated from Southwest Missouri State College in 1949. He spent 30 years in management with International Harvester in Springfield, Ill., and Dallas. Following retirement he was active in ranching and development with his sons in Rockwall. A member of the First Baptist Church, he had been a resident of Rockwall for 30 years.

Survivors include his two sons and daughters-in-law, Kent and Martha McKinney and Terry and Debby McKinney; his granddaughters, Jennifer McKinney Attardi and Tia McKinney Brightwell; his great-grandchildren, McKinney, Michael McKinney, Tanner Conley, Chase Conley, Lynn Conley and Aniston Brightwell; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife, a brother, Harold, and two grandsons, Jr. and Terry Jr.

Brant Wade Moyers

Venant Wade Moyers died March 2, 2013. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Born April 22, 1964, in Little Rock, Ark., he lived a life often beset by physical difficulties, but remained an example of strong faith in the Lord to those who knew him. His physical trials began with a cancerous brain tumor, which required surgery and extensive radiation therapy. At the age of 15. As a result, he was subject to brain seizures for the remainder of his life. At 33 he was diagnosed with a life-threatening condition, adrenal insufficiency, which required extensive hospitalization and recovery. In 2002 he experienced his first several strokes that eventually led to his death.

Throughout his difficulties, he demonstrated an inner spirit from God that kept him strong and courageous as would any soldier of war. He was referred to as "tough" by two of his aunts on a recent visit.

He loved Christ, his family and those around him. He encouraged others to tell others about Jesus. He enjoyed the Moyers family reunions and playing Texas 42 with his relatives. He taught many of his younger siblings games of chess and 42.

After graduating from Brewer High School with honors, he attended Tarrant County Junior College and worked for several companies before working in 1990 with the federal government in the General Services Administration. There he earned several awards. He worked with the GSA for 12 years before a stroke disabled him so he could no longer work. This was his greatest disappointment. Following his retirement in 2003, he moved his parents to Royse City.

Survivors include his parents, Tony and Janice Moyers of Royse City; a brother, Brant Moyers of Southlake; a sister, Laurie Gandy, and brother-in-law, Steve Gandy, and niece, Shayla Gandy, all of Elmo; aunts; uncles; and cousins.

The family would like to thank his longtime physician, Dr. Jaime Castro of Rockwall, and the Heart to Heart Hospice Team. Special thanks go to Anna Harper, Rochelle Davis and Doyle Ives for their care and support.

Anne Boggess Nightengale

Services for Anne Boggess Nightengale, 50, of Heath was conducted at 1 p.m. March 3, 2013, in the First Baptist Church of Rockwall with Rev. Meryl Taylor officiating.

Died Feb. 26.

Born June 14, 1962, in Tulsa, Okla., to Roger and Marlie (Born) Boggess, she was a 1984 graduate of Oklahoma State University with a degree in petroleum engineering. She died off Nightengale on Feb. 25, 2013, in Elmo and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall.

Survivors include her husband; her children, Holly, Marlie and Darcie Boggess, all of Heath; her sisters, Lynn Smith and her husband, Curtis, of Elmo; and Beth Rickerts and her husband, Jay, of North Carolina; and her nephews, Brett, Ryan and Kayley Smith and Seth, Gracie and Lloyd Troutt.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors have suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Boys & Girls Club of America, 4407 Bee Cave Rd., Ste. 520, Austin, TX 78730 or www.hankyou4caring.org.

Charity makes UNT Dean's List

Garrison, a junior criminal justice major at the University of Texas at Dallas College of Public Affairs, was named to the Dean's List for achievements in the fall semester.

A Rockwall High graduate, Garrison is the daughter of Paul and Anne Garrison of Rockwall.

Donaire 'Mabel' Miller

Graveside services for Donaire "Mabel" Miller, 88, were conducted at 10 a.m. March 1, 2013, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park in Rockwall. A memorial service followed at noon at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Heath Stake Center in Heath. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Feb. 26 in the Lake Pointe Hospital in Rowlett.

Born in Zarco, Alajuela, Costa Rica on Aug. 20, 1924, to Jacinto Arce Chavez and Lidia Camacho Carvajal, she received her early education in Costa Rica and Guatemala. She graduated from Marvel Hairdressing School in Toronto, Canada, in 1946. She was a well-known author and award-winning hair designer for 65 years. She owned various salons throughout the years in Utah; Costa Rica; Panama City, Panama; and in the former Panama Canal Zone.

Survivors include her children, Millie Peterson, Larry Miller Jr. and Shirley Huerta; her grandchildren, Kristen, Eric, Risa, Alysa, Julie and Richard; and her two sons-in-law, Richard Peterson and Marco Huerta.

Timothy (Tim) Wayne Smith

Services for Timothy (Tim) Wayne Smith, 48, of Royse City were conducted at 11:30 a.m. March 2, 2013, in the First Baptist Church in Royse City with Pastor Les Joslin officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died Feb. 26.

