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RHS orchestra wins national contest

Rockwall High School Symphony Orchestra was selected as the National Winner in the 2016 Mark of Excellence/National Orchestra Honors Project on Sept. 15. The group, comprised of more than 70 of the top players from the orchestra and band, performed together in the spring to produce a winning recording. It was the school's first year to produce a recording in the full orchestra contest competition, according to a district news release. "We have something special happening in the Rockwall High School Fine Arts Department," Charlsie Griffiths, the RHS orchestra director, said. "The group finished in the top seven full orchestras. The Rockwall Foundation for Music Education sponsors the competition, and nationally renowned judges adjudicate ensembles. This year the project received 236 entries representing 36 states."

I-30, FM 3549 interchange project underway this week

The project to rebuild the interchange at I-30 and FM 3549 began this week, according to a Texas Department of Transportation news release. The project will build an I-30 overpass at FM 3549 as well as frontage roads and highway ramps. Currently FM 3549 travels over I-30. This new configuration is designed to improve traffic flow on I-30 as well as FM 3549 through the interchange, according to the news release. The project length is 1.7 miles. The contract was awarded to Sema Construction for \$32.8 million. The project will require various daytime lane closures scheduled during work hours throughout the duration of the project. The frontage road will be reduced from two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction during construction. The project is expected to be substantially complete in October, according to the release.

University scholastic honors

Master tapped for honors program

Kaelyn Master of Rockwall has been selected for Samford University's Fellows honors program, according to a news release from Birmingham, Alabama, university. Master is a freshman pre-business major and one of 50 students selected for this year's Fellows class, which offers an interdisciplinary curriculum, international study in Italy, funding for academic research and a four-year University Fellows scholarship. Master is a graduate of a home-school program, according to the release.

Poynter, Garza remain in custody in Hunt County, weapon recovered

Phillie Jean Coppedge, 30, of Rockwall, was arrested at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, by Rockwall Police Chief Jeff Poynter. Poynter said the weapon believed to have been used in the Sept. 9 shooting of Robert Poynter had not yet been found. Poynter explained the one-shot blast to the back of Poynter's name from a shotgun. He did not state whether the shot came from inside or outside of the vehicle, nor did he provide the make, model and year of the vehicle. Chacey Tyler Poynter, 29, and Michael Glen Garza, 29, are also in custody. (Continued on Page 2)



Voted Rockwall-Heath High School Homecoming Queen and King prior to the game against Tyler Lee, Fri. Sept. 16, 2016, at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium are (left to right), Peyton Shelton and Christian Elbert. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

RCISD doubles TEA distinction awards

All Royse City Independent School District campuses received a rating of Met Standard by the Texas Education Agency based on student achievement on the most recent state assessments, according to a district news release. In doing so, campuses become eligible to earn designation distinctions in seven possible areas.

Royse City ISD received 10 designation distinctions across the district, four of which were for outstanding performance in mathematics.

- H.H. Herndon Intermediate earned Academic Achievement in Math, Top 25 percent Student Progress, Top 25 percent Closing Performance Gaps and Postsecondary Readiness.
 - Miss May Vernon Elementary earned Academic Achievement in Math, Top 25 percent Student Progress and Top 25 percent Closing Performance Gaps.
 - W.R. Fort Elementary earned Academic Achievement in Math and Top 25 percent Student Progress.
 - Ruth Cherry Intermediate earned Academic Achievement in Math.
- The RCISD earned twice as many distinction designations in 2016 when compared to 2015. The recognitions are earned based on achievement performance indicators relative to a group of 40 comparable campuses, according to the district news release.

Hall is semifinalist in Nat'l Merit Scholarship Program

Jamie Hall, a student at Rockwall High, was named one of approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 62nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program, according to a program news release.



Jamie Hall

The announcement was made Sept. 14.

High school seniors identified as semifinalists have the opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$33 million that will be offered in the spring, according to the release. To be considered, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition.

The program recognizes the nation's scholastic champions and encourages the pursuit of academic excellence, according to the news release.

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Farmers Market open through September

The Farmers Market offered from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays on the square in Rockwall will be open through September. For more details visit rockwallfarmersmarket.org.

RHS to host Cheer Mini-Camp Sept. 24

Rockwall High School Cheer will host a fall mini-camp for elementary-aged children from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Utley Middle School on Saturday, Sept. 24. Participants will learn a cheer and dance to be performed at the annual cabaret set for 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 7, and Saturday, Oct. 8, at the RHS Performing Arts Center. For more details visit cdn.rockwallisd.com/rockwall/files/2016/09/Cheer-RHS-Minicamp-Sept-2016.pdf.

