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Mass casualty drill held at Utley, deemed success

Millie Jean Coppedge and Brittany Williams
On Feb. 26, the mass casualty incident exercise conducted in Rockwall was deemed a success, according to the emergency management director Joe DeLane.
The event took place at the Utley Middle School campus in Rockwall. Rockwall Independent School District students were released at 11 a.m. and participating cities took advantage of the opportunity.
The scenario of the fictitious full-scale emergency was that an active shooter was in the building, which would result in mass casualties. The event took place in the auditorium of the middle school.
Law enforcement officials from Royse City, Fate, Heath and Rockwall participated. Hunt County sent an EMS vehicle and Collin County sent two EMS ambulances.
According to DeLane, there were 140 participants including students from Rockwall High School Drama Team who were "wounded" by a fictitious shooter. Make-up was applied to the students to simulate blood wounds.
The Rockwall High School and Rockwall-Heath High students were required to participate, but were not among the "injured."
The 15 students "injured," but not needing to be transported to the hospital, were "treated" at the scene by EMS paramedics. The other 15 seriously "injured" students were transported by ambulances to Presbyterian Hospital, where they were processed, assessed and triaged. The hospital was the other part of the equation for those "injured."
At the shooter scene, a fictitious fire also was handled at the other end of the building near the cafeteria. Firemen and law enforcement quickly responded to smoke coming out of the building, which was produced through the use of a smoke-producing machine. The firemen were successful in putting out the fabricated fire.
Two helicopters with paramedics aboard also were on hand to transport "seriously wounded" students to the hospital. One helicopter was sent from the Evac Lifeteam and another was sent from PHI Air Medical of Rockwall.
The Texas DPS also was involved in the drill. The city sent two individuals to the planning team as well as being evaluators for specific areas of the exercise.

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Fate police officers Jeff Berry and John Kissaine aid Rockwall High School senior Aidan DeMuth from the hectic scene of a Feb. 26 fictitious mass casualty scenario at Utley Middle School to an ambulance which would transport him to Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall. At back are Rockwall County EMTs Chris Little and Austin Kersul.
Photo by Brittany Williams/Rockwall County News

Heath council approves level debt structure

Brittany Williams
On Wednesday, February 25, the Heath city council voted unanimously in favor of moving to a level debt structure for the 2014 CIP projects.
The council heard a presentation from Laurie Mays, the city's finance director, on two debt structures they had the choice of.
The level debt structure would result in a higher tax increase as opposed to the wrap structure, but would, in the long run, save the city close to \$1 million.
The wrap debt structure plan called for a lower tax rate increase of 8.1 cents at a higher interest rate of 4.28 percent over a repayment period of 20 years.
The level debt structure raised the tax rate by 9.8 cents and came with an interest cost of 4.04 percent. The difference in interest being \$1.8 million.
"If we do the level debt structure, we would have more flexibility for financing without increasing taxes down the road or incurring more debt without increasing taxes down the road," Mayor Lorne Liechty said.
The wrap structure was approved unanimously by the council.
The council also unanimously voted to award Pittard Construction Company with the contract for the FM 549 water line project.
A 42-inch diameter water pipeline will be installed along FM 549 between Wallace Road and Horizon Road for the purpose of increasing water supply capacity to the city.
"We had about twelve bidders. We came in a bit under our estimate, but it is always nice. One of the reasons probably is we had so many bidders," city engineer Chuck Todd said.
According to Todd, Pittard has done work for several cities in the area.
Pittard Construction Company was awarded the contract with their bid of \$1,927,000.
The council was also presented with an amendment of an ordinance regarding the existence of graffiti on any public or private property, in any way or on any transportation infrastructure.
"Unfortunately, we don't have a real problem with graffiti, but this is an area where our code is silent," Director of Community and Economic Development Kim Dobbs said.
According to Dobbs, the ordinance provides for a process for the code enforcement officers to use, in the event that there is graffiti, to have it removed.
The ordinance allows for the city to first offer to remove any graffiti on private property free of charge. If the owner declines or does not respond, the city will then remove the graffiti at the owner's expense.
The ordinance was approved unanimously.
The March 11 meeting will not be held, as there will not be a quorum. The meeting that could not be put off will be discussed in a special meeting on the morning of March 6 at 7:30 a.m. Other agenda items from that meeting will be moved to the March 25 meeting.

Fowler leads by example in community, Relay For Life

by Mary Thacker
Fowler Fowler is a proud descendent of Rockwall's pioneer families. Her children — Grace, a junior at Rockwall High School, and 19-year-old Jake, who attends culinary school in Colorado — represent the seventh consecutive generation of her family to have lived in Rockwall County.
Although Fowler was born in Dallas, she has lived in her grandparents' home since 2000 and is proud to call Rockwall home.
"It was a fabulous, wonderful feeling to bring my children back to a place I have called home and to raise them in this community," Fowler said.
Her father, Don Stodghill, an attorney who was involved in Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce, encouraged Fowler to get involved in the community. In fact, he paid her dues and enrolled her as a member of the Historical Foundation. She has been on their board for the past 11 years and also served as president. Her passion for history led to her become author of "Rockwall," "Rockwall Then & Now" and "Royse City" and she is currently working on a new book entitled "Legendary Locals."
She is also the chief information officer of the Rockwall Independent School District. In addition, Fowler has been a member of Friends of the Library, the Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts, the National Charity League, the Rockwall County Historical Commission and the RISD Education Foundation.
In February 2013, Fowler was experiencing fatigue and nausea, but she tried to power through her exhaustion. By March she was in and out of doctors' offices, having blood draws and tests run, with no definitive cause for her symptoms. She assumed, as a 45-year-old woman with no previous health issues, that she might have an ulcer. But by the time of her follow-up appointment in August, she wanted answers. During the exam, her internist was able to detect masses on her liver and ordered a CT for the following day. Fowler told her fiancé, Stacy, that the tone in the room had changed dramatically and she knew that things were serious.
"The next day, a few hours before my scan, I was in a meeting at work and missed a call from my mother. When I checked my voice mail after the meeting, I saw I had missed two calls. The first call was from my mother saying she thought she was having a heart attack. The second call was from Doctor's Hospital saying that my mother was there," Fowler said.
Her mother had indeed had a heart attack, was in the process of having a stent installed and then would be in recovery for several hours. Knowing it was critical for her to get to her CT scan and realizing it was impossible to see her mother since she would be in surgery, Fowler

arranged for her daughter and her mother's best friend, Sharon, to stay with her mom.

Afterward, she met her daughter and friend at Chili's for a quick dinner. While they were eating, Fowler received a phone call from her primary care physician who had been sent her test results by accident. Her doctor informed her that she had Stage 4 colon cancer, which had metastasized to her liver and lungs. Fowler broke the news to Grace and Sharon by saying, "It is cancer, and we're going to have to deal with it."

The trio decided not to tell Fowler's mother, figuring that "one heart attack a day was enough."

"My daughter has been known to tweet 'worst day ever' when one thing goes wrong, and I'll always tell her that it's not that bad. That day when she asked me if she could tweet 'worst day ever,' I decided this qualified," Fowler said.

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Sheri Fowler, an active community member and a Stage 4 colon cancer survivor, is pictured above with her daughter, Grace. Sheri Fowler and her friends and family will help raise money for Relay For Life, the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. Go to relayforlife.org/rockwalltx to donate or to learn more.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

City confirms Thornhill, taps Schell for vacant seat

Millie Jean Coppedge
A special called meeting of the Fate City Council began at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 26.
Resolution No. R-709 was to discuss and consider the confirmation and appointment of council member Jim Thornhill, who was voted by council into his position in November after Councilman John Stacy decided to run for U.S. Congress.
At that time, some have raised concerns, including a possible violation of the Texas Open Meeting Act. The concern was that a secret vote was used regarding Thornhill's appointment.
Cora McDonald, attorney for Fate, suggested a resolution be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
When the vote was called, it was 4-1. Michelle Butler, the mayor, Skipworthy and Mayor Pro Tem Sheri Garber voted in favor of Thornhill. Councilman Cameron Cowan voted against. Thornhill was administered the oath of office for Place 3 by Jean Dwinell, city secretary.



Jim Thornhill was re-administered the oath of office for Place 3 of the Fate City Council by Jean Dwinell, city secretary, during a special called meeting on Feb. 26.
Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

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Habitat in need of volunteer meals

The Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity is in need of breakfasts and lunches to be served to its volunteers. The organization also is in need of bottled water. For more details, visit rockwallhabitat.org.

Engraved brick project offered by RISD

The Rockwall Independent School District Education Foundation will sell engraved bricks for the Brick Yard to generate funds for the students of



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Five cities, Presbyterian hospital join forces for emergency drill.