Born Nov. 30, 1964, in Garland to Carl Wayne Smith and Linda Ruth (Nelson) Ussery, he was a fire alarm technician and volunteer firefighter for Royse City for 12 years. His biggest dream was to have a wife and children and felt blessed to have received those from God. He took pride and joy in coaching his daughter Steffany's Little League team and was a die-hard fan of the Dallas Cowboys and Tony Stewart. He was a member of the Community Baptist Church in Royse City.

Survivors include his wife, Latresa (Wood) Smith; his daughters, Jennifer Heffner, and her husband, Nick, Tiffany Smith and Steffany Smith; his mother, Linda Ruth (Nelson) Ussery; his sisters, Rhonda Lovell, and her husband, Phil and Brandi Spindle and her husband, Bryan; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carl Wayne Smith; and his grandparents, Herman (Lefty), Lois Smith, J.C. Nelson, A.C. Streetman and Juanita Streetman.

Pallbearers were Phil Lovell, Rusty Streetman, Daniel Najera, Craig Stapleton, Roque Pecina and Kelly Shewmake. Honorary pallbearers were his nephews, Bryce, Braylen and Braxton Spindle, Ethan Don Roberts and Daniel Najera Jr.

Kim Elaine Swan

A rosary and mass for Kim Elaine Swan, 56, of Dallas will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. March 15, 2013, at the Church of the Holy Trinity in Cheyenne, Wyo., under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died Feb. 25.

Born Nov. 12, 1956, in Abilene to Billie Jo and Jo Ann (Nichols) Swan, she grew up in Odessa and Rock Springs, Wyo. Lovingly called Kimbo by her family, she graduated from high school in Rock Springs and attended the University of Wyoming, Nebraska Wesleyan University and the University of Northern Colorado, obtaining a master's degree in special education. She taught school for 25 years, retiring in Texas. She was a member of St. Pius X Church in Dallas. She was happiest when spending time with her children, caring for her rescue dog, Sadie, planting in her flower garden, and painting.

Survivors include her son, Brandon Okano, and his fiancée, Sarah Urnowski, of Glen Cove, N.Y.; her daughter, Lauren Okano, of Baltimore, Md.; a brother, Gary Swan, and his wife, Janet, of Fort Worth; a sister, Sandra Dotson, and her husband, Neel, of Heath; three nieces; and four great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Dale E. Troutt

Services for Dale E. Troutt of Rockwall were conducted at 1 p.m. March 4, 2013, in the Lake Pointe Church Chapel with Pastor Steve Stroope and Pastor Bill Cathey officiating. Graveside services followed at 4:30 p.m. in the Acton Cemetery in Acton. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died at his home on Feb. 28.

Born April 5, 1929, in Shawnee, Okla., he grew up in Bogata and met Greta Dobbs in Wichita Falls. The couple married and were together for 59 years. He served in the U.S. Navy for 12 years as a hospital corpsman. In 1959 he became administrator of the Eastland Memorial Hospital in Eastland, then worked for Champion Home Builders Co. for 17 years as divisional manager and regional director in charge of five manufacturing plants. The couple moved to Rockwall in 1978. He opened and operated Lakeside Tire Center in 1983. He also served as county commissioner for Precinct 2 for 12 years. A member of the Lake Pointe Church, he enjoyed being a part of the Town East Mall Walkers. He was a 46-year member of the Masonic Lodge and a 32nd Degree Mason in the Scottish Rite.

Survivors include his wife, Greta; his children, Michael Dale Troutt, and his wife, Joanie, of Dallas and Kathryn Troutt of Dallas; his grandchildren, Travis Wilson of Washington, D.C., and Hayden Wilson, Sophie Wilson and Coleton Dale Wilson, all of Dallas; a brother, Jack Troutt, and his wife, Mabel, of Paris, Texas; a sister-in-law, Norma Troutt of Houston; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Anna Myrtle Cates Troutt; his father, H.E. Troutt; his sister, June Thomas; and his brothers, Lloyd and Bowie Troutt.

Eight locals honored at Ouachita Baptist

Eight local residents were among the 261 students at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., named to the President's List for the fall semester, according to a university news release.

Honorees included Sarah McKimsey and Jacob Way from Heath and Sophie DeMuth, Libby Gracia, Chelsey Hess, Joyann Jackson, Arthur Johnson and Jordan Miller of Rockwall.

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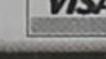
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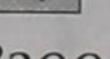
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Meek and lowly in heart ... Jesus and Paul

In this study on what it meant when Jesus said, "For I am meek and lowly in heart," we have looked at people, during the Old Testament period, who suffered under lowly conditions. The word lowly meant to be in a state of affliction and bondage.

