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Royse City School Board of Trustees met Monday, Feb. 9, and entertained by the Davis Elementary Honor Choir directed by Patty

ond on the agenda was student awards presented to the PAWS Pride nts from Anita Scott Elementary. More than a dozen students were nized for earning their PAWS. This is a program that focuses on priate behavior while at school. The acronym stands for Positive ide, Act Responsibility, Wise Choices and Stay Focused. Students ught guidelines for success for their behavior while in the school ays, cafeteria, restroom, playground and upon arrival and dismissal school.

order to help students be successful in the program, when they v the guidelines, they are praised and given a PAWS ticket by any employees at the school. The students then take their ticket to ffice and receive a certificate, pencil and PAWS-itive phone call use home to the parent. The ticket is then placed on the "100 Club 1." An "I Earned My PAWS" T-shirt is awarded the students after earn four tickets and with the eighth ticket, the award is a sign to be d in the students yard for one week.

I tructional technology coordinator Zach Snow, introduced 15 rates from the Digital Fluency Academy, on Jan. 30. He praised eachers who learned new skills and tools to use with their students I attending the Region 10 program.

an Lay, Royse City School District's testing and accountability linator, gave a presentation that came from the 2013-2014 Royse Independent School District Texas Academic Performance Report. information enlightened the board that the 2014 Accountability g was "Met Standards." The data/ information was taken from the -2014 Texas Education Agency Performance Report, THECB data he TEA Financial Report. cording to the Texas Academic Performance Report, information combined on the performance of students in each school and district xas. Information on school and district staff, programs and student ographics was also collected. e data for the STAAR/EOC (End of Course) Standard/Average I performance, the students in the RCISD scored above the state ormance by a score of 71 percent passing to the state's score of 67 ent for English 1, and a score of 74 percent to 69 percent for English For Algebra I, Biology and U.S. History, the scores passing were ectively 78 percent to 89 percent, 88 percent to 89 percent, and 85 ent to 92 percent, all three below states performance scores.



elping Hands Community ircle seeks volunteers

e Helping Hands auxiliary group, the Community Circle, is open to cwall County residents interested in volunteering.

e Community Circle is comprised of local residents who provide nizational and onsite support for Rockwall County Helping Hands. Inteers also participate in agency-related projects and special events. I annual membership contribution is required; it directly supports bing Hands' social service programs. The time commitment is flexible, volunteers are encouraged to join a committee and participate as they ible.

r more information, attend the next Community Circle meeting from n. to 9 a.m. March 5 at the Reeves Service Center, 102 S. First St.

Heath general election set May 9

the Heath City Council approved a resolution on Feb. 10, calling a eral election for Saturday, May 9, to elect council members for Place lace 2, Place 4 and Place 6.

oplications for a place on the ballot may be delivered in person or by to Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas 75032. oplications must be filed no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 27. oplication forms are available at Heath City Hall or may be requested ending an email to cityhall@heathtx.com. Demonstrating basketball skills before a packed audience, Fri. Feb. 13, during the game between Yellowjackets and North Garland are (front, left to right) Verity Armour, Hank Bohman and Chance Anderson. Teams Of Tomorrow (TOT) is a basketball dribbling and ball handling program offered in local preschools each week for children ages 3-5. In TOT the children build self confidence, coordination and academic success.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Commissioners OK continued use of NorthSTAR option

The Rockwall County Commissioner's Court unanimously approved continued use of NorthSTAR Local Plan Option for behavioral health and the endorsement letter for status as Community Center for Mental Health for Rockwall County during the Tuesday, Feb. 10, regular meeting at the old courthouse on the square in Rockwall.

The central issue throughout the discussion was the affects of the 2014-2015 Sunset Review Committee Recommendations that would reorganize NorthSTAR, which was created by legislation under the umbrella of the Texas Health and Human Services agency.

The county's participation in the NorthSTAR Local Plan Option is related to indigent care and its use of Medicaid.

Dennis Bailey stated that he spoke with State Representative Scott Turner about the possible legislative response to the Sunset recommendation. He said that Turner indicated a possible reversal by the legislature, but could not give an absolute answer.

Lee Gilbert asked Donna Mussotter of Rockwall County Indigent Health Care to comment. Mussotter spoke in favor of the endorsement letter and said that NorthSTAR is capable of providing services utilizing multiple providers. She finished by clarifying that if the legislature upholds the Sunset Committee's recommendations, the commissioner's court would have almost two years to explore other avenues and make a more informed decision.

During discussion, Alex Smith fielded questions about the matter. He restated Mussotter's explanation that NorthSTAR stays intact for two more years until January 2017.

The commissioner's hit a snag when Smith clarified that because NorthSTAR was created by legislation, it would require an act of legislation order for the participating counties to pull out of the plan. The court seemed perplexed over this new information.

Based on information from the Sunset Advisory Commission's Report to the 84th Legislature, "An outdated model for delivery of behavioral health services for clients in the Dallas area hinders more holistic are for clients and misses opportunities to expand funding for behavioral health services."

The advisory commission recommended a transition of behavioral health services in the Dallas area from NorthSTAR to an updated model.

The report explains that, "subject to federal approval, this recommendation would transition behavioral health services for Medicaid clients to the managed care organizations responsible for their primary health care."

It goes on to state that "each of the counties that comprise NorthSTAR, either as an individual county or in partnership with other counties, would be required to submit a local plan to DSHS, in consultation with HHSC, for provision of indigent services."

According to the report, the agencies must dedicate a direct liaison to assist the local communities in developing their local plans. "The local plan must be agreed to by a majority of the county commissioners, and the board of directors of the local mental health community center, in each county covered by the local plan."

The report clarifies that, "counties who do not want to remain within NorthSTAR may adopt the current DSHS model of behavioral health service delivery found in other parts of the state outside of NorthSTAR."