Democratic Men's Group to meet Oct. 1

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will conduct its next luncheon at noon on Saturday, Oct. 1, at Johnny Carino's Italian restaurant, 819 E. I-30, Rockwall. The group meets for lunch on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the future of Texas and Rockwall County are welcome to attend. This month's guest speaker will be David Smith, who will discuss what is happening in Collin County.

Blessing of the Animals set Oct. 2

The First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall, 602 White Hills Dr., will conduct a Blessing of the Animals on the front lawn of the church from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2. Pastor Cheryl Taylor has blessed dogs, cats, chickens and lizards. Horse owners are invited to drive through the front circle with a horse trailer. Assisting will be the youth of First Presbyterian, the First Christian Church and Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church, who will provide treats and water for the animals. Rockwall Pets also will conduct an Adopt-a-Pet event and the Rockwall K-9 unit and Patriot Paws will be on hand to meet the public.

RSVP by Oct. 4 for next FOL luncheon

The next Friends of the Rockwall Library luncheon will take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11, in the Community Room of the Rockwall County Library, 1215 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. Carolee Jeurgens, a former librarian and booker reviewer, will give the program entitled "Book Bag," detailing new books and authors that might be of interest. Zach will serve an optional lunch at a cost of \$20. Reservations must be made by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4, by emailing Leigh Plagens at cplagens65@aol.com. Reservations must be paid.

Fire department plans Oct. 8 open house

The Rockwall Fire Marshal Division and the Rockwall Fire Department will host an open house at Fire Station #2, located at 920 Rockwall Parkway, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 8. The

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"Grand Night for Singing" will be staged at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk (two blocks off the square in downtown Rockwall), beginning at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. on Sundays through Oct. 2. Pictured above in a rehearsal are Rob Richardson, Richard James and Holly Gardner. Tickets are available online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org, by calling 972-722-3399 or at the box office 30 minutes prior to show time. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Obituaries

Gay Booth Anderson

A memorial Mass for Gay Booth Anderson, 56, of Rockwall will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 23, 2016, at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 3030 Gus Thomasson Rd., Dallas with Father Michael Guadagnoli officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

An informal time of visitation with the family will immediately follow the service in the Parish Hall.

She died Saturday, Sept. 17.

Born April 20, 1960, in Birmingham, Alabama, to David and Anne Booth, she was raised in Birmingham; Nashville, Tennessee; and Dallas. She attended the University of North Texas, where she met her future husband, Richard Anderson. She graduated with a degree in personnel management in 1982.

The couple married Jan. 26, 1984, and had four children whom they raised in Dallas and Rockwall. She had a long career in human resources at various banks and school systems, most recently the Rockwall and Garland school districts.

She loved the outdoors, exercise and family activities and was particularly fond of all dogs, especially pugs. She and her family were members of the St. Pius X Catholic Church in Dallas.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Anderson; the couple's children, Michael Anderson, Anna Anderson Gibson and her husband, Michael Edward Gibson, Sarah Anderson and Mary Kate Anderson; and her sister, Marguerite Gray.

Her parents preceded her in death.



The Rockwall Independent School District partnered with Rest Haven Funeral Home to recognize first responders at a pre-game ceremony prior to the RHS vs. Carroll High football game Sept. 9. First responders in uniform pictured above, were admitted to the game at no cost and invited to step onto the football field for recognition during the ceremony. The community participated in the event as well, submitting photos of local first responders that were displayed during the singing of "God Bless America."

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Royse City author pens educational book

Author Hal Roberts of Royse City teaches kids how to be good leaders through his new educational book, "Pirate On!: Lead Fearlessly, Ignite Passion, Inspire Trust in Your Crew and Emerge as a Leader of Significance."

This book will be available nationwide in paperback this week and in hardback in October, according to a news release from the publisher.

Leadership is difficult, but it is also very rewarding.

This is one lesson educators and students will learn in "Pirate On!" as they join the author in sailing away from safe harbors into the rough — sometimes treacherous and challenging but never dull — waters of leadership. In this book, Roberts shares his experiences of over 30 years of leadership using the acronym P-I-R-A-T-E-S to guide, inspire and edify young readers on their leadership voyage.