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DeLane said he will review evaluations of the full-scale exercise completed by emergency management representatives from Kaufman County, the City of Dallas and two from the Lake Point Hospital Emergency Evaluation. He chose outside evaluators as it is not prudent to evaluate in-house procedures, he said.

According to Nikki Mutschler of Presbyterian Hospital in Rockwall, the hospital is required to be involved in these type of situational drills, so this drill helped them reach their requirements.

Royse City Chief of Police Jeff Stapleton and Heath Chief of Police Terry Garrett were on hand to assess the functional processes of the exercise pertaining to protocol -- procedure, code of behavior and rules, DeLane said.

Sheri Fowler, chief information officer and executive director for communication for the Rockwall School District, was on hand helping make sure things ran smoothly.

"It was a great partnership between the cities, the county and the Rockwall school district. This exercise has been in the planning for over five months," DeLane said.

Rockwall Homeschoolers take third at national competition

A city of the future, Eisenhower, engineered by students from H.E.A.R. Rockwall Homeschool, recently won third place at the 2014 Future City Competition in Washington, D.C.

The students, Kyle Fletcher, 12, Faith Mitchell, 13, and Nicole Bruner, 13, teamed up with their teacher, Linda Fletcher, and mentor Mary Jo Marvin, to compete.

Since last fall, 40,000 middle school students from 1,350 schools have been engaged in the 2013-14 Future City Competition. Students worked as a team with an educator and engineer mentor to plan cities using SimCity software; researched and wrote solutions to an engineering problem; built tabletop scale models with recycled materials; and presented their ideas before judges at regional competitions in January.

The Rockwall team placed first out of 57 teams at the UT Arlington regional competition on Jan. 26.

The Future City National Finals took place Feb. 16-20 at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill. H.E.A.R. Rockwall Homeschool competed against 37 regional winners from across the country. In addition to third place overall, the team was awarded the Best Future City Project Plan, as well as the Best Model prize.

H.E.A.R. Rockwall received a \$2,000 scholarship for its STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) program, sponsored by IEEE-USA.

The theme for the 2014 competition was Transportation. H.E.A.R.'s winning entry showcased an integrated solution that includes Solvoches (cars that fly and drive), solar roads and NPNT (nano-technology for positioning, navigating and timing). The team named its city Eisenhower in tribute to the U.S. president who implemented the national interstate freeway system during the 1950s.



Paramedics from Air Evac Lifeteam are shown loading a "critically injured" student and preparing to transport him to Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall. This situation was part of the mass casualty incident exercise conducted Feb. 26 at Utley Middle School. Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



Students representing H.E.A.R. Rockwall Homeschool, pictured above, won third place at the 2014 Future City Competition conducted in Washington, D.C. Students Kyle Fletcher, Faith Mitchell and Nicole Bruner teamed up with their teacher, Linda Fletcher, and mentor Mary Jo Marvin, to compete against 37 regional winners from across the U.S. The team also won Best Future City Project Plan and Best Model prizes. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Fowler, Relay for Life

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Because Fowler is so involved in the community, she made two decisions when she was diagnosed with cancer. First, she chose everyone she knew.

"I have so many people in my life and so many commitments, I needed everyone to know I might not be able to be as involved as I would like," she said.

Secondly, she decided to do any efforts made to help her as long as they were made in faith.

"I wanted to accept every good thought or piece of help from whoever wanted to help me up -- no matter what belief system. I wanted to be every prayer list in the U.S., because I knew we were for a tough fight," Fowler said.

The challenge of the first days was that Fowler's son was in Europe. She was sure that someone would tell him the cancer before she could, so she left him a message to come home, as soon as he landed. Her tone frightened him and he was afraid something happened to his grandmother. When he walked into the room with tears in his eyes, Fowler was sure someone had told about her diagnosis. She simply, "Mamaw's OK, but I cancer."

"The doctors told me to get affairs in order," Fowler said. The most common statistic about colon cancer is a 5-year survival rate of 5 percent. My goal is the 5 percent-er."

In her favor, most people colon cancer are older than Fowler and she was just 45 when she was diagnosed. It was one thing to figure out what was wrong. She has undergone 12 rounds of chemotherapy which successfully shrank the tumor in her lungs and is in the process of shrinking the tumors in her liver in order to make them operable. Since the liver can regenerate once the tumors are removed, her projected long-term survival increases to 25-50 percent. Another favor is the support Fowler received from family and friends.

"It's great to have a brother who is a super-hero," said Fowler with a smile. "The minute Steven heard he went into complete action to get me into the best doctor in Dallas. He and his wife continued to do everything they can for me." Fowler's fiancé, Stacy, took over work to be with her and has taken the burden of daily chores off her shoulders, so she can focus on healing. An aunt in California distributed 1,500 hot pink STRONG bracelets to Fowler's friends and family in multiple states, including in the office where she works. The bracelets provide visible, unspoken evidence of support for Fowler.

Fowler said she has received an unexpected outpouring of support from her community. "It's been humbling. My community could help someone I would have been cured days before my diagnosis. I have kept my card," she said with tears in her eyes. Although born and raised a Baptist, when members of the Church of Latter Day Saints in Heath offered to come pray for

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Molly Phillips, a Rockwall High School student, was presented as the Rockwall Student of Honor at the Feb. 27 Rotary Club lunch meeting. Shown presenting the award is Courtney Gober, principal at RHS. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Joyce Jackson and her son Charlie Roach

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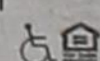
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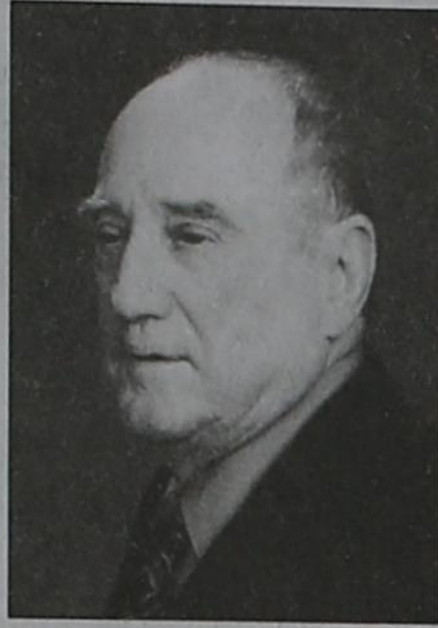
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Raymond Atteberry

Services for Raymond Atteberry, 83, of Rowlett were conducted at 1 p.m. Feb. 27, 2014, at the Lake Pointe Chapel in Rockwall with Rev. Bill Cathey officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



He died Feb. 24. Born Aug. 27, 1938, in Palo Alto, Calif., to James Madison and Gladys (Williams) Atteberry, he served in the U.S. Air Force and worked for the Highway Dept. as an inspector, retiring in 1996. He was a member of the Lake Pointe Church.

Survivors include his sons, Allen Atteberry and his wife, Suellen, and James Atteberry, all of Rowlett; his brother, Heuland Williams, and his wife, Mary Helen, of West Monroe, La.; his grandchildren, Jonathan, Douglas, Lauren, Chelsea and Leighton; and his great-grandchildren, Katelyn, Layne and Preston.

Mary Ruth 'Tiddles' Bumpass

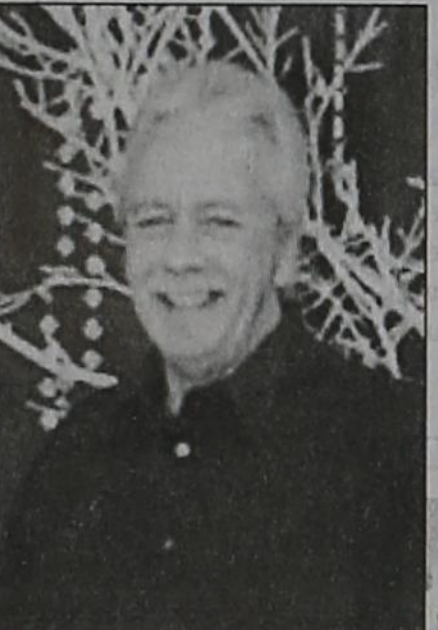
A memorial service for Mary Ruth "Tiddles" Bumpass, 74, of Royse City was conducted at 11 a.m. Feb. 28, 2014, in the First United Methodist Church in Royse City. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Feb. 22. Born July 7, 1939, in Dallas to Bob and Lillian Tarpley, she worked as a group manager for the Internal Revenue Service for 40 years. She was involved with the First United Methodist Church of Royse City, where she was a member. She was part of the Women's Circle and served Meals on Wheels for more than 35 years. She was a volunteer with the ASA, where she helped youth in need. She enjoyed painting, gardening and being outdoors.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Don Bumpass; a son, Dana Bumpass, and his wife, Crystal; a daughter, Laurel Gail White, and her husband, B.J.; her granddaughters, Rheagan Allison and Charlie Gail White; and a sister, Bobbie "Tinker" Gardner, of Royse City.