Joseph was betrayed by his brothers into the hands of people who sold him as a slave to Egyptians. Joseph's father Jacob was defrauded by the same man that he served for his son to be wife Rachel. Jeremiah spoke of the bondage of suffering of the tribe of Israel because of their rebellion.



lous hearts against God in heaven. He spoke of God's beloved prophets who were murdered by the leaders of Israel over the years.

Jeremiah clearly understood what it meant to be of a lowly state of mind. Just like the rest of God's people, they who are faithful to God also suffered with the rest during the most difficult times.

In every example, God's people approached the suffering and bondage with an already existent lowly state of mind toward God. As they endured and passed through the suffering times, their hearts were strengthened by God's strength. In the end, they were stable and strong in humility and meekness toward God.

To have a lowly heart basically means to fully understand our weakness and true condition in life.

The apostle Paul experienced extremely difficult times because of other people referred to as a "thorn in the flesh." According to 2Corinthians 12:1-4, Paul received who received a great deal of visions and revelations from the Lord. He referred to being "caught up to the third heaven and paradise, and heard unspeakable words."

It was God's will that he experience and understand the visions and revelations, but that he not talk about them with others. Later, the apostle John was given visions and revelations, which he was commanded by God to share with everyone. People can still read about what God showed John in the book of Revelation.

God allowed the apostle Paul to experience a "thorn in the flesh" for a purpose.

Paul said, "For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he sees me to be, or that he hears of me."

"And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure."

God knew Paul's heart. While it was important to give Paul visions and revelations, God also knew it was necessary for Paul to speak of them with others lest other people should exalt him.

"For this thing I besought the Lord three times, that it might not come from me." This is such a wonderful example of Paul's heart. Similar to our Lord Jesus, Paul prayed to God three times for the permission to depart from him.

"And He [God] said unto me, 'My grace is sufficient for you. My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Based on the E.W. Bible notes in the KJV Companion Bible, the verse is translated, 'My grace is strong for you: for My power is accomplished or fulfilled in weakness.'

Paul continued, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore, I will rejoice in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

No person naturally enjoys being defrauded of justice, robbed, reproached, mocked, spit on, persecuted, etc. Jesus did not get out of watching the Jewish leaders put him through two mock trials influence the Roman governor into eventually murdering him. Jesus allowed himself to suffer such tribulation because of the promise of resurrection.

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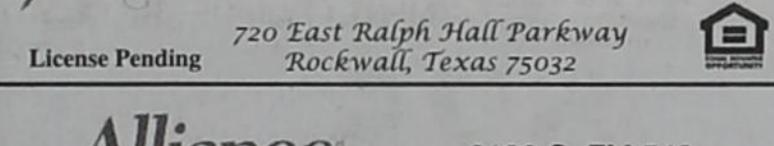
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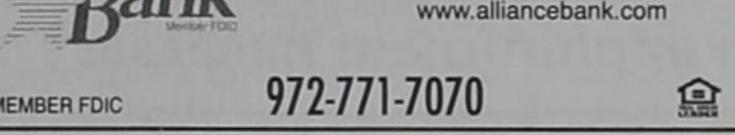
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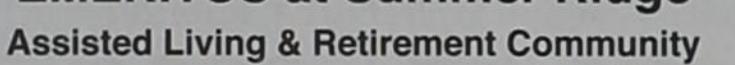


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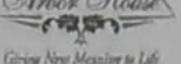
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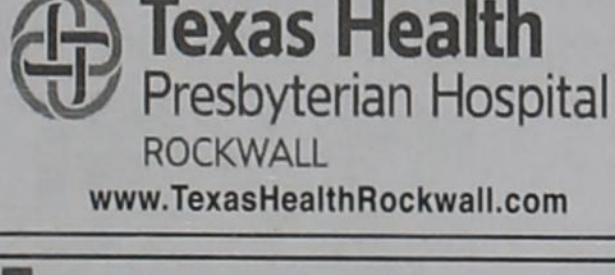
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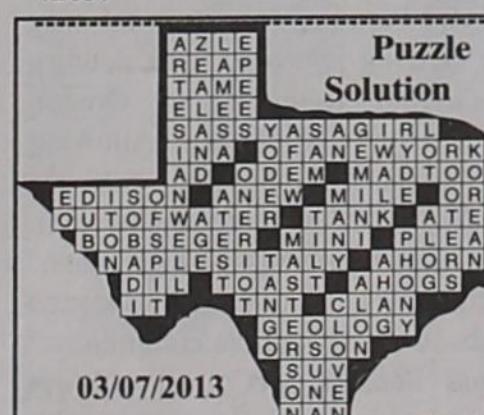
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Legal Notices