This book is not about attacking and pillaging ships on the high seas but about leading fearlessly and navigating the rough waters of leadership. Roberts shares how relationships and trust are the

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University Scholastics Degrees

Wright receives bachelor's degree

Justin Dewayne Wright of Rockwall graduated from Midwestern State University in August, according to a university news release.

More than 200 undergraduate and graduate students were awarded degrees. Wright received a bachelor's degree in radiologic sciences, according to the news release.

Three earn SFA degrees

Three local residents were among students receiving degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University during August commencement exercises, according to a news release from the Nacogdoches university.

Degree recipients included Brian Michele Abudu of Rockwall, who earned a bachelor's degree in health science; Tori E. Green of Royse City, who earned a bachelor's degree in rehabilitation services; and Veronica Elaine Jacobs, who was awarded a master's degree in educational leadership, according to the release.



Springer third grade students in Ashlie Newberry's class have the opportunity to "mystery" Skype with someone in another country on a bi-weekly basis. Using critical-thinking skills, students have to figure out where that person is located in the world based upon clues. Students also met a special guest, Tammy Lacroix, whose son donated a weather center to the Springer garden and spoke to the class about the weather center and how to apply science. The class topped off the day by using a magic question ball, which helps keep them engaged and on their toes wanting to grab it and answer all the questions of the world. Pictured above are students Katherine Webb, Claire Nixon and Mellat Mebratu.

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will include a fire safety house, vehicle extrication exhibit, food and a bounce house.

Last day to register to vote is Oct. 11

The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 8 election is Oct. 11, according to the Texas Secretary of State's website. Voting in the election will run from Oct. 24 through Nov. 4. For details or information about registering locally, visit rockwall.com/voter-information/voter-registration-card.

Talking Tombstones lecture set Oct. 14

Meddie Bowles (aka Nancy Beaty) will present the circus surrounding the trail and murder conviction of her husband, as part of the Oct. 14 installation of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture presented by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation. Rockwall County Historical Commission from noon to 1 p.m. on the third floor in the historic downtown courthouse.

Prayers for reconciliation, unity planned

Prayers for reconciliation and unity will be offered at the Presbyterian Church of Rockwall, 602 White Hills Dr., at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9. Pastor Cheryl Taylor invites the community to come together to pray for unity and heal the brokenness in the wake of a grueling and divisive election season. The service is intended to provide peace and solidarity as the community moves into the future, in Garland beginning with the election on Nov. 8. Tickets are available at costs starting at \$17.50 and \$37.50. To purchase tickets, call 972-771-5733 or email details.

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Murder suspects remain in Hunt County jail

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Garza, 37, of Quinlan remain in the Hunt County Detention Center since the offense occurred in Hunt County.

According to the online Hunt County Jail Inmate list, Garza was booked into the jail, Sept. 11, with a bond amount of \$100,000 for an alleged offense of murder.

Ms. Poynter was booked into the jail, Sept. 10, with a bond amount of \$500K for the alleged offense of conspiracy to commit murder. It is unknown at this time whether the two jailed suspects have writs of Habeas Corpus. As of Tues. Sept. 20, the Hunt County District Attorney's office was closed and staff members were unavailable to verify whether complaints have been filed against the suspects.

At about 10:40 p.m. on Sept. 9 the Royse City Police Department received a call that a female was attempting to stop a vehicle on roadway at FM 35 near Hunt County Country Road 2595, and on Sept. 10 news release from Stapleton. When officers arrived at the scene, the female reported that her husband had been shot and the vehicle down the nearby dirt road. When officers arrived at the scene, they found the victim dead from a single gunshot wound. In a news release issued by Stapleton on Sept. 11, the victim was identified as Robert Poynter, a captain with the University of Texas Department since 1997.

Due to suspicious and conflicting information as the investigation progressed, a warrant for Conspiracy to Commit Murder was issued by the Royse City Police Department for the female suspect, as Poynter's wife, Chacey Tyler Poynter. Her bond was \$500,000.

After processing information from Chacey Poynter, law enforcement officials determined identified a second suspect in the killing. He was identified as Michael Glen Garza. A search warrant was obtained, according to the second news release, and the home was searched.

An arrest warrant for Garza was issued by the RCPD and the Hunt County Sheriff's Office. His bond was set at \$1 million.

After the murder, multiple law enforcement agencies including the RCPD, the Rockwall County Sheriff's Office, the Hunt County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety were on the case. A large presence of law enforcement worked the area, searching the wooded area of the shooting in an attempt to locate the murder weapon. A helicopter also was brought in to assist with the search, according to reports.