William Lee Carroll

Private services for William Lee Carroll, 60, of Rockwall will be conducted at a later date. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall is in charge of arrangements.



He died Feb. 23, 2014. Born Feb. 17, 1954, in Dallas to William and Peggy Jean (Rollins) Carroll, he worked in the delivery industry and was a carrier of contracts between Dallas and Rockwall for 27 years.

Survivors include his son, Billy Carroll, and his wife, Ambur; a daughter, Michelle Carroll DiAs; his grandchildren, Emma Leigh Carroll and Christian Randall Carroll; his sisters, Janis Spear, and her husband, Terry, and Barbara Carroll; his brother, Linda Andrews, and her husband, Lewis; a nephew, Chris Carroll, and his wife, Cynthia; and a great-nephew, Alex Spear.

Norman E. Glover

Services are scheduled for Norman E. Glover, 83, of Rockwall, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Feb. 18, 2014. Born Feb. 19, 1930, in Hartney Manitoba, Canada, to Alfred and Mary (McGee) Glover, he served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and worked as an accountant in the telecomm industry. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall.

Fate fills vacant seat ...

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The City Council recessed into executive session to receive legal advice regarding the City Council appointments. They reconvened into regular session with a "No Action Taken" response.

The last item on the agenda was "Resolution No. R-698-Appointing replacement to serve as council member for Place 1 until the General Election in May 2014."

Former councilman Lorne Megyesi resigned Jan. 20. Replacing his resignation had been brought to the council on Feb. 17, but was tabled. After some accusations were made regarding violating the city charter (the timeframe for filling Megyesi's position, McDonald spoke to the council and audience regarding the facts of the charter.

McDonald read, "Section 3.07 (4) (A) of the Fate Charter prescribes that a vacancy on the City Council be filled within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of the vacancy. The Texas Election Code, Section 23 specifies when a vacancy occurs due to a resignation." If an officer submits a resignation, whether to be effective immediately or at a later date, a vacancy occurs on the date the resignation is accepted by the appropriate authority or on the eighth (8th) day after the date of its acceptance by the authority, whichever is earlier.

Megyesi submitted his resignation in writing to the city secretary on the Jan. 20 City Council meeting. The City Council has not yet accepted the resignation; therefore, the vacancy occurred on Jan. 27. Thirty days after the resignation was submitted. The 30-day time period prescribed in the Charter will expire on February 27.

Two candidates nominated for the position of Place 1 were Christy Schell and John Thatcher. A short history of each candidate's attributes and experience making them eligible to hold the position was given.

Schell spoke up, advising the council of several accusations formerly against Schell, including supposedly the reasons she left her previous position with the City of Fate.

Actions were taken to table the vote. Without further comments regarding Cowan's concerns, the council voted Schell to the position with a vote of 4-2, with Cowan and Thatcher opposing. With no further clarification or remarks, the meeting was adjourned.

Council members were present at the meeting. Regular Fate City Council meetings take place at 6 p.m. on the first and third Mondays at the Fate Community Center at 104 South W.E. Street, Rockwall.

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Kirby Johnston

Graveside services for Kirby Johnston, 65, of Heath were conducted at 1 p.m. March 3, 2014, in the DFW National Cemetery, Dallas. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



He died Feb. 19. Born April 26, 1948, in Denver, Colo., to Laurie and Dorothy Virginia (Laubhan) Johnston, he served in the U.S. Navy and worked as a stockbroker for many years. Most recently he was a teacher.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Johnston; his daughter, Tiffany Wishart, and her husband, Chad; his grandson, Zaden Luke Wishart; his brother, Tom Johnston, and his wife, Denine; his sister, Kay McClain; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Judy Smith Morris

Services for Judy Smith Morris, 74, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. March 1, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Jenna Morrison officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.



She died Feb. 25. Born Oct. 8, 1939, in Ralls to Vernie and Hazel (Henry) Smith, she was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall.

Survivors include her son, Blake Morris, and his wife, Jaclyn; her daughter, Tara Norbeck, and her husband, John; her grandchildren, Kai, Savannah, Reece, Alexa, Shay and Cody; her sister, Bettye Sanders, and her husband, Wayne; her brother, Jerry Smith, and his wife, Gail; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Terry Morris; and a nephew, Chris Smith. The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to relayforlife.org (click on donate and enter Kay Norbeck or visit bit.ly/NCYtxF) or make donations to the Texas Tech Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery.

Mary Elaine 'Jane' (Richmond) Page

Graveside services for Mary Elaine "Jane" (Richmond) Page, 90, of Nevada, Texas, were conducted at 11 a.m. Feb. 26, 2014, at the Nevada Cemetery with Pastor Justin Hillhouse officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



She died Feb. 23. Born May 21, 1923, in Jefferson, Mo., to Garvey and Libby (Hess) Richmond, she moved to Texas with her family when she was an infant. She married Totsy Clarence Page on Oct. 3, 1941, in Mercedes and they moved to Nevada, Texas, where she lived until her death.

Survivors include her children, Mubby Baley, and her husband, Teddy, of Nevada, Texas, Debbie Vasquez and her husband, Al, of Balch Springs and Clifford Page of Nevada, Texas; her grandchildren, Robin and Mike, Renee and Rex, Rebecca and Mike, Jason and Kristen, Chris and Sydney and Lindsey and Mike; her great-grandchildren, Michael, Kenneth, Kristina, Sarah, Samuel and Raylan; her sister, Eloise Best; numerous nieces and nephews; and her friend, Bob Crowell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Totsy Clarence Page in 1967; and her sister, Francis Cooper.

Channell Corp. relocates headquarters to Rockwall

The Rockwall Economic Development Corporation recently announced the relocation of Channell Commercial Corporation's corporate headquarters and manufacturing facility to the City of Rockwall.

The 175,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility will be located at the northwest corner of John King Boulevard and Justin Road Extended and house the largest structural foam machine in Texas.

"Rockwall is becoming well known for attracting and expanding national and sustainable companies in the advanced manufacturing and technology sectors," said Sheri Franza, REDC president and CEO. "Channell Commercial Corporation is a first-class global telecommunication technology supplier and we are privileged to have them join our business community."

"Channell's decision to relocate their nearly 100-year-old family business to Rockwall is a testament to the quality of our corporate business environment and solid political climate. I believe Rockwall is the perfect location and provides all the elements to foster and support Channell's international growth strategy. Channell's new headquarters and manufacturing facility in Rockwall will be a huge attraction for other advanced manufacturing operations seeking a strong city and state to support their organization."

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Kay Lynn (Sparks) Stillwagon

Services for Kay Lynn (Sparks) Stillwagon, 59, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Feb. 19, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Chad Hays officiating. Burial followed at 11:15 a.m. Feb. 20 in the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery.



She died Feb. 14. Born Aug. 7, 1954, in Pittsburg, Kansas, to James and Mary Del (Esch) Sparks, she married Richard Stillwagon on April 30, 1983, in Willard, Missouri. She worked in a family practice clinic and as a home health nurse for many years. She later owned the Heart of Gold Home Care facility.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Stillwagon of Rockwall; her daughters, D'Ambra Hawkins, and her husband, Cody, of Royse City and Kayla Stillwagon of Sulphur Springs; her sons, Matthew Hampton of Austin and Christopher Stillwagon of Dallas; her mother, Mary Del Sparks of Fort Scott, Kansas; her sisters, Diana Endicott, and her

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of the RISD. The Brick Yard will be comprised of personalized standard-sized bricks and 12"x12" pavers and will be installed at the entrance of the Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium. Orders will be accepted until March 7. For details contact Ashlei Neill at 469-698-7094 or ashlei.neill@rockwallisd.org.

Storm Spotter Training Program set March 8

The National Weather Service Office in Fort Worth, in partnership with Rockwall County Emergency Management, will offer a free Storm Spotter Training Program from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. March 8 at the Rockwall County Courthouse. The program will discuss thunderstorm formation and features associated with severe storms, as well as safety tips and insight as to why some storms produce tornadoes and others do not. The program will be open to the public; no registration is needed. For more details visit weather.gov/fortworth.