Legal Notice REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

RFP 14-5.3-136 ART/FINE ARTS EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, UNIFORMS AND SERVICES
RFP 14-5.3-137 ATHLETICS EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, UNIFORMS AND SERVICES
RFP 14-5.3-138 AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES
RFP 14-5.3-139 CAREER/TECH EQUIPMENT , UNIFORMS AND SERVICES
RFP 14-5.3-140 CHEER/DANCE/DRILL TEAM EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES , UNIFORMS AND SERVICES
RFP 14-5.3-141 CLINIC/TRAINER EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES
RFP 14-5.3-143 CUSTOM APPAREL
RFP 14-5.3-144 GENERAL SUPPLIES (INCLUDING CATERING)
RFP 14-5.3-145 INSTRUCTIONAL AIDS/MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES
RFP 14-5.3-146 LIBRARY/CLASSROOM BOOKS (INCLUDING NON-PRINT MEDIA AND MAGAZINES)
RFP 14-5.3-147 MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, CRAFTS AND TRADES
RFP 14-5.3-148 OUTSIDE PRINTING SERVICES / PRINT SHOP SUPPLIES
RFP 14-5.3-150 PROMOTIONAL/AWARDS MATERIALS
RFP 14-5.3-151 SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDS/ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY
RFP 14-5.3-152 TECHNOLOGY, HARDWARE, SOFTWARE AND SERVICES

The Rockwall Independent School District is receiving sealed proposals for the categories listed above. Proposal packages may be requested by email to jharris@rockwallisd.org or dmacdonald@rockwallisd.org or downloaded at the Districts web site www.rockwallisd.com/Departments/Finance/Purchasing. The District anticipates award at the June 24, 2013 board meeting. Proposal forms should be in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Director of Purchasing and marked with the proposal number and name. Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM on May 3, 2013 at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087.

Proposals will be opened as received beginning **March 11, 2013**. Prices will not be read, nor disclosed in any other manner until award is made. These are as-needed type contracts for all RISD campuses and departments. The contract period will be effective from July 1, 2013 or date of award (whichever is later) through June 30, 2014 (with the option of two [2] one-year extensions).

Multiple awards are anticipated. The district seeks to accept all responsible vendors on an unequal basis, thus allowing RISD's campuses/activities/departments to choose the vendor that best meets their needs based on factors including, but not limited to, price, availability, and delivery. Vendors awarded contracts under this RFP will be identified as "**approved vendors**" with Rockwall I S D.

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CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

FOR SPECIAL EVENT SOUND SUPPORT SERVICES

Sealed submittals for Special Events Sound Support Services addressed to Lea Ann Ewing , Purchasing Agent, City of Rockwall, will be received at City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087 on March 21, 2013 at or before 3:00 pm, CST.

Qualified firms interested in providing Concert Sound Services for the City of Rockwall should contact the Purchasing Office at 972-771-7700 x 6418. RFP packet is available on the City's website at www.rockwall.com.

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Voting for Hagel

(Editor's Note:) A copy of the following letter was sent to each following Republican Senators: Thad Cochran of Mississippi, Mike Johanns of Nebraska, Dick Shelby of Alabama, and Rand Paul of Kentucky.

The headline, on p. 7 of Wednesday, February 27, 2013 in "The Morning News" Briefing section, announced the confirmation of Hagel for the top Pentagon job as the United States Secretary of Defense.

May I commend you for being one of the only four Republicans proudly stood with Obama Democrats and voted for the appointment "contentious" Mr. Hagel who had been abandoned by his one-time Rep colleagues because they cast "him as unqualified for the job" since hostile toward Israel and soft on Iran."

Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina expressed his concern whether Chuck Hagel is up to the job of being our secretary of defense. Comment of the South Carolina Republican Senator, "I hope, for the sake of our own national security, he exceeds expectations," along with the of our own Republican Senator, John Cornyn of Texas, "He will take with the weakest support of any defense secretary in modern history, will make him less effective on his job," leads one to believe being a two-term Nebraska senator and twice-wounded Vietnam Veteran holds credence.

Mrs Jacqueline F. Strickland, Rockwall

Opinions

The Federal war on hemp needs abolishing

by Laurence M. Vance, fff.org

It is one of the earliest-known domesticated plants. It is resistant to saltwater. It doesn't require pesticides or harsh fertilizers. For hundreds of years all the major European maritime powers needed it to maintain their fleets. Its fiber is suitable for making clothes, paper, building material, and insulation. It can be turned into biofuel and converted to biomass. Mechanical Engineering magazine once hailed it as "the most profitable and desirable crop that can be grown." It has nutritional benefits. It can be used as animal bedding. It can be used in the production of soap and cosmetics. It is biodegradable. Rudolph Diesel designed his engine to run on its oil.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture once extolled it as a high-yield, low-maintenance, excellent rotation crop. The ships of the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock were equipped with it. The Puritans cultivated it in New England. It was once America's third-largest crop, behind only cotton and tobacco. The first American flags were made from its cloth. It once served in colonial America as legal tender. Its fiber made uniforms for George Washington's soldiers. "Sow it everywhere," implored Washington, who himself planted and harvested it. Thomas Jefferson also grew it and praised it as a cash crop over "pernicious" tobacco. He penned the original draft of the Declaration of Independence on paper made from it. A parachute made out of it once saved the life of the future president George Herbert Walker Bush during World War II. The federal government produced a motivational film in 1942 urging farmers to grow lots of it to help support the war effort. To help farmers cultivate more than 300,000 acres of it during the war years, the government gave farmers subsidies for doing so.