Chancy Poynter told investigators that she and her 47-year-old husband were getting a divorce, but Stapleton said officials are not sure if either of the parties had filed. The couple lived in the Creek Phase 2 and had a 6-year-old daughter.

Stapleton confirmed that law enforcement officials are not looking for any other suspects at this time.

"This is a very active investigation and investigators are working to process many elements of this crime," the police chief said. The Chief did not indicate whether the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Department of Homeland Security was involved in the investigation.

National Merit Scholarship ...

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About 1.6 million juniors entered the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the PSAT/National Merit Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

Less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors are named semifinalists.

Ribbon-Cuttings/Grand Openings

- Lauren Deen Agency-Farmers Insurance, 6800 Heritage Pkway., Suite 200, Rockwall
- Shoreline Pediatric Dentistry, 2435 Ridge Rd., #117, Rockwall
- Home Instead Senior Care, 2931 Ridge Rd., Suite 101-127, Rockwall

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- TXism: "cashed ___ chips" (died)
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
Joseph and Mary as parents ...

How do we know Joseph and Mary taught Jesus the right way? Look at the 12 year-old Jesus' answer to his parents after he came up missing for three days.

According to Luke 2:42-51, they began their journey home after spending time in Jerusalem for a special holy day. During the trip back, Joseph and Mary discovered that Jesus was missing. This grieved them greatly, as they sought him out for nearly three days.

When they returned to Jerusalem, they found Jesus in the Temple sitting with the Rabbis (teachers) listening and asking questions. It helps to remember that as a first-born child, Jesus would have been presented to the Lord as a student in the Temple.

Jesus' parents found Him and said, "Son, why have you dealt with us in this way? behold, your father and I have sought you sorrowing."

The young Jesus confidently answered, "How is it that you sought me? Didn't you know that I must be about my Father's business?"

As a child, he was under total control of Joseph and his mother Mary. Here, Jesus was beginning his transition to adulthood, and was asserting himself as the young man that he was growing into.

God knew Joseph and Mary would be the perfect candidates for raising his son Jesus. And they plunged forward in their marriage against all forms of resistance, criticism, and scorn from others.

They trusted God to protect and provide for them along the way. And God lovingly and powerfully did just that -- guarded and protected them as the apple of His eye.

In Luke 1:28-39, we learn about a meek young woman who became the mother of our Lord Jesus.

She had not been with a man, and was engaged to be married to a just and meek grown man named Joseph.

The angel Gabriel came to Mary announcing that a child would be conceived in her by God in heaven. This was no doubt news to Mary, especially considering she was engaged to marry.

Notice her response. First she asked a reasonable question, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man" (Luke 1:34). She was asking how she could have a baby without having been with a man.

The angel finished his answer by saying, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." A more accurate translation might read, "For with God no word shall be void of power."

Mary meekly responded, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word" (verse 38).

Now compare Mary's response to the angel with her first-born son's prayer to his Father during the most agonizing time of his life.

Jesus said, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but yours, be done" (Luke 22:42). Please notice that Jesus had his own will for his Father to remove the cup. But he meekly finished with, "not my will, but yours, be done."

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Calee Jeurgens, a former librarian and booker, will give a program detailing new books and authors at the next Friends of the Rockwall Library meeting at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11, in the Community Room of the Rockwall County Library, 1215 E. Yellow Lane. Zach will serve an optional lunch at a cost of \$2. Reservations must be made by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, by emailing Leigh Plagens at cplagens65@aol.com. Reservations must be paid.

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Rockwall Chamber to host Nov. 3 clay shoot

Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce will host a clay shoot at noon on Thursday, Nov. 3, at the Rockwall Gun Club. The event will feature lunch, happy hour (including a Scotch tasting bar), shooting tournament and awards.

Participation is available, including two ammunition sponsors (each); a trophy and prize sponsor (\$1,500); a lunch sponsor and station sponsors (\$850).

A four-shooter team will cost \$650, which will include 100 rounds of ammo (four per person), lunch and other tournament expenses.

For more information, call 972-771-5733 or email savannah@rockwallchamber.org for details.