Rockwall to host Spring Break Rock Camp

The City of Rockwall's Spring Break Rock Camp will run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. March 10-14 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Explorers will visit several destinations around Dallas, including the Perot Museum of Nature and Science, Main Event, Jumpstreet and the Dallas Zoo. Children ages 6-12 are eligible to participate. Cost is \$195 per participant (\$129 for Rockwall residents). Visit rockwall.com/parks for more details.

RARTA to meet March 10

The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will meet March 10 at the Rockwall County Library Community Room, 1215 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. The meeting will begin at 1:45 p.m.; participants are invited.

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DAR chapter presents annual awards at tea

The Rock Wall Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, hosted its annual Awards Presentation Team March 2 in the home of Carolyn Duckworth of Heath, DAR member.

The DAR, founded in 1890, is a service organization dedicated to service to the U.S. The DAR American History Awards and the DAR Good Citizen Awards are awarded annually to outstanding students in public and private schools to promote patriotism, service, history and leadership.

The following awards were presented:

- The American History Awards, presented by DAR member Linda Smith, went to Ashlyn Hohenshelt, Rockwall-Heath High School; Lawson Hobbs, Heritage Christian Academy; and Jessica Renea Walls, Heritage Christian Academy

- DAR Good Citizen Awards, presented by DAR member Margaret Davidson, went to seniors Nhu Hao Hue, Wylie High School; Erica Annmarie Kuntz, Rockwall High School; Zachary Thomas Laky, Forney High School; Hayden Thomas Leverett, The Fulton School; Kylie Nodorf, Wylie East High School; Kelsey Oudshoon, North Forney High School; Kali Alayne Singleton, Roysa City High School; Caitlyn Genevieve Tunnell, Rockwall-Heath High School; Anna Joi Valdez, Terrell High School; and Savannah Grace Weghorst, Heritage Christian Academy.

• Community Service Awards, presented by DAR member Sandra Solomon, went to Clyde Smith, community gardener, and Glenn Stinson, community gardener.

For additional information regarding the DAR, call regent Peggy Atterberry at 972-771-5067.



Margaret Davidson, representing the Rock Wall Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, is shown presenting Kali Alayne Singleton with a DAR Good Citizenship Award. The presentation was made at the organization's annual tea conducted earlier this month.

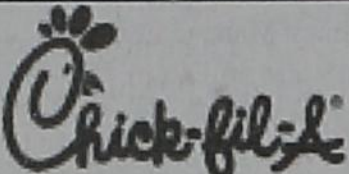
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Pictured from the left are recipients of the Rock Wall Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, award winners recognized at the organization's recent tea. Shown are DAR Good Citizen recipients Kylie Nodorf, Erica Annmarie Kuntz, Kali Alayne Singleton, Savannah Grace Weghorst, Anna Joi Valdez and Caitlyn Genevieve Tunnell; Lawson Hobbs, American History Award recipient; and Zachary Thomas Laky, DAR Good Citizen Award recipient.

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Pictured above are the Community Service Award recipients recognized at the recent awards tea hosted by the Rock Wall Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. DAR member Sandra Solomon is pictured with award recipients Glenn Stinson and Clyde Smith.

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Sale #	Cause # Judgment Date	Acct # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged Value
1	3-04-7 12/18/13	3230-0000-0020-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. LEHMAN J. HARRIS	Lot 20, Canup Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 39, Page 244, Deed Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 14815)	\$69,740.00
2	3-04-7 12/18/13	3230-0000-0019-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. LEHMAN J. HARRIS	All of Lot 19, Canup Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 39, Page 244, Deed Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 14814)	\$74,290.00
3	3-05-17 12/18/13	5380-0000-1413-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CARDENAS OFELIO GUEVARA, ET AL	Lot 1413, Rockwall Lake Properties Development No. 2 Subdivision, a subdivision in Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Pages 79 and 80, Plat Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (25324)	\$19,670.00
4	3-07-128 06/14/13	5341-000A-0003-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MIRIAM QUINTERO, AKA MIRIAM CAROLINA QUINTERO, ET AL	Lot 3, Block "A", Windemere, an addition to the City of Heath, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 299, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (58817)	\$565,230.00
5	3-07-65 02/25/13	3871-000Y-0008-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PATRICIA VALDEZ	Lot 8, Block Y, of Hickory Ridge, Phase Four, an addition to the City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in Cabinet E, Slide 287 of the Plat Records, Rockwall County, Texas (acct 59074)	\$171,530.00
6	3-09-167 11/22/13	4354-000C-0007-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MCKAMY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	Lot 7, Block "C", McKamy Meadows Estates an addition to the City of Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 97, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 55280)	\$19,500.00
7	3-09-167 11/22/13	4354-000D-0019-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MCKAMY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	Lot 19 Block "D", McKamy Meadows Estates an addition to the City of Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 97, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 55341)	\$19,500.00
8	3-09-167 11/22/13	4354-000E-0003-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MCKAMY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	Lot 3, Block "E", McKamy Meadows Estates an addition to the City of Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 97, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 55363)	\$19,500.00
9	3-09-167 11/22/13	4354-000E-0004-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MCKAMY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	Lot 4, Block "E", McKamy Meadows Estates an addition to the City of Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 97, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 55364)	\$19,500.00
10	3-09-167 11/22/13	4354-000B-0006-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MCKAMY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	Lot 6, Block "B", McKamy Meadows Estates, an addition to the City of Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 97, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 55259)	\$19,500.00
11	3-09-167 11/22/13	4354-000E-0006-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MCKAMY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	Lot 6, Block "E", McKamy Meadows Estates an addition to the City of Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 97, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 55366)	\$19,500.00
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13	3-09-167 11/22/13	4354-000E-0008-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MCKAMY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	Lot 8, Block "E", McKamy Meadows Estates an addition to the City of Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 97, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 55368)	\$19,500.00
14	3-09-167 11/22/13	4354-000B-0008-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MCKAMY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	Lot 8, Block "B", McKamy Meadows Estates an addition to the City of Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 97, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 55261)	\$19,500.00
15	3-09-167 11/22/13	4354-000E-0005-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MCKAMY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	Lot 5, Block "E", McKamy Meadows Estates an addition to the City of Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 97, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 55365)	\$19,500.00

(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Rockwall County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Rockwall, Texas, February 19, 2014

Sheriff Harold Eavenson
Rockwall County, Texas

By *[Signature]* # 507
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Rockwall County Entertainment

Soroptimists to host luncheon, fashion show

The Rockwall Soroptimists will host the Eloise's Closet luncheon and fashion show from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 7 at the Rockwall County Library's Community Room. Models will showcase gently used clothing donated made available free to women in need re-entering the workplace. The Soroptimists will present their Violet Richardson Award Women's Opportunity Award and Ruby Award winners. Tickets cost \$5 and may be purchased from club member, Cookie Ray at Republic or by calling Sue Reeves at 972-722-1646.

'Where the Wild Things Are' set at library

The Rockwall County Library will host a storytelling event featuring "Where the Wild Things Are" beginning at 11:15 a.m. March 7. Dorayne Breedlove will deliver the interactive and theatrical version of the classic. This free program will best serve children ages 3-8. For more details call the library's Children's Desk at 972-204-7740.

Library to host jungle encounters

Jungle Jim Klingler will showcase reptiles, amphibians, insects

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Rockwall County News Briefs

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RARTA to meet March 10 at Rockwall Library

The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will meet March 10 at the Rockwall County Library Community Room, 1215 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. The meeting will begin at 1:45 p.m.; participants are invited to come early for refreshments, which will be served at 1:15 p.m. Dave Liebman, Dallas Morning News columnist, will give the program.

American Legion luncheon scheduled

The Rockwall American Legion Post 117 will host its annual American Legion birthday luncheon beginning at 12:30 p.m. March 16 at the Center at Rockwall City Place, located at Goliad and Washington Streets. Barbecued brisket, chicken and the trimmings will be served. Keynote speaker will be Congressman Ralph Hall. Reservations are required March 10. Call 972-722-3822 or email rockwall.post117@hotmail.com

Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle schedule set

Upcoming dates for the Spay/Neuter Network Shuttle are March 10 and April 24. Pets are picked up at 7:30 a.m. in the SE corner of the I-75 and Wal-Mart parking lot and returned at 6:30 p.m. Prices are reasonable and assistance is available through Rockwall PAWS. Dogs should be on non-slip collars, cats in secure carriers (no cardboard boxes). To make an appointment call 972-472-3500 or email info@spayneuternet.com

March for Meals campaign set

Meals on Wheels Senior Services will participate in the national March for Meals campaign, with the local event, Strike Out Senior Hunger, to run from 11 a.m. to midnight March 20 at Shenanigans. (Additional mayors and elected officials are invited to help deliver meals March 21.) For more details visit rockwallmealsonwheels.org.