I am speaking of the plant Cannabis sativa, better known as cannabis or hemp. But since it is also known as marijuana, it is classified by the federal government as a Schedule I controlled substance (along with heroin and

LSD), and it is therefore illegal on the federal level to cultivate it — not just for recreational use, but for medicinal, therapeutic, or industrial uses.

The plant clearly leads a double life, but because of the federal government's irrational obsession with waging war on marijuana, the focus is always on its darker side.

Although the United States is the largest consumer of hemp products, it is the only industrialized nation that prohibits industrial hemp cultivation. Every industrial product in America made from hemp is legal, but the plant itself is illegal. It remains legal to import raw and refined hemp products. The United States actually exports hemp products made from imported hemp.

Just as many states have legalized marijuana for medical use, and a few states even for recreational use, so some states have legalized the cultivation of hemp for industrial purposes. Nevertheless, because hemp is a controlled substance, it is still illegal under federal law and the federal Drug Enforcement Administration has refused to issue permits for farmers to grow it.

There is an attempt in Congress to change all of this

Two Democratic senators from Oregon, Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, just recently introduced a bill (S.359) "to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marihuana [sic]." Bills like this normally die in a Senate committee. That is what happened when Senator Wyden introduced the Industrial Hemp Farming Act of 2012 last year. And it is also what happened when Rep. Ron Paul introduced into the House the Industrial Hemp Farming Act of 2011.

This time, however, Senators Wyden and Merkley are joined by two Republican co-sponsors, both from Kentucky: Sen. Rand Paul and Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell. According to a press release from McConnell's office,

The Industrial Hemp Farming Act of 2013 would remove federal restrictions on the domestic cultivation of industrial hemp.

Specifically, the bill would remove hemp from the Schedule I controlled substance list under the Controlled Substances Act of 1970, and would define it as a non-drug so long as it contained less than 0.3 percent tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).

States are ahead of feds

Oregon is among eight states that have already defined industrial hemp as distinct from marijuana and removed barriers to production, and the Kentucky state Senate Agriculture Committee this week unanimously approved a bill to license hemp producers. However

under current law, farmers in states that allow hemp must still seek a waiver from the Drug Enforcement Administration or risk raids and seizures by federal agents.

Said Senator Paul, "The Industrial Hemp Farming Act paves the way to creating jobs across the country — from Kentucky to Oregon and everywhere else. Allowing

American farmers to cultivate

industrial hemp and benefit from

its many uses will boost our states' economies and bring much-needed

jobs in the agriculture community."

Said Senator McConnell, "I am

proud to introduce legislation with

my friend Rand Paul and Senate colleagues that will allow Kentucky farmers to harness the economic potential that industrial hemp can produce. During these tough economic times, this legislation has the potential to create jobs and provide a boost to Kentucky's economy and to our families and their families."

Rand Paul leads the way

Senator Paul even testified before Kentucky's Senate Agriculture Committee in favor of hemp while wearing a shirt made of it. "I wanted to show off my hemp shirt," Paul said. "I had to buy it in Canada though, because we have soap manufacturers who would like to use the seed from hemp — they got to import it. So, basically, we're exporting our product."

A companion bill (H.R.525) has already been introduced in the House by Rep. Thomas Massie — a Republican from Kentucky. It has two co-sponsors.

That the two senators and a congressman from the Bluegrass State in favor of home-grown industrial hemp comes as no surprise, considering that Kentucky was a center of hemp cultivation after the Civil War and produced more than 90 percent of the nation's hemp before the Second World War. In Kentucky in 1996, actor Woody Harrelson was arrested after brazenly planting four hemp seeds in full view of the county sheriff's office in Lexington.

Toyota wants hemp production

The Toyota Company, which builds cars in Kentucky, has spoken in favor of hemp legalization, saying it wants to use the fibers in car parts and insulation. Naturally, some law-enforcement groups in Kentucky oppose industrial hemp because they say it is a step that could lead to the legalization of marijuana.

Drug warriors who likewise oppose the production of industrial hemp offer all kinds of reasons for their opposition but ignore the real issue.