Area News Briefs

Discount entry fee offered for Salsa Showdown
A \$25 entry fee is currently available for the Friday, Oct. 21, Salsa Showdown. The event will recognize the Best Salsa in Rockwall County and the People's Choice Award as part of Women's First Hot Havana Nights event. Entries must be submitted to the Emerald Ballroom, 2316 Johnson St., Greenville. Entries will be accepted. Entries must not contain shellfish. Entries must be 21 or older to enter. Judging for Best Salsa in Rockwall County will begin at 4:30 p.m. Judging for People's Choice will begin at 8:30 p.m. For more details, contact Cheryl Bahm at 972-4612 or email cbahm@wintexas.org.

Symphony Orchestra opens new season
Rockwall Symphony Orchestra will celebrate its 2016-2017 season with "Symphony Goes Wild!", at the Granville Arts Center, Brownlee Auditorium, in Garland beginning at 8 p.m. Oct. 14. Season tickets are available at costs starting at \$61. Single tickets are priced at \$7.50 and \$37.50. To purchase, call 972-926-0611 or email info@garlandsymphony.org.

Garland Symphony Orchestra opens new season
Rockwall Symphony Orchestra will celebrate its 2016-2017 season with "Symphony Goes Wild!", at the Granville Arts Center, Auditorium, in Garland beginning at 8 p.m. Oct. 14. Tickets are available at costs starting at \$61. Single tickets are \$17.50, \$27.50 and \$37.50. To purchase, call 972-926-0611 or email info@garlandsymphony.org.

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Fisher to be recognized Nov. 10

Terry Fisher, the first Rockwall soldier to be killed in World War II, will be recognized by Dick Clark, member of American Legion Post 117, at the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series presented by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission from noon to 1 p.m. in the third floor in the historic downtown courthouse on Nov. 10. The Rockwall post, named for the legendary Fisher, is one of the oldest in the U.S.

Rock Wall to be revisited Dec. 11

The history of the rock wall will be re-examined at the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series presented by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission from noon to 1 p.m. in the third floor in the historic downtown courthouse on Dec. 11. The program also will explore the most recent developments regarding Rockwall's unique underground formation.

Author writes educational book ...

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foundation of leading others. Leading comes down to how much influence individuals have as a leader, and the author shares how to spark, motivate and lead their crew to fulfill their potential. He connects each of the attributes to neuroscience so that people can get "inside the brain" of their followers.

Roberts has collaborated with some of the best and brightest leaders in the country and has included their contributions in his personal stories from his own journey in the NFL and from leading in all levels of education. Roberts prays that his words can help his readers to navigate as they set sail on their own journey to becoming a leader of significance, believing that God desires them to dream his dreams, explore his will and discover his purpose for their voyage.

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Results from the 2016 Post-Libertarianism Conservatism Debate Survey

Continued from the September 15, 2016 edition of the Rockwall County News

Daily Ekins Institute

The Cato Institute and Heritage Foundation recently co-hosted a debate in which interns from both organizations debated whether post-libertarianism is the better philosophy. At the conclusion of the debate, the Cato Institute conducted a post-debate survey of attendees finding important similarities between millennial conservative and libertarian attendees on skepticism toward government economic intervention and business regulation, but also differences in attitudes toward immigration, LGBT issues, national security, privacy, foreign policy, and perceptions of bias in the justice system.

What Are Their Priority Issues?

The survey asked conservative and libertarian attendees to rate on a scale of 1 to 5 how concerned they were about nineteen different issues.

Despite a multitude of differences, millennial libertarian and conservative attendees share almost the same top five political priorities:

- Security of government
- Government spending and debt
- Taxes
- Economy/jobs
- Criminal Justice, the Police, and BlackLivesMatter

Conservative and libertarian millennial attendees tend to support criminal justice reforms. However, libertarian millennial attendees tend to be more sympathetic of charges of racial bias in the justice system.

A bounding majority of libertarian millennial attendees (84%) and a slim majority of conservative attendees (52%) believe that other minorities do not receive equal treatment as whites in the criminal justice system.

However, they diverge considerably in whether or not they support the goals of the #BlackLivesMatter movement. A strong majority of libertarian attendees say they support the goals of BLM; in contrast, 76% of conservative attendees say they oppose. Different opinions about what the BlackLivesMatter movement's goals are gives these disparate views.

Majorities of both conservative attendees (55%) but far more libertarians (89%) say that "local police departments using drones, weapons, and armored vehicles" are not "necessary for law enforcement purposes" but rather are "going too far." Another 43%

of conservatives say that military weapons are necessary for law enforcement, compared to 8% of libertarians. Similarly, majorities of both support eliminating mandatory minimum prison sentences for people convicted of selling or possessing drugs (59% and 76% respectively).