RSM auditions set March 21, 22

Auditions for "South Pacific" and "Anything Goes," Rockwall Summer Musical's shows for the 2014 season, will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 21 and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 22, including a dance call from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, Building Auditorium appointments may be made after March 1 by calling 214-296-7373. Prepare a one-minute song (16-24 bars) that shows vocal range and ability; bring sheet music, theatrical resume and headshot. Cold reading from the script may be required.

Democratic convention scheduled

The convention process of the Texas Democratic Party begins at County and Senate District Convention on March 22. Precinct convention will not occur on the primary night, but instead as the first step of March 22 meeting. Register at register.txdemocrats.org for information on time and place and to learn about the convention process.

Pancake breakfast to benefit Reading for Adults

The Rockwall County Reading for Adults program will benefit from an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. March 22, Applebees, 876 E. I-30, Rockwall. Volunteers and RFA tutors will be hand for two hours, greeting and serving customers.

Citizen Fire Academy sign-ups underway

The Rockwall Fire Department's free Citizen Fire Academy will be offered from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 27-May 22, Fire Station No. 2, 920 Rockwall Parkway. Training will include a Saturday class - either May 10 or May 17. Participants must be at least 18 years old (or more than 16 with parental consent). For details call Rockwall Fire Department at 972-771-7770 or email bpatrick@rockwall.com. Sign-ups may be completed online at rockwall.com/firedept/citizenfireacademy.asp.

'Forever Plaid' auditions planned

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's production "Forever Plaid," which will be staged in May, will take place at 1 p.m. March 29 and at 7 p.m. March 30 at the playhouse, which is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org

Church plans Priscilla Shirer simulcast

The Rockwall Friendship Baptist Church, 5651 State Hwy. 76, Royse City, will host a biblical teaching by author Priscilla Shirer live simulcast from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 5. Registration costs \$20. The event will include a continental breakfast, catered lunch and afternoon snack. To register online, visit tinyurl.com/rfbcpss. For more details about the church, visit rockwallfriendship.org.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day set in Rockwall

The City of Rockwall's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 5 - rain or shine - at the Municipal Service Center, 1600 Airport Rd. Household quantities of pesticides, paints, products, household cleaners, herbicides, motor oil, auto chemicals, propane products and rimless tires will be accepted. Document shredding and electronic recycling will also be available. City residents must present a current utility bill or driver's license; no children or pets should be brought to collection site. For details call the Utility Billing Department at 972-771-7736.

'School House Rock Jr.' auditions scheduled

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's production "School House Rock Jr." will take place April 19. The RCP is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org

Drug Take Back event planned

The City of Rockwall's Drug Enforcement Agency Drug Take Back event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 26 at the Rockwall Police Department's Community Services Office, 1113 Ridge Road. The nation initiative gives residents the opportunity to get rid of expired, unwanted or unused over-the-counter or prescribed pharmaceutical medication. For more details visit rockwallpolice.org or call 972-771-7765.

RC Chamber to host awards banquet

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce will host its annual awards banquet at 11:30 a.m. May 20 at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City. Mike Castellucci, co-host of "Good Morning, Texas," will speak. The public is invited to attend. Tickets may be purchased at roysecitychamber.com.

'Godspell' auditions set June 7, 8

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's Teen Theatre production of "Godspell," which will be staged in July and August, will begin at 1 p.m. June 7 and 8 at the playhouse, which is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details, visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Opinions

When will America end cash-for-visas racket?

Michelle Malkin
This may be the first and last time I ever write these words: America, Canada.

Neighbors to the north finally have wised up to the international cash-for-visas scam. Last week, the country ended its foreign investor program that put residency up for sale to the highest bidder. We should have done the same a long time ago.

Canada's Immigrant Investor Program granted permanent residency to wealthy foreigners who forked over 800,000 Canadian dollars for a five-year, zero-interest loan to one of the country's provinces. The scheme turned out to be a magnet for tens of thousands of millionaires from Hong Kong and China. But as the Canadian Ministry of Finance concluded in its annual budget report this year, the program "undervalued Canadian permanent residence" and showed "little evidence that immigrant investors as a class are maintaining ties to Canada or making a positive economic contribution to the country."

In several provinces, the foreign investor racket was riddled from top to bottom with fraud. Whistleblowers in the Prince Edward Island immigration office exposed rampant bribery among bureaucrats and consultants, who helped their clients jump the queue. The government sought to monitor immigrant investors or verify the promised economic benefits of the "investments." The program didn't just fast-track unscrupulous business people with dubious business backgrounds, but also their entire extended families, who walled themselves in segregated neighborhoods.

A man in Dubai bragged that investors didn't even need to live in the country to take advantage of the citizenship-for-sale deal — and that dependents could avail themselves of full health care and education benefits.

Fifteen years ago, an independent auditor hired by the Canadian government warned that he had "found that in many cases there was no investment at all or that the amount of that investment was grossly inflated." The auditor nailed the expedient commodification of citizenship: "Canadians gave up something of real value — a visa or passport — and received very little in return." He concluded: "A lot of people made a lot of money, mostly lawyers and immigration consultants who set up these bogus investments. It's a massive sham. The middlemen made hundreds of millions of dollars."

I've been issuing the very same warnings about America's EB-5 immigrant investor visa program, created under an obscure section of the 1990 Immigration Act, for more than a decade.

The details of the U.S. program vary, but the facade is the same: trading residency on the cheap for the shady promise of economic development. Just as in Canada, the U.S. racket's alleged economic benefits are largely hype.

Who has profited? As I've reported previously, the real winners are former federal immigration officials who formed lucrative limited partnerships to cash in on their access and politically connected cronies. An internal U.S. Justice Department investigative report revealed years ago that "aliens were paying \$125K" instead of the required \$500,000 to \$1 million minimum, and "almost all of the monies went to the general partners and the companies who set up the limited partners."

Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., has been pressing EB-5 middlemen who operate a network of regional centers to cough up data on how many jobs these immigrant investor schemes are creating, lists of current and former corporate officers at the centers, and details of consulting services and other contracts into which the centers have entered. Where's the rest of Capitol Hill?

Just as in Canada, American whistleblowers also have been raising red flags for years. Most recently, immigration officials in Laguna Niguel, Calif., last fall spilled the beans on how they "often rushed or skipped altogether economic reviews of applicants to the EB-5 visa program." They did so under orders from senior managers pandering to wealthy and politically connected foreign applicants. The Department of Homeland Security Inspector General is investigating government retaliation against employees who reported the misconduct. "In essence," Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, noted in a public letter, "high-level officials in the (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services) bureau are accused of creating an environment hostile to those who insist on following the law."

That fish rots right down from the head of USCIS, Alejandro Mayorkas, who was confirmed for the job in December — despite remaining under investigation by the DHS Inspector General for his alleged role in intervening on behalf of GreenTech, a crony company with ties to Democratic Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe and Hillary Clinton's other brother, Anthony. The alleged scam involved special treatment to the company, which wanted special treatment and EB-5 visas for, you guessed it, deep-pocketed Chinese investors.

Recklessly peddling foreign investor visas for the precious privilege of entry into our country is bad for our sovereignty, bad for workers and good for corruptocrats. Moreover, history shows that government is always bad at picking economic winners and losers. If Canada can come to its senses on this, why not America?

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Acting like a founder

Ben Carson

Most of us can remember feeling that someone had done us a great injustice. On those occasions, we want nothing more than to exact revenge. I remember being unfairly treated as a lowly ROTC cadet by one of the sergeants who resented the fact that my brother had been promoted to captain and company commander over him.

I was ambitious and worked extremely hard, resulting in my promotion in record time to the rank of colonel and city executive officer. This individual was now firmly under my command, and I could have wreaked havoc in his life. Instead, I chose to give him extra responsibilities. Responding to the challenge, he proved himself to be quite capable, earning further promotions. Because I resisted the urge to retaliate, we both won. This same principle applies in politics.

Unfortunately, in the past, we have been a reactionary country, resulting in political shifts back and forth from left to right without a lot of forward process. After attaining power, both sides act in ways that are less than honorable, but they justify their actions by citing similar transgressions committed by the other side. This immature behavior is vividly exhibited by President Obama in his shameless use of executive orders to try to circumvent the eventual success of Obamacare.

Administration supporters defend his strategy by pointing out that previous presidents have issued even more executive orders than Obama. It's like saying that punching someone 40 times is more harmful than hitting him four times. However, it's not the quantity of executive actions that matters, but their impact.