The Rockwall Soroptimists recently hosted a birthday luncheon for all of the single mothers residing at the Boles Home in Quinlan. The luncheon was conducted at the Soroptimist House on Washington Street. Each honoree received a goody bag, a birthday gift and time to visit Eloise's Closet where she picked out a free outfit, accessorized with a purse, shoes and jewelry. Members of the club and lunch servers pictured from the left are Vickie Daniels, Karen King, region president-elect Cindy Lindley, Karen Straughan, Cookie Ray, Sandy Webb, Karen Coughlin, Penny Maris, Ariana Hargrove, Kim Sweet, Norma Morris, Paula Barlow and Sandy Hansen. *Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News* (Continued on Page 3)

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Town hall meeting on drought moved

A town hall meeting scheduled by the City of Heath, which will update local residents on water and drought conditions, has been relocated. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Feb. 19 in the Cain Middle School cafeteria, not at City Hall as was previously scheduled. Personnel representing the City of Dallas Water Utilities Department are scheduled to present information regarding the drought and current conditions of Lake Ray Hubbard. Local residents with questions pertaining to the upcoming meeting should contact the City of Heath at 972-771-6228.

Get Healthy Rockwall plans potluck event

Get Healthy Rockwall will host a come-and-go potluck dinner from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington St., Rockwall. The event will be open to the public. Participants should (Continued on Page 3)



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Rockwall County Obituaries

June Kimbrell

A private graveside service for June Kimbrell, 85, of Dallas was conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015, in the Chisholm Cemetery. A memorial service followed at 12:30 p.m. at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Kent Barnard officiating. A reception followed in the home of Mitzi Harker.

She died Feb. 9.

Born Oct. 12, 1929, in Rockwall County to Otis and Jewel (Mitchell) Harrell, she had worked as a medical receptionist. She was a member of the Redeemer Bible Church in Dallas.

Survivors include her husband, J. Lon Kimbrell, whom she married in 1968 in Hays County; her daughter, Patti Pedigo; her sons, Kim, Mike and Guy Kimbrell; her grandchildren, Kristin Witt, Amy Pedigo, Heath and Raleigh Kimbrell and Jason and Melissa Pedigo; her greatgrandchildren, Kylie Witt and Hayes Kimbrell; a sister, Doris Scott; a brother, David Harrell; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Bill Wooldridge, in 1963; and a sister, Jane Holt.

Rockwall County Commissioner's Court ... (Continued from Page 1)

The commissioners did not discuss the option of none participation in state funded programs, and utilization of strictly local funding for

indigent care.

The court unanimously passed the resolution.

In another agenda item, the court unanimously approved a proposed monthly expense for a cell phone to be used by the District Attorney's office.

Assistant D.A. Jon Thatcher explained text messaging often is used by the office to interact with witnesses, victims and other people. The use of an official cell phone would avoid possible legal problems with use of private cell phones.

Commissioner Lee Gilbert asked about how the D.A. and courts might determine who is writing each text message, Thatcher explained that it depends on where the messages are going. If it's to a specific victim, they could trace back to the specific case, which is generally assigned to a specific prosecutor and support staff member.

Thatcher concluded that they would "always be able to track it back, in general terms, to the individual that was making that contact."

In other business, the court:

· Approved the use of county property by the Soroptimist group to host the Country Fair event. The property is located between the new county courthouse and I-30 in Rockwall.

Commissioner David Magness opposed the proposal because of "alcohol use on county premise."

 Appointed members of the Rockwall County Historical Commission. Chosen were Carolyn Fransisco, Lucile Bell, Leigh Plagins, Jan Self, Leslie Barrett, Jan Johnson and Ross Ramsey.

Laura Ellen Jones Lee

Services for Laura Ellen Jones Lee. 42, of Fate will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, 2105, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Graveside services will follow at 3 p.m. at the Stafford Tucker Cemetery in Bradford.

She died suddenly of natural causes on Saturday, Feb. 14, surrounded by her husband and family.

Born April 30, 1972, in Dallas, she graduated from Cedar Hill High School in 1990 and received an associate degree in accounting. She pursued a restaurant accounting career, most recently as senior

accountant at Corner Bakery Café, where she had worked for the past seven years.

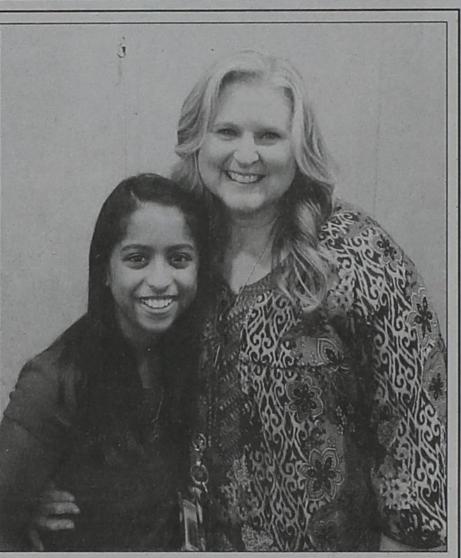
She lived with her husband, Scott, and their five children in Fate and was "star cheerleader," logistical master and the all-around rock of the family. She loved actively supporting the children's many extracurricular activities - cheerleading, basketball, football and dance. She relished the task and made it look effortless. She was a wonderful mother and a "cool mom" who excelled at making time for and cultivating a unique relationship with each of her five children.

She had a hilarious sense of humor and sharp wit. She had a kind and compassionate heart. She enjoyed going on cruises and traveling anywhere that gave her the opportunity to engage in her favorite activities - snorkeling, sailing, skydiving, zip-lining, rollercoasters and other thrill rides. She had an impeccable eye for decorating and always knew how to put a room together. She also had a passion for dance, music and movies.

She was involved with the Wilmer Hutchins Volunteer Fire Department, breast cancer charity races and animal rescue causes.

Survivors include her husband, Scott Brian Lee; her children, Bailey McKenna Pruitt, 16, and Maxwell "Max" Connor Pruitt, 14; her stepchildren, Hunter Brian Lee, 16, Hayden Scott Lee, 12, and Hanna Kay Lee, 10; her father, Eugene Dale Jones, and his wife, Frances Ekstrum Jones; her sister, Sheri Lyn Jones Gideon, and her husband, Frank Gideon; her grandmother, Cora Lee Jones; and an extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Sondra Sue Stafford Jones.