Build the Wall?

Majorities of both conservatives (57%) but far more libertarians (94%) say we should make it "easier" for people to immigrate to the United States. Forty-percent (40%) of conservatives oppose easing immigration restrictions and 40% also say it bothers them when they come into contact with people who speak little or no English, compared to 5% and 19% of libertarians respectively.

However, conservative and libertarian attendees diverge in how to handle illegal immigration. A majority—56%—of conservatives favor building a large wall along the border with Mexico compared to 11% of libertarians. Majorities of both conservatives (54%) and libertarians (90%) support offering some sort of legal status to illegal immigrants, however, 74% of libertarians favor offering a pathway to citizenship compared to 25% of conservatives. Forty-three (43%) of conservatives say illegal immigrants should be required to leave the country as do 8% of libertarians.

Last December, Republican nominee Donald Trump called for a temporary ban on Muslims entering the US from other countries. However, majorities of both millennial conservative and libertarian attendees oppose such a proposal, but libertarians are far more opposed by a margin of 93% to 59%. In fact, 70% of libertarians "strongly oppose" the proposal compared to 37% of conservatives.

Foreign Policy

Conservatives and libertarian attendees have disparate visions about what role the U.S. military should have in the world. While 82% of libertarian millennials want to decrease U.S. military presence around the world, only 24% of conservatives agree. Instead, 25% of conservative attendees think the United States ought to increase its global military presence and 48% would keep it at present levels.

When it comes to dealing with ISIS, conservatives want the US to take a more proactive approach. Three-fourths (77%) of conservative attendees favor sending ground troops to participate in a campaign against ISIS while instead 70% of libertarian millennial attendees oppose this action. However, these positions are not rock solid. Thirty-seven percent (37%) of conservatives say they "somewhat" support sending ground troops and 36% of libertarians "somewhat" oppose doing so.

"Silent Partners" starts fund raising project for Rockwall Police Department

A crowd gathered recently on the San Jacinto Plaza to learn more about a new way to donate money to the Rockwall Police Department.

Rockwall Mayor Jim Pruitt and Police Chief Kirk Riggs spoke about the new Silent Partners initiative, a project started by a group of philanthropic residents who wanted to anonymously donate funds to support the Rockwall Police Department.

The campaign started with a couple of residents discussing the tragic attack on police in Dallas in July.

The funds received will directly benefit officers of the Rockwall Police Department for things such as assisting the families of fallen officers in Rockwall County, sending representatives to fallen officers' funerals, and supporting local non-profit organizations and college scholarships.

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Different visions of the US's role in the world likely explains why 88% of libertarians also favor cutting defense spending, while only 33% of conservatives agree. Instead 64% millennial conservatives oppose cutting defense spending.

While 96% of conservative attendees and 90% of libertarian attendees agree that "military service is an honorable thing to do" libertarians are about half as likely (49%) to "strongly agree" compared to conservatives (87%).

National Security and Surveillance

An overwhelming majority (85%) of libertarian attendees oppose government's "collection of telephone and internet data as part of anti-terrorism efforts,"—including 60% who strongly oppose. However, a slim majority (53%) of conservative attendees instead support such collection, while 44% oppose. Conservative support is tenuous, with only 13% who strongly support the program.

Conservative and libertarian attendees make the trade-off between freedom and security differently, explaining some of these results. While 80% of conservative millennials would "give up some personal freedom and privacy for the sake of national security" 70% of libertarian attendees would not.

Don't Tread on the Economy

While libertarians take more "liberal" positions than conservatives on a variety of issues, they are similar to conservatives on government intervention in the economy.

Both libertarians and conservatives overwhelmingly endorse the idea that government regulation of business too often does more harm than good (97% and 96%). Furthermore, 96-98% of both groups prefer a "smaller government" that offers fewer services and low taxes over a "larger government" that offers more services with high taxes.

While national polls find that about 6 in 10 Americans favor raising taxes on households making over \$250,000 a year, fully 9 in 10 libertarian (89%) and conservative (91%) attendees oppose such an action, including 6 in 10 who "strongly oppose."

Free Traders?

Despite vocal criticism of free trade from major presidential candidates this election cycle, overwhelming majorities of both conservative (79%) and libertarian (97%) attendees agree that free trade must be allowed, even if domestic industries are hurt by foreign competition. Nineteen percent (19%) of conservatives and 2% of libertarians say that trade restrictions are necessary to protect domestic companies.