There are always people who attempt to pick apart an analogy, but readers will see the point. In the current controversy, a massive politically motivated government program was forced on half of the population with their opinions completely disregarded. No legislation of this magnitude ever had been passed in the history of the United States by a party with unanimous opposition by the other party. Each executive order to sustain Obamacare is like pouring salt in a wound. Furthermore, the concept of seeking common ground is further damaged. When the political pendulum swings again, which I predict will begin

this November, it is imperative for the sake of our progeny that those in power act like "the adults in the room" and govern in a lawful and constitutional manner. This means refraining from the use of excessive government interference in choosing winners and losers.

It also means an evenhanded enforcement of all of our laws rather than repeating the Obama administration's practice of selective law enforcement. Adult governance is founded upon objectivity, not ideology.

The American people have suffered through decades of power-drunk politicians, many of whom practiced deceitful manipulation. This has caused tens of millions of Americans to abandon in disgust their duty to be informed and responsible voters, which only makes the situation worse.

I have encountered a large number of elderly people who have told me that they have given up on the United States and are simply waiting to die. This is the reason that more eligible voters opted not to vote in the last presidential election than actually voted for either candidate. Many of these people are members of "the greatest generation." They fought tangible and visible forces that threatened our freedom. The forces facing us now are less tangible, but are nevertheless at least as lethal to our way of life.

Despite all the naysayers on both sides, I am convinced by the people I encounter on the speaking circuit that common sense, honesty and fairness can return to the corridors of power in America. We can govern in a manner that not only re-engages millions, but also provides liberty and justice for all.

As it was in the days of the Founding Fathers before the American Revolution, now it is necessary for ordinary Americans to engage their neighbors, friends and colleagues in serious discussions about what kind of nation they want to pass on to their children and grandchildren. It is important that everyone knows who represents them both at the state level and at the national level. The party affiliation of those representatives is not nearly as important as their voting record. Every American, regardless of their political affiliation, must distinguish those who represent the free-

enterprise system based on personal responsibility and equal treatment from those who are willing to give away our personal freedom in order to enhance the size and scope of the government.

The power to reverse the deterioration of our nation is within the hands of "we the people." We must realize that our countrymen are not our enemies, and we must understand that we cannot rely on those in the media and in politics to tell us the truth. We need to go beyond them and rely on ourselves to craft a truly free America that works for all of us. This means we must become informed voters and use our votes effectively to choose the kind of leadership that represents the will of the people.

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American Legion plans special meeting

The Rockwall Terry Fisher American Legion Post 117 will celebrate the founding of the American Legion, which occurred 95 years ago in 1919, at a founding birthday luncheon.

The event will begin at 12:30 p.m. March 16 at The Center at Rockwall Civic Place, 108 E. Washington St., Rockwall.

Special recognition will be given to legion members, patriotic reporters and Boys and Girls State representatives. Congressman Ralph Hall will deliver the keynote address.

Reservations are required. To make a reservation, phone 972-771-8139 or email rockwall.post117@hotmail.com.



The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association met Feb. 10 for its regularly scheduled meeting. Guest speaker was Nella Phillips, actress and writer, who reviewed the book "Say Goodnight, Gracie," which is about the life, laughter and love shared between George Burns and Gracie Allen. Hostesses, pictured above, were Joan Wells, Gloria Daniels, Becky Cecil, Linda Harris-Stringfellow, Darlene Bealmear and Cynthia Owens.
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Channell Corp. relocates to Rockwall ...

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proud USA manufacturer. Currently headquartered in Temecula, Calif., Channell has other facilities in Canada, United Kingdom, Australia and Malaysia.

"After a two-year search, I am pleased we selected Rockwall," said Bill Channell, CEO for Channell Commercial Corporation. "We are eager at Channell to begin developing this new facility and we're very appreciative of the men and women within Rockwall city management that have already begun paving the way for us to break ground in 2014."

The \$20 million development will begin in the fourth quarter of 2014 and will initially create more than 200 jobs.

Ask Dr. Danette

by Danette McNew, D.D.S.



GETTING IN BETWEEN

The purpose of flossing is to remove the plaque and biofilm that accumulates between teeth where toothbrushes cannot reach. Otherwise, as we consume carbohydrates, the microorganisms in dental plaque convert the sugars to an acid that attacks tooth enamel. As the acid decalcifies the enamel, a dental carious lesion (cavity) begins to form. Moreover, the germs in dental plaque cause inflammation of the gums (gingivitis), which, if not reversed with good oral hygiene, can destroy the deeper supporting soft tissue structures and eventually the bone that holds the tooth in the socket. At this point, irreversible bone loss may occur. All of these potential problems can be averted with daily brushing and flossing; brushing alone is not enough.

At McNEW DENTAL, we strive to teach you good oral hygiene. In the long run, you will have better dental health. We're located at 1300 E. Ralph Hall Pkwy., Suite 114, where we stress that health depends on healthy teeth and good dental care. A thorough examination and detailed explanation of all findings and treatment needed are routinely given. Please call 469/338-4603 or 469/338-4601 to schedule an appointment. We're always happy to discuss improving your smile, and thus, your total feeling of self-esteem. "Smiles are contagious and best when shared"

P.S. If not removed with good hygiene, plaque can harden into tartar (dental calculus), which can only be removed with professional dental instruments.

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TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

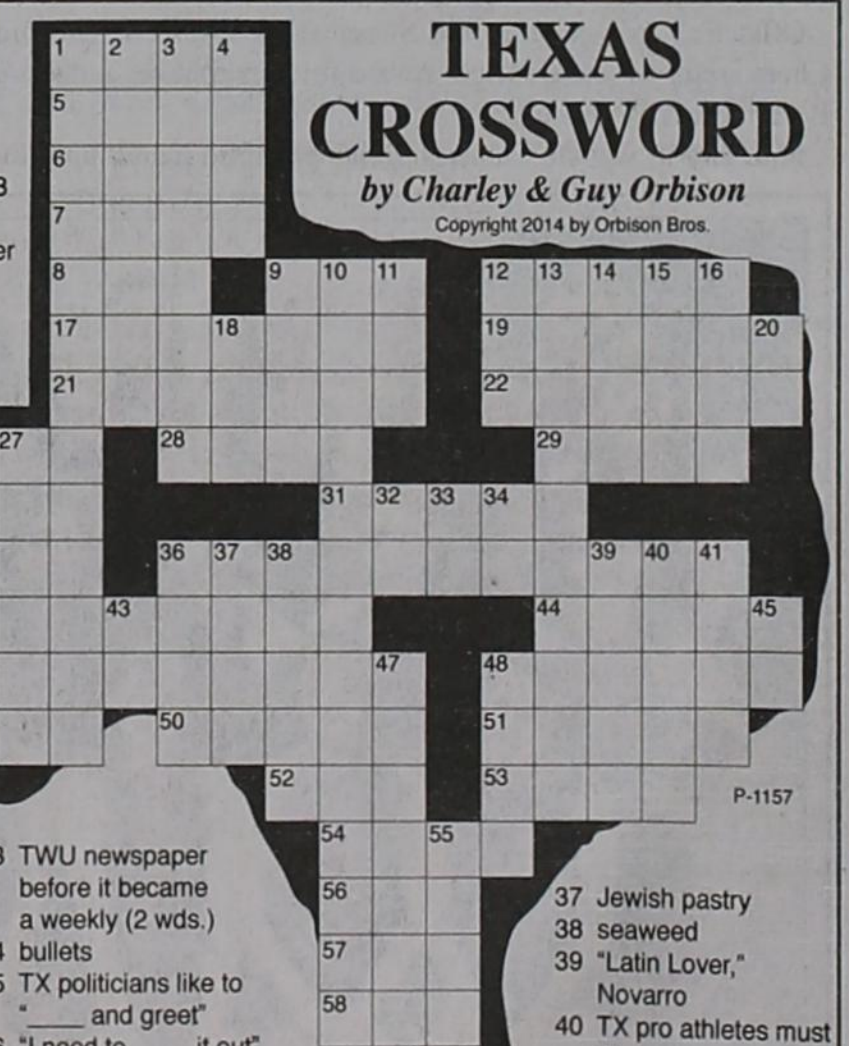
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ACROSS