Wilburn O. Smith

Services for Wilburn O. Smith, 81, of Royse City were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City Chapel with Dean Pinney of the First Christian Church officiating. He died Feb. 11.

Born Aug. 23, 1933, in Malakoff to Edgar Dance Smith and Ethel Lee (Ballard) Smith, he served in the U.S. Army. He retired from Verizon, formerly GTE, after 35 years of service, then worked at Montgomery Ward and Auto Zone. He enjoyed fishing and sports, especially the Texas Rangers, the Dallas Cowboys and the Dallas Mavericks.

Survivors include his wife, Glenda Smith; his daughters, Rol Mullaney, and her husband, James, and Katrina Carswell and her husban Randy; his stepsons, Richard Cook and Rusty Cook; his sister-in-law brother-in-law, Lucille and Bill Bell; his grandchildren, Kenyon Kraus Jason Krause and his wife, Jennith, Richard Cook Jr., Timothy Con He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Adele Shant Fahl Hana Mullins, N Colton Cook and Darcy Jackson; and numerous nieces and nephews. Faye Nell Watson and Delores Clark; and his son, Michael Smith.

The family has suggested that memorial contributions may be made Compassionate Care Hospice or the Royse City Cemetery Association

Gale Storey

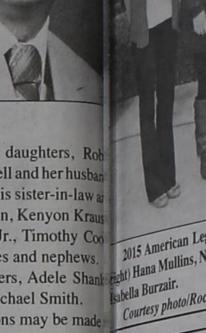
A memorial service for Gale Storey of Rockwall, formerly of Athens and Waco, was conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015, at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall. The family hosted a reception at a nearby location. She died Feb. 12.

Born Jan. 17, 1943, in Dallas to Louis Durwood (L.D.) and Marjorie Nell (Lacy) Storey, she retired from a career in banking. She was active in church, social and charitable activities, volunteering her time and expertise in numerous organizations.

A unique and charismatic individual, she will be remembered not or for her sassy dance moves, but for her quick wit, striking blue ey gardening skills, independent spirit and the warmth and love she shan with everyone.

Survivors include her daughters, Teresa Gale Ramsey and Lori Hie Walker Knight, Chi a son-in-law, Randy Hiett; a brother, Reggie Storey, and his wife, Paul Maddie Lynch, Grac, and her granddaughters, Emily Gale Hiett and Lacy Hiett.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, donations may | Courtesy photo/Re



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· Approved the appointment of Tom Hughes to the Library Advisory Board.

· Approved the plat for Cedar Ridge Estates located in Rockwall County.

· Approved the replat of ten acres to be divided into two five-acre tracts located in Bluebonnet Ridge Estates.

· Approved the proposal by Elections Administrator Chris Lynch for electronic or online voter registration system.

Moved the Tuesday, Feb. 24, meeting to Wednesday, Feb. 25.

· Approved the Rockwall County Internal Control Policy. Cliff Sevier asked for additional accountability measures on use of equipment assigned to specific personnel who use it.

· Approved a recommendation by Auditor Lisa Constant to add an additional change fund in the amount of \$300 for the tax assessor/ collector. Judge David Sweet abstained.

· Approved an updated agreement with the Department of Information Resources Communications Technology Services Division for the election office to continue receiving discounted rates from Verizon Wireless.

After returning from executive session, the court approved moving the anniversary date for the year 2015 for Randy Kirby, Kevin Rowan and Dallas Tally to Oct. 10 and moving the anniversary date for the year 2015 for Tyrell Tate to Nov. 1.



After placing first in the Grace Hartman spelling bee last month and finishing first in UIL on Feb. 7, fifth grade student Christa Ninan, pictured above, tied for third place in the Rockwall County spelling bee conducted last week. She was the only elementary school student remaining in the 11th round, where she competed against three middle school students. The contest marked her second time to place third in the countywide spelling competition. Pictured above with Christa is Hartman's librarian, Tina Hughes.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Opening ceremonies for baseball, softball set Feb. 21

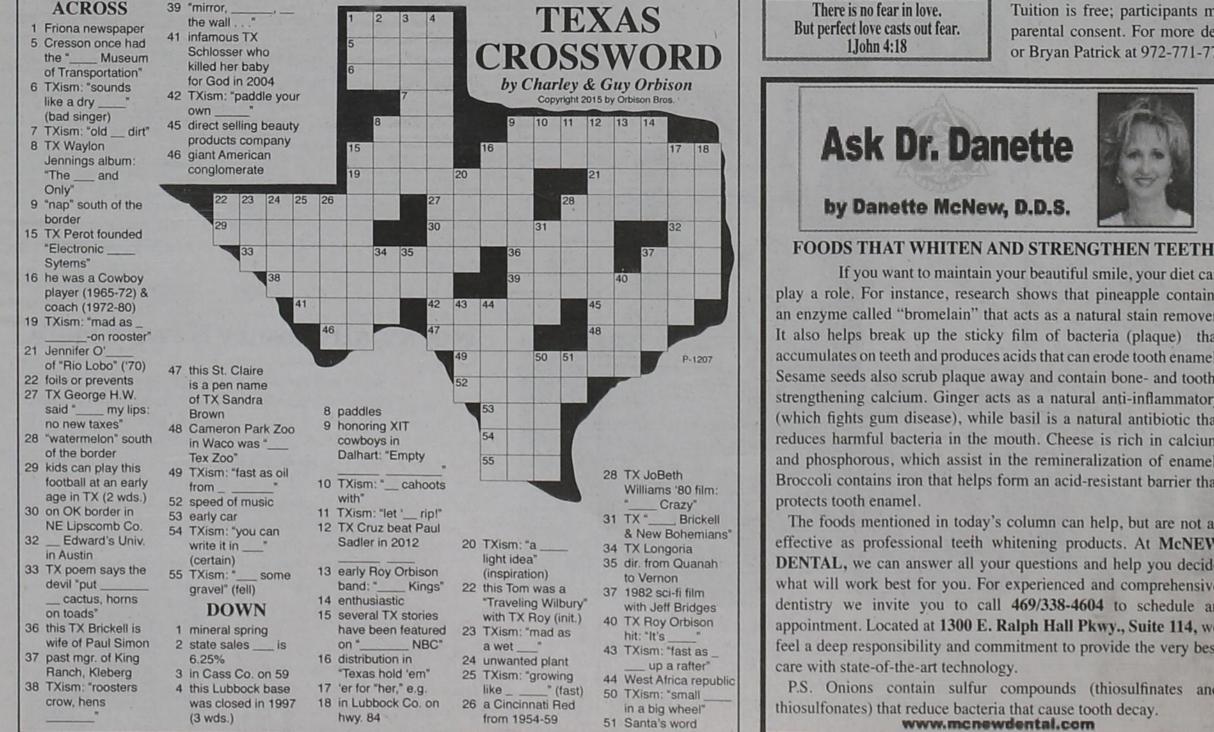
Opening ceremonies for the City of Rockwall's baseball and softball leagues will be conducted on Feb. 21 at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex.