Whether there are alternatives superior to hemp is not the issue. Whether hemp production would be insignificant compared with flax and cotton is not the issue. Whether other crops provide more nutritional benefit than hemp is not the issue. Whether other crops have textile qualities that are better than hemp is not the issue. Whether other crops that can be turned into biofuel eclipse hemp in terms of efficiency is not the issue. Whether other crops that can be used for biomass exceed hemp in amount of energy they can generate from a given amount of mass is not the issue. Whether a revived hemp industry would be quite unlike the hemp industry of colonial days is not the issue. Whether modern substitute hemp are more functional and less expensive is not the issue. Whether advent of modern synthetic materials has made hemp obsolete is not the issue. Whether plastic offers greater longevity and resilience than hemp fiber is not the issue. Whether hemp is not a viable crop is not the issue. Whether hemp for industrial use is not the panacea that its proponents maintain is not the issue.

Hemp is not the same thing as marijuana

Whether hemp for industrial use would be a Trojan horse for production of intoxicating marijuana is not the issue. Whether supporters of legalizing hemp for industrial use are just using its legalization as a springboard to getting marijuana legalized is not the issue. Whether industrial hemp legalization is just a slippery slope to pot legalization is not the issue. Whether advocates of industrial hemp just want to get high is not the issue.

The real issue is that the federal government has no authority whatsoever to criminalize, prohibit, control, or regulate the planting, growing, harvesting, or selling of any plant regardless of whether it is used for industrial, medicinal, therapeutic, or recreational use.

Every member of Congress who swears an oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States" and "bear true faith and allegiance to the same" — regardless of how he personally feels about the government's war on hallucinogenic drugs and regardless of whether his state has the potential to sustain a hemp industry — should be clamoring to pass federal legislation that legalizes the production of hemp.

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6 TXism: " — as a lap dog"
7 Gen. Robert —
8 TXism: " — in a new dress"
12 "Message — Bottle" film by TX-born Robin Wright
18 TX B.J. Thomas' "The Eyes — — Woman"
21 paid space in the Cass County Sun
22 in San Patricio Co. on hwy. 77
23 '70s TX bumper sticker: "I'm — Eddie!"
24 in San Antonio: "Thomas High School"
29 TXism: "I'm gonna slap you — hat size!"
30 TX Eve Brent film: "The Green —"
31 TXism: "come hell high water"
32 "like a fish — — (unsolved)"
34 Terry " — Johnson was an '07 Cowboy
35 TXism: " — some gravel" (feet)
36 this artist recorded "Shame on the Moon" written by TX Rodney Crowell

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47 large TX family
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Rockwall Yellowjackets win 5 games to win Jesuit tournament

Rockwall Yellowjackets wept through five games last weekend to win the Jesuit Baseball tournament. They defeated their tournament opponents by a combined score of 46-12, winning Poteet 8-0 and Plano West 11-3 Thursday, Feb. 28; Burleson 11-1 and Jesuit 11-0 Friday, and Dallas Bishop Lynch 11-8 Saturday.

"The Yellowjackets took a five-game winning streak and an 8-2 record into the opening District 12-5A game against Rockwall-Heath. Our pitching was a factor," Jackets head coach Jeff Payne said. "We had a few on the mound. And we have a few at the top really competing with each other. It's a situation we haven't had in a while."

Rockwall County high school varsity results, Feb. 26-March 4

Rockwall-Heath 8, Rockwall-Heath 2
Rockwall-Heath 10, Rockwall-Heath 8
Rockwall-Heath 6, Rockwall-Heath 4
Rocky Christian 13, Heritage Christian Academy 0
Rocky Christian Academy 2, Carrollton Christian Academy 2
Rocky Christian Academy 21, Dallas Lutheran 1
Mesquite Poteet 0
Rockwall-Heath 11, Plano West 3
Rockwall-Heath 5, Burleson Centennial 1
Rockwall-Heath 11, Dallas Jesuit Prep 0
Rockwall-Heath 11, Dallas Bishop Lynch 8
Rockwall-Heath 7, Rowlett 1
Rockwall-Heath 13, Plano 6
Rockwall-Heath 12, Frisco Wakeland 0
Kenton Christian School 77, Fulton 49
2013 1st place in gymnastics
Information from the Rock - North 172.50, South 168.90
Secretary of State's Soccer
Rep. Rep. Rep. Horn 3, Rockwall-Heath 1
Appomattox 2, North Mesquite 1
Somerville 1, Rockwall-Heath 1, overtime
Job's Soccer
Squash 4, Rockwall-Heath 0
North Mesquite 1
Rockwall-Heath 1, Tyler Lee 0
Hope, for
Pantego Christian 12, Rockwall Christian Academy 5
He will be 2, Rockwall-Heath 1
Waco Temple Christian 13, Rockwall Christian Academy 5
Mesquite Poteet 3, Rockwall 1
Veterans 13, Rockwall 1
Rockwall-Heath 13, Frisco Wakeland 4
Ft. Worth Educators Sports Association 6, Rockwall Christian Academy
Mesquite 11, Rockwall-Heath 8
Track and Field
Ft. Worth's Title Relays (11 teams) - Rockwall 66 (4th)
Track and Field
Ney Jones Relays (11 teams) - Heath 116 (2nd)
Ft. Worth's Title Relays (12 teams) - Rockwall 43 (6th)

Rockwall County Scholastic Sports Schedules

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors

March 14 - Softball: at Greenville Christian School, 4 p.m.
as the possibility of baseball: at Dallas Lutheran Woodbat Tournament
and to our March 15 - Varsity baseball: at Dallas Lutheran Woodbat
team at March 16 - Varsity baseball: at Dallas Lutheran Woodbat

Rockwall High School Yellowjackets

March 8 - Varsity baseball: at Highland Park Tournament, vs.
seed friend, quick Trip Park 11 a.m., and at Dallas W.T. White 4 p.m.