- TX repair kit: baling wire and duct
- TXism: "hot as ___"
- George H. in 1988: "___ my lips: no new taxes"
- TX Yale is NFL hall of famer
- TX Perot started this co. in 1992
- Cowboys "Rocket" Ismail started his career in this league (abbr.)
- TX Bud was the owner of the Houston Oilers
- TXism: "suits me ___ —thee-well"
- TX Willie Nelson has appeared in many of these small roles
- TX Charley Pride's "My Eyes Can ___ as Far as You"
- oven helpers
- a TX Ranger, e.g.
- '92 TV movie about death of Price Daniel Jr.: "Bed of ___"
- in Falls Co. on 77
- NW TX region that includes 24 counties: "South ___"
- TXism: "if ___ druthers . . ."
- Gary Morris' "One Fall is ___ Takes"
- TXism: "lower than a snake's belly ___"
- large hairy spider
- this TX Spelling was a prolific TV producer
- TXism: "___ write home about"
- init. of first name + last name of star Cowboy RB
- golf's "hole in ___"
- influential abstract painter
- Nicolas de ___
- TXism: "worthless ___ boot"
- poetic "before"

DOWN

- University in Stephenville
- TXism: "drawing ___ it"
- seat of Frio Co.
- this Jim was a defensive coach for Oilers & Cowboys
- 24 Lone Star beers
- lake swimmers (3 wds.)
- TX actor: Tommy Jones
- TX Buck Owens' "___ Naturally"
- TXism: "she could talk the legs off ___ stove"
- Dallas media co.: "___ Belo Corp."
- Leon, TX
- TX Kristofferson's "Why ___ Lord?"
- Jesus' last words: "___ finished"
- TXism: "drawing ___ it"
- bulletins
- TX politicians like to "___ and greet"
- "I need to ___ it out"
- texting abbr.
- Elvis Andrus pos. on the Rangers (abbr.)
- old abbr. for long-playing record
- A&M beat this no. 1 team in 2012 (abbr.)
- TX Owen voiced "Cars" from Disney Pictures
- in Milam Co. on 79
- Jewish pastry
- seaweed
- "Latin Lover," Novarro
- TX pro athletes must give ___ samples
- some TX car dealers "___ the note"
- Dallas sportscaster Hitzges (abbr.)
- state of the 1st pres. primary (abbr.)
- flowering plant
- TXism: "___ high on the hog" (rich)
- don't do this while driving



RISD swimmers come away victorious at State Championship

by Ryan Garrett

Yellowjacket swimmers Raena Eldridge, Haylie Harbin and William Rapp and Heath's Jared Butler competed in the UIL 5A State Swimming Championships in Austin on February 21 & 22, coming away with 4 top four finishes.

Butler, a future Texas Longhorn, felt right at home, winning the gold medal in the 200 yard Individual Medley with a time of 1:47.53.

Junior Raena Eldridge came away with the silver medal in the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 23.18, the 7th fastest time in Texas 5A history. In

the 100 yard butterfly, Raena finished with the bronze medal at a time of 54.80. Both swims were All-American Automatic cut, and were new RHS team records.

Rapp was seeded 8th in the boys 200 yard freestyle and moved up four spots to finish 4th with a time of 1:40.15, a new team record and All-American Consideration time.

Harbin, a senior, was seeded 14th in the 500 yard freestyle, finished 15th in the event with a time of 5:10.65. Haylie will be swimming for the Air Force Academy in the fall.

Fulton basketball seasons end at Regionals

by Lary Bump

The Fulton School boys' basketball team was less than a minute away from a trip to its first state tournament.

Then misfortune struck for the Falcons in their TAPPS 1A Regional playoff game Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Merkel.

Fulton led Lubbock Kingdom Preparatory Academy 65-62 with 50 seconds to play. The Falcons had the ball, but the Warriors fouled sophomore Ian Bergen.

He missed both free throws. "They were in and out," Fulton head coach Josh Johnson said. "I'd have no issue with him going to the line again." Kingdom then scored a basket to pull within a point, and fouled Max Mitchell. He made one of two free throws for his 27th point of the game and a two-point lead with 24 seconds left.

The Lubbock team then tied the game by putting in an offensive rebound. After the Warriors regained possession, 6-foot-4 Jeremy Brown made a shot with 2 seconds left to give Kingdom a 68-66 victory.

The Falcons' tallest player, 6-5 Brenden Williams, fouled out during the final minute, joining the other senior starters, Todd Treadway and Hayden Leveret, on the bench with five fouls.

Johnson said, "It was the hardest I've ever experienced in eight years as a coach. I've been blessed to coach at state in 2009, but I really wanted it

for these seniors - Brenden and Todd and Hayden and Colin Graves.

"At the end of the game, we had our whole team for next year on the court."

It was a long ride home for the Falcons (22-7) and the Lady Falcons (13-3), who also lost a Regional game that day at Merkel. Plainview Christian Academy's girls defeated Fulton 74-47.

The Lady Falcons trailed just 32-23 shortly before halftime, but the Lady Eagles ran off 14 consecutive points for a 46-23 lead in the third quarter. Plainview out-rebounded Fulton 47-16, with 6-1 post Claudia Lusk leading the way with 13 points and 14 rebounds.

Fulton's teams both set school records for wins and made their deepest advance into the playoffs. The boys have lost in the Regionals in each of the past three seasons.

Both the Kingdom Prep boys and Plainview Christian girls lost in the state semifinals to Granbury North Central Texas Academy, which won both 1A championships.

Fulton athletes will compete in baseball, golf and track and field during the spring season.

The baseball team's first game is scheduled for March 18 against Crowley Nazarene Christian Academy. Mitchell and fellow freshman Kaime Yeakle are expected to be key additions to this year's Falcons.

Rockwall Yellowjackets soccer shuts out Stallions

by Ryan Garrett

The Yellowjacket boy's soccer team shut out North Mesquite 3-0 at home February 26. The victory moved Rockwall into the lead of District 12-5A with a 5-1-1 district record.

After a scoreless first half that Rockwall dominated with sharp passing and excellent ball possession, the Jackets began to light up the scoreboard in the second.

Twenty minutes into the bottom half, Clay Rittershaus scored two goals less than a minute apart. Shortly after, Micah Day rocketed a shot into the back of the net assisted by Logan Corbin. Goalkeeper KC Nkalari kept Rockwall's net clean as the Jackets took away the 3-0 victory.

Elsewhere in district play, the Heath Hawks' defeated the Raiders of Tyler Lee 2-1, which helped propel the Yellowjackets into first place.



The Rockwall High School Jacket Backers selected Clay Rittershaus and Raena Eldridge as Yellowjacket and Lady Jacket "Athletes of the Month" for February. Rittershaus, a senior, is captain of RHS soccer and is the team in scoring and assists leader and helped the Jackets to two tournament championships in February. Eldridge, a junior, won silver in the 50 freestyle and bronze medal in the 100 butterfly at the 5A State Swimming Championships. Raena earned All-American in two different events this year; the first time ever an RHS swimmer has achieved this feat.
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Yellowjacket Soccer Record: 13-2-2, 5-2 District 12-5A*

Rowlett 1/9 (3-1, Win); @North Dallas 1/10 (4-0, Win); @Waxahatchie 1/11 (4-1, Win); Lakeview Centennial 1/16 (2-2, Tie); Garland 1/16 (0-0, Tie); Conrad 1/17 (7-0, Win); Pearce 1/18 (3-2, Win); Heath 1/18 (2-1, Win); South Garland 1/21 (2-0, Win); North Mesquite* 1/31 (4-3, Win); @Plano East 2/4 (2-0, Win); Mesquite* 2/8 (3-2, Win); Horn 2/12 (1-0, Win); @Longview* 2/14 (4-3, Loss); @Heath* 2/18 (5-1, Win); Tyler Lee* 2/21 (1-0, Loss); North Mesquite* 2/25 (3-0, Win)

Individual Stats (as of 3/3/14)
Goals: Clay Rittershaus 13; Micah Day 9; Andy Rojas 6; Ryan Danahy 5; Dustin Cate 3; Michael Dawe 2; Brandon Reinhardt 2; Logan Corbin 2; Colt Ramsey 1; Tyler Wiener 1; Dillon Loftis 1; Xavier Castille 1
Assists: Clay Rittershaus 13; Micah Day 6; Colt Ramsey 1; Dillon Loftis 1; Ryan Danahy 1; Brandon Reinhardt 1

Hawk baseball off to a 9-2 start after two tournaments

by Ryan Garrett
After dropping just one game in the Georgetown Invitational a week ago, and going five-and-one in the Flower Mound Showdown this past Thursday through Saturday, the Rockwall-Heath Hawk baseball team off to a 9-2 start in the 2014 season.

Heath opened the Flower Mound tourney on Thursday with two big wins defeating Plano 9-7 and Flower Mound Marcus 4-3. Clayton Rasberry's three-run homer propelled the Hawks, as Plano was unable to overcome a five-run fifth. Against Marcus, the Hawks never trailed after the second inning, scoring on a groundout by Dylan Lewis, a two-run single by J. Salinas and an RBI triple by RJ Williams.