Activities will begin at 9 a.m.

Teams participating in the ceremonies should arrive at 8:30 a.m. by Field #5.

A home run derby will follow the conclusion of the opening ceremonies. Each coach should send his/her roster of derby participants to dwilson@ rockwall.com.

For more details, visit rbsl.org.



made to one of her favorite charities: Rockwall County Helping Han (rockwallhelpinghands.com) or One Man's Treasure (onemanstr.org)

Randall Sudduth

A memorial service for Randall Sudduth, 57, of Royse City will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015, at the Lake Pointe Church Chapel, 701 E. I-30, Rockwall with Pastor Steve Radney officiating. A reception will follow the service. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements. He died Saturday, Feb. 14.

Born Jan. 29, 1958, in Winters to Albert Sudduth and Dora (Watson) Sudduth, he married Debbie Lanter on July 30, 1983, in Winters. He worked as a machinist.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed spendi time with his family, camping, fishing and drinking Dr Peppers. He was member of the Lake Pointe Church.

Survivors include his wife of 31 years, Debbie Sudduth of Roy City; his son, Cory Sudduth, and his wife, Leah, of Albuquergu Boys/Girls State, w New Mexico; his daughter, Alecia Johnson, and her husband, Scott, Princeton, Texas; his granddaughter, Claire Johnson, and granddaughte Cratic government on-the-way, Hailey; his sisters, Doris Klein and her husband, Greg, Ical campaigns and r Georgetown and Neva Frydendall and her husband, Gary, of Lebano Plocal program is sp Kansas; his brother, Jerry Sudduth, and his wife, Mary Ann, of Sealy; inses and supplies new sister-in-law, Velma Sudduth of Winters; and many nieces and nephew

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Cecil Suddut The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made the Parkinson's Voice Project, 646 N. Coit, Suite 2250, Richardso Ils State will be from TX 75080 or parkinsonsvoiceproject.org or the MSA Coalition multiplesystematrophy.org.

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bring healthy, plant-based dishes, as well as copies of recipes to shall For more details call Carol Miskin at 972-672-6679.

Citizen Fire Academy scheduled

A 10-week Citizen Fire Academy program, offered to increa awareness in the life of a firefighter, will begin in March. Classes w meet from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays; one Saturday class also planned. Classes meet at Fire Station No. 2, 920 Rockwall Parkwa Tuition is free; participants must be 18 years or older of age 16 wi parental consent. For more details contact rockwallfiredepartment.co or Bryan Patrick at 972-771-7770.

Adult oil painting classes offered

Adult oil painting classes with t Robert Garden School of Art w be offered in March, April and M. Publisher address: 1 at the Harry Myers Communi Center. Composition, color mixin and highlighting will be taugh Class schedule is as follows: Man 3, Tuscan Villa with staircase at hanging bougainvillea; April Log's Peak at Bear Lake; at Rockwall County Ne May 5, Alamo with Texas flag. A classes will run from 6-9 p.m. F more details visit rockwall.com. HH Community Circle info meeting set The Helping Community Circ is open to Rockwall Coun residents interested in volunteeril and providing organization and onsite support for Rockwi County Helping Hands. Voluntee ded by the principl also participate in agency-relate projects and special events. A annual membership contributic is required; time commitment flexible. For more informatio attend the next Community Circ meeting from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Mary 5 at the Reeves Service Center, IC S. First St. (Continued on Page 4)





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If you want to maintain your beautiful smile, your diet can play a role. For instance, research shows that pineapple contains an enzyme called "bromelain" that acts as a natural stain remover. It also helps break up the sticky film of bacteria (plaque) that accumulates on teeth and produces acids that can erode tooth enamel. Sesame seeds also scrub plaque away and contain bone- and toothstrengthening calcium. Ginger acts as a natural anti-inflammatory (which fights gum disease), while basil is a natural antibiotic that reduces harmful bacteria in the mouth. Cheese is rich in calcium and phosphorous, which assist in the remineralization of enamel. Broccoli contains iron that helps form an acid-resistant barrier that The foods mentioned in today's column can help, but are not as effective as professional teeth whitening products. At McNEW

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2015 American Legion Boys Girls State candidates from Rockwall-Heath High School, (left to aht) Hana Mullins, Nicole Auringer, Tatiana Cordts, Ben Burton, Regan Olmstead, Zoey Ford and abella Burzair. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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2015 American Legion Boys Girls State candidates from Rockwall Heritage High School, (back row) Graham Garrison, Alex Robertson, (front row) Brenna Biggerstaff, Alexandra Barnett, and Katelynn Elsie Mc Evoy. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



2015 American Legion Boys Girls State candidate, Caroline Pop, is a Home School student. Courtesy photo/ **Rockwall County News**



The 2015 American Legion Boys Girls State candidates from ockwall High School are (back row) Corbin Quizenberry, Valker Knight, Chris Daniels, and Josh Patel (front row) laddie Lynch, Gracy Webb, Cate Ghormely, Destinee DeHart d Erin Buttita.