Orange baseball: home vs. Rowlett, 4 p.m.

Rockwall-Heath's Soccer: home vs. Mesquite Horn, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Rockwall-Heath's boys' gymnastics: at Mark Williams Invitational, FEW

Center Gymnasium, Optional

Civilian: at Coppell Varsity Tournament

Rockwall-Heath field: at Richardson Eagle Relays

March 9 - Varsity baseball: vs. Keller at Highland Park

Highland Park High School, 11:30 a.m.

White baseball: home vs. Rowlett, 2 games, noon

Orange baseball: at Plano East, 1 p.m.

Garland Naaman Forest, JV Orange

March 11 - Baseball: at Garland Naaman Forest, JV Orange

varsity 1 p.m.

baseball: at Rockwall-Heath JV Red, 11 a.m.

baseball: at Longview, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

March 12 - Varsity baseball: at Mesquite Horn, Tillary Field,

Industri.

Orange baseball: home vs. Mesquite Horn, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13 - JV White baseball: home vs. Royse City, 1

flex and

Invitational: home vs. Mesquite Horn, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

March 14 - Baseball: at Highland Park, JV Orange 11 a.m.

textile: 2 p.m.

March 15 - JV Orange baseball: at North Mesquite, 4 p.m.

baseball: home vs. North Mesquite, 7 p.m.

March 16 - JV White baseball: at Mesquite Horn, 11 a.m.

Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks

March 8 - Varsity boys' golf: at Longview Pine Tree Tournament,

Wood Hollow Golf Course, 8 a.m.

baseball: at Tyler Lee, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

baseball: vs. McKinney Boyd at Frisco Tournament, Dr. Pepper

Park, 10 a.m.

Black baseball: at Forney JV Tournament

boys' gymnastics: at Mark Williams Invitational, FEW

Center Gymnasium, Optional

March 9 - Varsity boys' golf: at Longview Pine Tree

Mesquite, Wood Hollow Golf Course, 8 a.m.

baseball: at Frisco Tournament

Black baseball: at Forney JV Tournament

March 11 - JV Red baseball: home vs. Rockwall JV White,

noon

March 12 - JV Black baseball: at Mesquite, 4 p.m.

baseball: home vs. Mesquite, 7 p.m.

March 13 - JV Red baseball: at Plano East, noon

baseball: home vs. Lake Highlands, 1 p.m.

March 14 - Softball: at Mesquite, Mesquite Girls' Softball

JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

March 15 - JV Black baseball: home vs. Longview, 6 p.m.

baseball: at Longview, 6 p.m.

March 16 - JV Red baseball: home vs. Tyler Lee, 2 games,

noon

baseball: at Frisco Wakeland, Dr. Pepper Ballpark, 3 p.m.

Alec Vice was the winning pitcher as Rockwall shut out Poteet on five hits. RHS' 10 hits included doubles by Gary Burton and Dustin Angiel.

Against West, the Jackets pounded 13 hits to back winning pitcher Carter Lilly. Skyler Bean hit a triple, and Cole Ballew, Kendall Coleman and Nick Lutzel all doubled.

Payne said, "There were a lot of hits for Coleman and Ballew this weekend."

Ballew hit another double against Burleson Centennial, when Lutzel ripped a triple and a double. Chris Glover was the winning pitcher as Centennial managed just six hits.

Then came the Jackets' best pitching performance, with Cason Adams shutting out the host team on five hits. He and Ballew each tripled, and Coleman had a double among RHS' 11 hits. "Cason Adams' win was the most impressive outing we've had all year. He shut down a real good lineup," Payne said.

Bishop Lynch outhit Rockwall 13-9, but the Jackets drove five for extra bases – triples by Bean and Garrett Moon, and doubles by Coleman, Lutzel and winning pitcher Angiel.

Looking ahead, Payne said, "Our key will be can two or three arms continue to get better and enable us to ride them through another tough district schedule."

Rockwall County Sports Notes

St. Patty's Day mixer scheduled

The Chandler's Landing Tennis St. Patrick's Day Mixer will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 17.