Dylan Lewis knocked in three runs on Friday against Rowlett, as the lead stayed with the Hawks after the third inning.

The Hawks continued on their winning ways, routing Georgetown on Friday night. Heath's offense put the game away early, scoring five runs in the first three innings.

On Saturday, the Hawks pushed their record to 9-1 in an 11-4 blowout of Flower Mound Marcus. Rockwall-Heath never surrendered the lead after the second inning, scoring three runs on an RBI double by Dylan Brown and two singles.

Heath dropped their final game of the tournament in a high-scoring matchup against Flower Mound. Despite racking up seven hits and eight runs, the Hawks fell 11-8. Trey Millender went a perfect two-for-two to the plate, singling in the third and seventh innings.

The Hawks scored five runs in the third on RBI singles from Rasberry and Millender, a sacrifice fly by Ryne Randle, and an RBI single by M. Wood. Two runs in the top of the fifth helped Heath close in on Flower Mound, but the Hawks couldn't take the lead.

Heath continues their tournament play Thursday, March 6 in the Frisco ISD Tournament.

HCA wins opening baseball game

by Lary Bump
The basketball season ended sooner than Heritage Christian Academy had hoped, but HCA athletes have jumped right into their spring sports schedule.

The baseball team opened with a 13-5 victory Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Campbell.

The Eagles (1-3) then lost three weekend games in the Matt Clark Classic at Frisco Legacy Christian Academy. On Thursday, Feb. 27, HCA lost 13-5 to Carrollton Prince of Peace Christian School and 7-3 to Dallas Shelton. Frisco Liberty defeated the Eagles 15-0 Friday.

Heritage Christian returned to Legacy Tuesday and is scheduled to visit Dallas Lakehill Preparatory School to play at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

HCA's softball team lost its opening game 10-0 Friday, Feb. 28, at Frisco Legacy. The Lady Eagles' scheduled game Tuesday at Dallas First Baptist Academy was postponed because of cold weather. Heritage Christian scheduled for a 4:30 p.m. game Friday at Lakehill before spring break.

The track and field team is scheduled to compete Thursday in the Wildcat Invitational at Scurry-Rosser.

Sacred Heart ends Warriors' season

The Rockwall Christian Academy boys' basketball season started fast but ended quickly.

RCA won its first nine TAPPS District 3-2A games before losing both final regular-season and a tie-breaker for first place to Garland Christian Academy.

The Warriors still had a home game in the Bi-District playoff round but Muenster Sacred Heart Catholic School (14-7) took a 59-47 victory Tuesday, Feb. 18. Sacred Heart then lost 64-53 to Waco Vanguard College Preparatory School in the Area round.

Despite losing the final three games, RCA finished 16-10. Leading scorers Ryan Gafford and Evan Milwee both are juniors.

With basketball season over, the Warriors and Lady Warriors moved to spring sports.

RCA's softball team opened its season Tuesday. Rockwall Christian boys and girls also will be competing in track and field.



Rockwall Yellowjackets' Jonathan Otto (10) leaps for a header, Tuesday February 25 against North Mesquite at the RHS field in Rockwall. Ready to assist is teammate Micah Day (5).
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

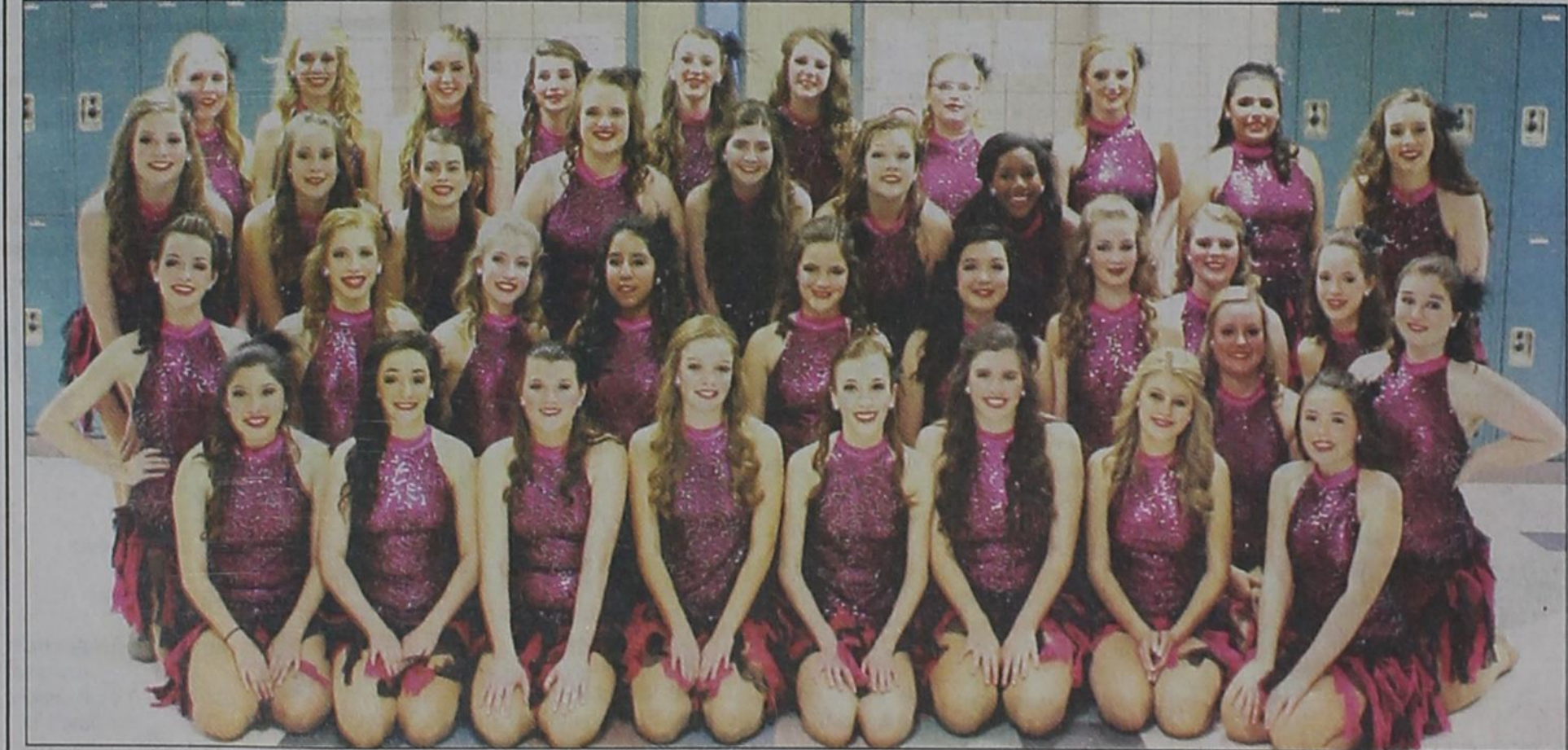
RHS Jacket Babes receive awards at recent competition

The Rockwall High School Jacket Babes, under the direction of Amy Lutes, participated in the American Dance/Drill Team competition Feb. 22 and captured several awards.

Team awards for the Jacket Babes included the Sweepstakes Award for all three routines, the Gussie Nell Davis Award for all three routines, the Judges Award for a hip-hop routine, the Judges Award for a pom routine, and second runner-up Best in Class JV team.

Officer awards included the Sweepstakes Award for all three routines, the Gussie Nell Davis Award for all three routines, Best Overall Choreography Award, Judges Award for jazz routine, Judges Award for lyrical routine, Judges Award for modern routine, and first runner-up Best in Class JV officers.

Solo awards went to Cameron Ballenger, third runner-up solo finalist, and Sarah Schatz, second runner-up solo finalist.



The Rockwall High Jacket Babes recently participated in the American Dance/Drill Team competition, where they won several awards. Pictured are, at front, Rebekah Medina, Faith Thompson, Emily Green, Sarah Schatz, Cameron Ballenger, Abby Gideon, Tori Helton and Allison Bickerstaff; second row, Karlstan Swan, Hallie Gerhart, Katie Colebaca, Gabby Francis, Mia Dalton, Natalie Pecarina, Averie Kozlowski, Valerie Winsor, Lauren Davidson, Danielle Kula and Bri Zeask; third row, Macy Dickson, Mattie Barentine, Brianna Williams, Savannah Franks, Maia Bell, Izzy Garner and Amora Times; and, fourth row, Madi Malloy, Faith Robertson, Lauryn Miva, Alexis Smith, Shelby White, Emily Scoggins, Hannah Chase, Kami Rowan, Nadia Perez and Aimee Norwood.
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