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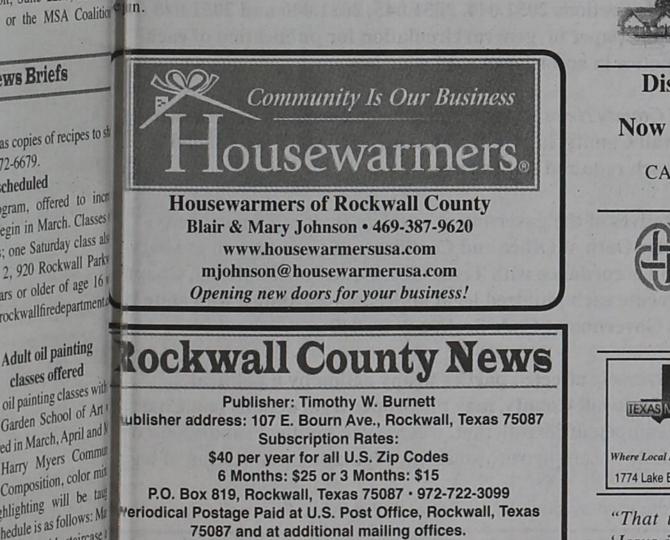
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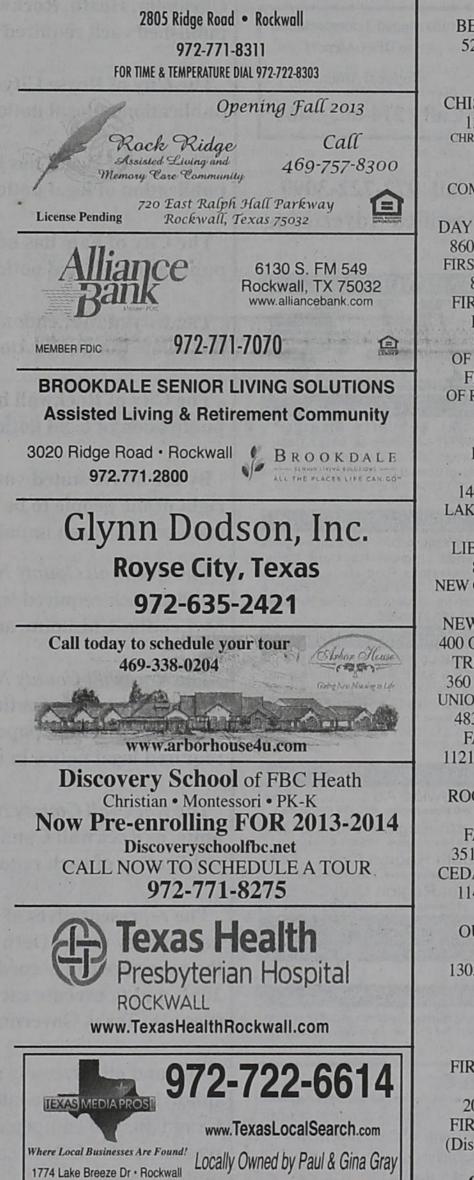
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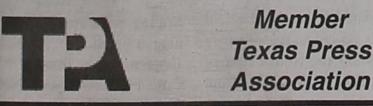
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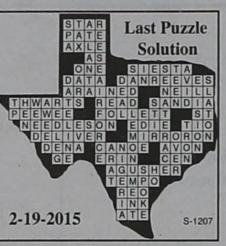
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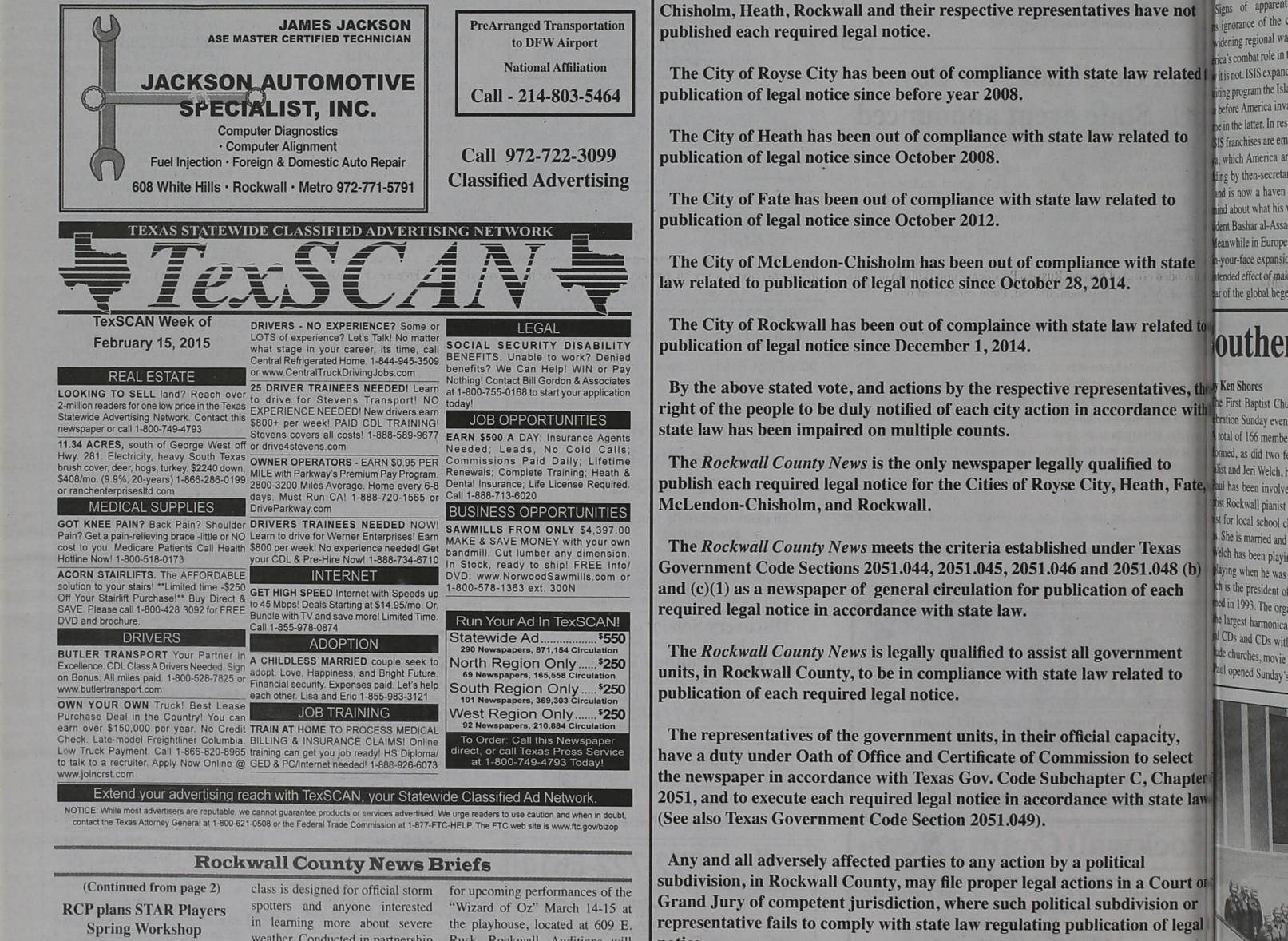
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The Rockwall Community Playhouse will again offer its STAR (Special Theater at Rockwall)