Should Every Kid Get a Trophy?

Belief in free market competition is underscored by the overwhelming majority of libertarians and conservatives who think that not all kids who play sports should receive trophies but only the winning players (91% and 95%, respectively). While a majority of Americans nationally agree that only the winners should get trophies, libertarian and conservative attendees are about 30 points more likely to think so.

Republican, Democrat, or neither?

At first glance, conservative millennial attendees appear much more Republican than the libertarian millennial attendees. When first asked, 80% of conservatives identify with the Republican Party, compared to 11% of libertarians. However, once independents were probed, 64% of libertarians revealed they lean Republican, while 9% are Democrats, and 95% of conservatives are Republican, while 1% are Democrats. Nevertheless, a quarter of libertarian attendees (26%) say they are completely independent of either party, compared to 4% of conservatives.

For Trump or Never Trump?

Although the conservative attendees are overwhelmingly Republican, less than half (47%) say they plan to vote for the Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump in November. Instead, nearly a quarter (21%) of conservatives say they'd vote for Libertarian presidential candidate Gary Johnson, 3% say they'll vote for Clinton, and 14% will vote for some either candidate or 15% won't vote. Libertarian attendees are far more keen on Johnson with 84% who say they'll vote for him, while only 7% plan to vote for Trump and 3% say they'll vote for Clinton, and 5% who will vote for someone else or won't vote.

Implications

Since these attendees are politically engaged and tend to lean Republican, their agreements and conflicts may portend future debates the GOP may have to confront in the future.

If these results have any external validity for party insiders in the future, the GOP will find itself largely in agreement around limiting government intervention in the economy. However, the GOP will have to contend with significant disagreements over the future of American foreign policy, balancing freedom and national security, the influence of religion on politics, its approach toward immigration and immigrants—legal or not, whether it will make concerted efforts to include LGBT people and understand the experiences of minorities in the country.

Who Won the Debate Depends on Whom You Ask

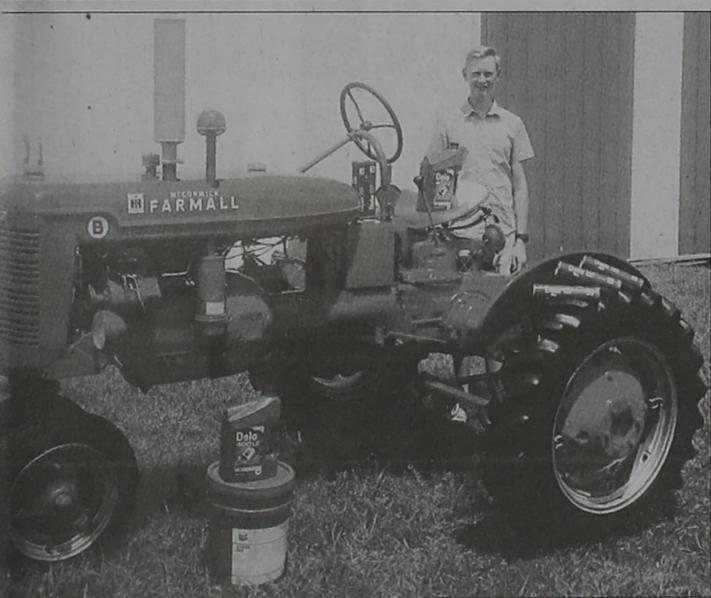
Among libertarian millennial attendees, 80% said the libertarian team won and 18% said the conservative team won.

Among conservative millennial attendees, 88% said the conservative team won and 11% said the libertarian team won.

If you combine the libertarian and conservative attendees 50% said the libertarian team won, and 47% said the conservative team won.

Among the remaining moderate, liberal, and progressive attendees, 60% said the libertarian team won and 32% said the conservative team won.

Sam Henick contributed to this report.