Scholarship Golf Classic set March 23

The 2nd Annual East Trinity Masonic Scholarship Golf Classic will take place March 23 at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club. Entry fee for the Florida scramble will be \$125 per golfer or \$400 per team; show time is 11:30 a.m., tee time is 1 p.m. Corporate banner and hole sponsorships remain available. Proceeds will benefit the East Trinity Masonic Scholarship Fund. For more details call Chris Knox at 214-478-9802.

Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk slated

The 2013 Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk will begin – rain or shine – at 8:30 a.m. March 20 at the Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive. The family-friendly event is open to all ages and athletic abilities. Start and finish lines will be chip-timed, and the course will be USATF-certified with professional

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Rockwall High School soccer teams haven't lost in 17 matches

This week's news for the Rockwall boys' soccer team is that RHS gave up its first goal in District 12-5A this season, in its seventh district match.

The Yellowjackets won 2-1 despite the goal Tuesday, Feb. 26, by North Mesquite's Abraham Vasquez. The 2-1 victory improved the Jackets' record to 19-2 overall and 7-0 in the district, with a 17-1 goal differential in 12-5A. They have won nine consecutive matches.

Jonathan Otto and Clayton Rittershaus scored the goals for Rockwall, which will be off for 11 days during spring break after Friday's match.

GIRLS' SOCCER: The Lady Jackets also remained undefeated in their new district. They won at home Tuesday 3-1 over North Mesquite. RHS is 9-3-3 overall and 5-0-2 in the district, and is undefeated in its last eight matches.

SOFTBALL: Rockwall limped into Tuesday's District 12-5A opening

game after struggling to score runs last weekend at the Wylie Tournament. RHS lost 1-0 to Sherman, 6-3 in a tiebreaker against Dallas Bishop Lynch and 3-1 against both Mesquite Poteet and Richland. The Poteet loss was especially frustrating because Rockwall managed only one run despite 11 hits, including Hayley Baker's double.

Last week had begun well with the Lady Jackets pounding 18 hits in a 13-5 victory over Frisco Wakeland Tuesday. Winning pitcher Kayla Vandergriff's double was one of their five extra-base hits. Alyssa Henry and Jocelyn Myers each hit a triple.

GYMNASICS: In the cross-town rivalry, the North team – composed of gymnasts from the Rockwall varsity and junior varsity and Williams Middle School, along with the Utley gymnasts who would go on to RHS – won both the boys' Battle for the Rock Wednesday, Feb. 27, and the girls' North vs.

South City Meet Thursday.

The Yellowjackets' Michael Weidman scored his first perfect 10 in the floor exercise, and finished first all-around as well as in the vault on the high bar. He was second on both the still rings and parallel bars.

RHS' Zach Bennett placed fourth all-around and tied with teammate Irwin for first place in the pommel horse.

The North team edged the South 172.50-168.90.

TRACK: Kerry Anderson won the high jump at 6 feet, 2 inches, and Lee took first place in the pole vault at 13-0, to lead Rockwall to a third-place among 11 teams competing at Wylie Saturday. The Jackets totalled 155 points for first-place Lancaster.

Gaines Kinsey had the best overall performance – placing second in the 800-meter run (1 minute, 58.63 seconds) and fourth in the 300-meter hurdles (42.09 seconds), tying for fifth in the high jump (5-6) and a third-place 4X400 relay team. Calvin Fair, Alex Montanez and Jordan Wright preceded Kinsey on the team that flew to a time of 3:28.39.

Kaylee Hinton had an even better meet, helping the Lady Jackets to a third-place among 12 teams. Hinton won the long jump at 18-8, the 100-meter dash at 12.78 and the 100-meter hurdles (15.68). She also was third in the pole vault (9-0) and ran the last leg as Rockwall finished fourth in the 4X400 relay in 1:48.42. Her relay teammates were Kaitlin Ross, Kennedy and Jordyn Pettigrew.

ALUMNI: Peyton Adamson, a 2010 RHS graduate, averaged 11.5 points per game as Tarleton State's second-leading scorer heading into the weekend's Lone Star Conference tournament at the Allen Event Center. The sharp-shooting junior had made 45 percent (68-for-151) of her field goals and 89.8 percent (106-for-118) of her free throws. The Hawks (18-8 overall, 14-6 in the conference) were seeded fourth for the tournament and scheduled to meet Incarnate Word in the quarterfinals Thursday.

Former Lady Jackets teammate Alyssa Lang played in all of Rice's games, and started one, as a freshman. Lang was averaging 2.4 points and 3.1 rebounds per game for the Lady Owls.

Freshman Colton Hargrove of Rockwall has been named the Collegiate Hockey Association Rookie of the Week, once for scoring two goals for Western Michigan against Bemidji State and once for putting the game-winning goal vs. Michigan. WMU, ranked ninth in the nation, had a first-round bye this weekend in the CCHA playoffs. Hargrove, drafted by the NHL's Boston Bruins, graduated from the North Dakota State University for Distance Education while playing for the Fargo Force in the United States Hockey League.

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