in learning more about severe weather. Conducted in partnership with Rockwall County Emergency Management, the class will be of- more information, visit rockwallfered free of charge and is open to communityplayhouse.com or call the public. No pre-registration is 972-722-3399. necessary.

the playhouse, located at 609 E. Rusk, Rockwall. Auditions will begin at 1 p.m. on both days. For

notice.

Respectfully submitted by Timothy W. Burnett, Publisher Rockwall County News

Players Spring Workshop for teens (16 and older) and adults with Down syndrome and autism. The 10-week program will focus on theater basics, stage movement, auditions, stage makeup, improve and acting techniques. The workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturdays March 7-May 16. Tuition costs \$150; contact the RCP about the availability of tuition sponsors. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org or call 972 722-3399.

NWS storm spotter training slated in R'wall The National Weather Service in Fort Worth will offer a free SKYWARN severe weather class from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 7 at the Rockwall County Library, Rockwall. The multimedia-format

Democratic men

to meet March 7

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will host its next luncheon beginning at noon March 7 at Luigi's Italian Restaurant, 2002 S. Goliad St., Rockwall. The group meets on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants. Guest speaker will be Lorne Megyesi, Fate mayor. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the future of Rockwall County and Texas are invited to attend. **RCP** plans 'Wizard of Oz' auditions

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Spring Break ROCK Camp set March 9-13

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department-sponsored Spring Break ROCK Camp will run March 9-13 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Open to youths ages 6-12, the camp will run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with plans to visit several destinations throughout the Dallas area. All drop-offs and pick-ups will be at the community center. Space is limited; each participant will need a sack lunch, snack and water bottle each day. Cost is \$195 for non-Rockwall residents, \$129 for residents. For more informa-

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'Romeo & Juliet' set at RCP

"Romeo & Juliet" will be staged at the Rockwall Community Playhouse Feb. 20-22. Friday and Saturday shows will begin at 8 p.m.; the Sunday matinee will start at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org or by calling 972-722-3399. Tickets also may be purchased at the box office 30 minutes prior to the start of any performance.

Swing Dance Spectacular, Silent Auction slated

The Orange Wave Band Boosters will host the 2nd Annual Swing Dance Spectacular & Silent

Auction, featuring music by the 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Feb. 24 al RHS Jazz Orchestra and RHS Jazz Rockwall Golf & Athletic C Band, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Feb. 2600 Champions Blvd., Rockw 21 in the RHS cafetorium. Doors The event will be hosted by will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets Original Shores HOA. Cost cost \$20 in advance, \$25 at the members is \$10; tickets cost door; reserved sponsorship tables for non-members. Tickets incl are available at a cost of \$150, the author's talk, plus a full br including premium seating for fast and coffee. RSVP to n six. Tickets are available at rockwallbandbooster.com. For more info email orangewaveboosters@ gmail.com or call 469-323-3009.

The Moms Club of Rocky and Southern Junction will prethe 3rd Annual Bunco Fundral Rolling Dice for Dollars, be ning at 6 p.m. Feb. 24 at South Junction, 5574 Texas 276, Ro City. For tickets, call Natalet 214-500-6680.

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· Fate - Fate Groc world then became split between peace (good) and war (evil). ct is between the people who want to live and let live (peace) and : who want the power to tell you how to live or they will kill you Throughout the Bible the peaceful people found that when they to God in times of conflict, God would be there to assist them. were assisted by God in answer to their prayers. Some people 2 will hold a public auch to be peaceful without relying on God, and not taking revenge. is leads us to America founded as a Godly Christian Nation. For the be sold to the highest bilin me Godly Christian people used God's word, the Bible and prayer ate a nation of CHOICE for every person living in America. u can find in the Bible the history of the past, the present and the according to God.

ter the signing of the declaration of Independence, Americans

in order to obtain peace and individual CHOICE of a new nation;

people would be required to fight England. The Christian Pastors took the responsibility to lead their congregations in the battle which ended in victory by destroying the enemy. They became known as the Black Robe Regiment. (more information @ http://www.blackrobereg.org/history.html)

During the second world war, ungodly evil leaders such as General Hideki Tojo - Prime minister of Japan, Adolf Hitler - Nazi dictator of Germany; Benito Mussolini, prime minister of Italy; Joseph Stalin a very brutal Communist dictator of Russia, and others seek to control or destroy peace loving countries. The leading country to destroy was the United States of America, known as the most powerful country in the world. The goal is to defend God, peace and individual freedom. From the very beginning of America, we learned that we must destroy those that physically attack us, to destroy our way of life. When other countries that were peaceful and no risk to America were attacked, they asked for our help. We as a Godly Christian Nation assisted those countries. We continue to give God the credit for all victories, thanking Him for our freedom.