Ryan Ullom is one of 12 finalists in the Delo Tractor Restoration Contest and will attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, to compete for the \$10,000 top prize. Ullom, who spent more than 400 hours restoring the machine, will give a five-minute presentation on the restoration of the Farmall B and will field questions from a panel of judges. Through Oct. 13, votes for Ullom may be cast at delotrvoting.com/Voting/Details?entryId=65. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association met September 12 for the first meeting of 2016-2017 school year. All members were welcomed by RISD Superintendent, Dr. Villarreal to the district. Speaker was Pat Knowles of the Alzheimers Disease Center of UT Southwestern. Knowles' focus was on clinical trials concerning aging. Shown above are meeting hostesses (left to right) Lorethia Pecina, Billie Stevenson and Sherry Wimpee. Not pictured is Mary Harrison. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Rockwall-Heath Hawks shut down Tyler Lee 34-7 in District start

by Tim Burnett

After a scoreless first quarter, the Rockwall-Heath Hawks (Overall 3-1, District 1-0) went on to defeat Tyler Lee (Overall 2-2, District 0-1) 34-7, Fri. Sept. 16, 2016, at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium in Rockwall.

The win came after a 63-7 win over Irving MacArthur, Fri. Sept. 9, at Irving.

The Hawks showed good discipline with one penalty for five yards, compared to Tyler Lee's seven penalties for 55 yards.

Scoring touchdowns were Hawks Jordan Kempf (Jr), 19 yard run up the middle with 5:28 on clock during second quarter; Tyrus Fort (Jr) 55 yard run with 3:05 in 2nd quarter, and 60 yard run with 11:06 in the 4th quarter; and J'corian Jimmerson 11 yard run with :58 in the 1st half.

Kicker Bijan Nichols (So) made 2 field goals out of 2 attempts, and made 3 of 4 extra points.

Tyler Lee scored the first TD of the game off a pass play with 11:07 in the 2nd quarter.

The Hawks held on to the ball with no turn-over throughout the game. On the other hand, the Raiders turned the ball over to the Hawks three times.

The first fumble occurred with 3:32 in the 1st quarter, and was recovered by Parker Phillips (Sr). The Hawks had to punt after three plays.

At the start of the 2nd quarter, Tyrus Fort recovered a Tyler Lee fumble at the Raider's 21 yard-line. The Hawks converted it into a touchdown in three plays for a 7-7 tie.

With 1:32 in the 2nd quarter, Tanner McCalister (Jr) intercepted a Raiders pass from the 19 YL, which set the Hawks for a TD drive from the Raiders' 39 YL.

With about 8 minutes until the end of the game, Christian Elbert (Sr) recovered a Raiders fumble at the Hawks 28 YL and ran back to the 39 YL of Tyler Lee, setting up the Hawks' final drive and field goal.

Grant Buckholt (Sr) punted the ball four times, for 55 yards, 45 yards, 47 yards, and the 48-yard punt from the Hawks line of scrimmage at the 47 YL to the Raiders' 1 YL. This led to the Fort interception and Kempf touchdown run.

The Hawks converted nine 1st-down situations, with the Raiders' eleven.

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Rockwall-Heath is set to play against local rival Rockwall Yellowjackets (Overall 1-3, District 1-0), 7:30 p.m., Fri. Sept. 23, at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.

The Yellowjackets defeated Tyler High School 59-58 at Tyler Rose Stadium.

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The Roysie City Bulldogs fell to West Mesquite, Fri. Sept. 16, 27-10 at W. Mesquite HS.

Roysie City (Overall 2-2, District 0-1) are scheduled to meet Forney HS, 7:30 p.m., at RCHS Stadium.

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Rockwall-Heath Hawks' Tyrus Fort (Jr) shoots across the field for a 55-yard touchdown run, Fri. Sept. 16, 2016, during the 2nd quarter of the game against Tyler Lee at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium. Fort logged another touchdown run for 60 yards early in the 4th quarter.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County varsity volleyball results

Rockwall-Heath (Overall 19-13, District 3-0)

9/16, Tyler Lee at RHHS (Win) 3-0, 25-14, 25-13, 25-12.

9/20, John Tyler HS at RHHS (Win) 3-0, 25-7, 25-12, 25-8.

District schedule

Fri. 9/23, 6:30 p.m., at Rockwall HS.

Tues., 9/27, 6:30 p.m., at Mesquite HS.

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9/16, at Tyler HS (Win) 3-0, 25-22, 25-9, 25-15.

9/20, at Mesquite Horn (Win) 3-0, 25-22, 26-24, 25-18.

Rockwall Chamber to host clay shoot

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce will host a clay shoot beginning at noon on Thursday, Nov. 3, at the Rockwall Golf Club. The event will feature lunch, happy hour (including a Scotch and cigar bar), shooting tournament and awards. Sponsorships are available. Contact 972-771-5733 or email savanna@rockwallchamber.org.

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