In the past one hundred years we have been drifting away from a Godly Christian Nation. In 1962, the Supreme Court voted 6 to 1 to remove prayer from public schools. In 1963, the Supreme Court voted 8 to 1 to remove the true history book "The Holy Bible" from public schools. Since that time until today, the constitution and Bill of Rights have been changed, voiding the laws and rules our founding fathers established in accordance to God's directions to create America as a Godly Christian Nation. In the past 42 years over 57 million unborn babies were aborted, because of our abortion laws. It makes you wonder if even one aborted baby could be excused in God's eyes. Today we need God on our side more than ever as we face a world of evil people ready to destroy our freedoms and individual CHOICES of religion and private living. Our government refuses to recognize our enemies who are the aggressors that

want to kill all Americans.

We need every Pastor to understand what Rev. Charles G. Finney (1792-1875) said in a meeting of Pastors.

He reminded ministers in his day, "Brethren, our preaching will bear its legitimate fruits. If immorality prevails in the land, the fault is ours in a great degree. If there is a decay of conscience, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the public press lacks moral discrimination, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the church is degenerate and worldly, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the world loses its interest in religion, the pulpit is responsible for it. If Satan rules in our halls of legislation, the pulpit is responsible for it. If our politics become so corrupt that the very foundations of our government are ready to fall away, the pulpit is responsible for it. Let us not ignore this fact, my dear brethren; but let us lay it to heart, and be thoroughly awake to our responsibility in respect to the morals of this nation." "He also stated" The time has come that Christians must vote for honest men, and take consistent ground in politics or the Lord will curse them... Christians have been exceedingly guilty in this matter. But the time has come when they must act differently ... God will bless or curse this nation, according to the course Christians take."

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breign Policy Failure Everywhere

Sheldon Richman

one tried to design a foreign policy to embroil Americans in endless cts that would otherwise be quite remote, one could hardly do better ecent presidents of the United States. What could you do that these , McLendonhave not done to keep Americans mired in distant turmoil? sentatives have not Signs of apparent failure abound while the ruling elite ; ignorance of the connection between U.S. intervention abroad idening regional wars. Despite President Obama's assurances that ica's combat role in the unceasingly violent Afghanistan is over, we ith state law relater it is not. ISIS expands under American and allied airstrikes, the best ting program the Islamists could want. There was no ISIS in Iraq or before America invaded the former and called open season on the e in the latter. In response, Obama seeks unlimited war power. ate law related to

provocation to engineer the dubious annexation of Crimea and to aid separatists (or perhaps federalists) in eastern Ukraine, who are fighting neo-Nazis among others. Despite the current ceasefire, a war between nuclear powers Russia and the United States is not impossible.

Well done, Messrs. Obama, Bush, Clinton, Bush, Reagan, Carter,

be called on to justify the very policies that manufactured those threats in the first place. How clever! We'll hear no more talk of a "peace dividend," that dangerous idea - dangerous, that is, to Pentagon and intelligence budgets and government-contractor bottom lines - that nearly ran amok when the Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact alliance imploded, 1989-

IS franchises are emerging throughout the Arab and Muslim world. i, which America and NATO "liberated" from Col. Gaddafi after ling by then-secretary of state Hillary Clinton, is in militia-ridden ind is now a haven for ISIS sympathizers. Obama can't make up ind about what his war on ISIS means for his opposition to Syrian dent Bashar al-Assad, who also opposes ISIS and al-Qaeda.

eanwhile in Europe, the U.S.-instigated coup in Ukraine, following your-face expansion of NATO to the Russian border, has not had pliance with state h tended effect of making Russian President Putin skulk to his corner ur of the global hegemon. Instead, Putin capitalized on the explicit

and on back. Each faithfully pursued the geopolitical and economic interests embodied in the idea of American hegemony. We see the results: slaughter and incineration abroad (often by remote control), humanitarian catastrophe for homeless survivors, and American deaths and injuries far outnumbering those of the 9/11 attacks - themselves a response to decades of U.S.-inflicted and -sponsored killing and upheaval in the Muslim world. And then there are the fiscal costs to Americans.

Unsurprisingly, the ruling elite has no incentive to reconsider the premise of U.S. foreign policy, namely, that America can and should run the world. It is "our" manifest destiny and not to be questioned. Obama occasionally looks like the reluctant emperor, but whenever he appears to waver, someone - Mrs. Clinton or Samantha Power or Susan Rice keeps him from "going wobbly" (as Mrs. Thatcher did with George H. W. Bush in 1990 after Iraq's Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait.)

We must acknowledge, of course, that what looks like failure to us Americans outside the privileged elite may not actually be failure for our overlords. After all, turmoil is integral to the ingenious political perpetual-motion machine. Turmoil furnishes the "threats" that then can

1991. That was indeed a close one. Imagine the world's only superpower without an enemy. People might wonder what's the point of it all. Thank goodness there were years of intervention in the Muslim world in the bank, compound interest accruing.

While failure may in fact be success for the empire's custodians and profiteers, the victimized foreign populations and American people have not been so fortunate, and there's no end in sight.

If those populations and the American people are to get any relief, U.S. foreign policy will need deep rethinking from outside elite circles. That won't be easy. As over two centuries show, American hegemony -"exceptionalism" - is in the nation's political DNA. Even the opening of foreign markets to American producers was always seen as a government program backed by a navy with global reach.

It's well past time for us to think about what horrifies our rulers: nonintervention.

Sheldon Richman is vice president and editor at The Future of Freedom Foundation in Fairfax, Va. (www.fff.org).

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representatives,1 e First Baptist Church of Rockwall hosted the Southern Gospel in accordance w pration Sunday evening, Feb. 15.

> total of 166 members representing four senior adult church choirs ormed, as did two featured guest musicians, Rachel Paul, pianist/ list and Jeri Welch, harmonica/vocalist.

e City, Heath, Fat ul has been involved in church music most of her life. The First ist Rockwall pianist and soloist, she teaches piano and is an accomist for local school choirs, vocal and band solo/ensemble competi-. She is married and lives with her husband and two sons.

ed under Texas (elch has been playing the harmonica since the late '60s. He start-6 and 2051.048 (bed laying when he was station overseas in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam. th is the president of HOOT, the Harmonic Organization of Texas, lication of each ed in 1993. The organization has expanded in the harmonica world e largest harmonica club in the nation. He has produced two per-I CDs and CDs with the Dallas Harmonic Trio. His performances de churches, movie scores and Southern Gospel worship services. all government aul opened Sunday's event with a prelude by playing "Since Jesus

Came Into My Heart" on the piano.

After the First Baptist Rockwall church music minister, Michael J. Manley, welcomed everyone, the concert began with the Celebration Choir singing "The Star Spangled Banner." The audience stood to honor God and America, followed by the choir singing "Here in This Place" and "There's Power in the Blood." The audience responded to the choir's performance with lengthy applause for each of the songs.

Next, Welch performed as a soloist and the harmonic playing "I Saw The Light," followed by the Celebration Choir singing "Lord Lift Me Up," "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand" and "Through Every Trial."

"I Cannot Tell" was played on the harmonica by Welch, who was joined by soloist Paul. An arrangement of "In Good Hands" sung by soloist Ray Love and the Celebration Choir was offered, followed by an arrangement of "Stepping on the Clouds" sung by the Celebration Choir. One of the highlights of the evening was Welch playing "Classical Medley" on the harmonica, which brought the audience members to their feet for a standing ovation.

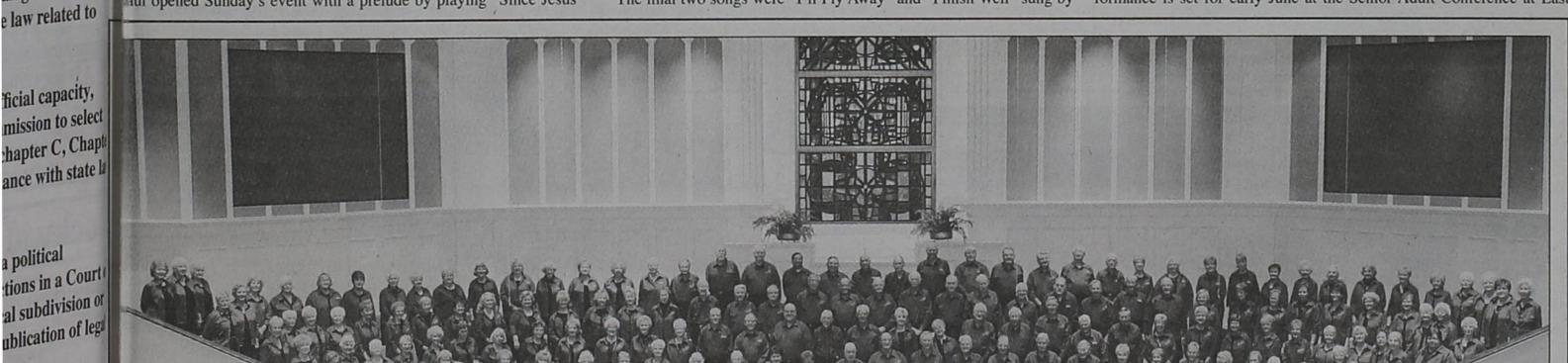
The final two songs were "I'll Fly Away" and "Finish Well" sung by

the Celebration Choir.

This is Manley's 25th anniversary as music director of the church. The (senior) Celebration Choir consists of First Family Singers of First Baptist Rockwall, under the direction of Manley; Ellis Count Singers of First Baptist Waxahachie, under the direction of Chat Haynes; Senior Serenaders, under the direction of Ray Love and Vernon Scott; and the music directors and People of Praise of Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church, Dallas, Sam Presidge, music directors. Each director took a turn in directing the Celebration Choir.

The Celebration Choir was organized 14 years ago as the brainchild of Chett Haynes, who was the minister of music at the First Baptist Church, Lancaster. He conversed with Russ Porter, minister of music at Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church, Dallas; these were the original two churches that started this choir. Since the time the Celebration Choir began, two other senior church choirs have joined.

The current Celebration Choir is scheduled to sing at 6 p.m. March15 at Christian University and Bible College in Waxahachie. Another performance is set for early June at the Senior Adult Conference at East



The Southern Gospel Celebration concert, hosted by First Baptist Church of Rockwall, consists of 166 members representing senior adult church choirs from First Baptist Waxahachie, the Senior Serenaders, Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church of Dallas, and the First Baptist Church of Rockwall. **Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News**

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Defense, Williamson send Lady Jackets to Area round

by Lary Bump

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Rockwall's defense came through in the second half, allowing the Lady Jackets to advance to the 6A playoffs' Area round with a 45-40 Bi-District victory over Killeen Ellison on Monday.

RHS trailed 27-22 at halftime at Waco University High School, but held the Lady Eagles (23-10) to 13 second-half points.

The victory improved Rockwall's record to 26-6 heading into this weekend's meeting with the winner of Tuesday's Bi-District game between Highland Park (17-10) and Irving (14-15).

RHS defeated HP 66-37 on Nov. 14, with senior Sara Williamson scoring 22 points.

Williamson, who has signed a letter of intent with Abilene Christian University, kept the Lady Jackets in Monday's game with 12 first-half points. She added nine in the second half for a game-high 21.

Outscoring Ellison 11-4 in the third quarter, RHS took a 33-31 lead.

The Lady Jackets survived a tense fourth quarter to stretch the final margin to five points.

Defense has been a strong point for Rockwall all season. They have allowed opponents just 37.8 points per game.

That has been even more important during the Lady Jackets' fivegame winning streak, which began with a 33-30 victory over Sachse. Opponents have averaged 28.8 points in those five games.

In RHS' 13 games during 2015, the Lady Jackets have allowed no more than 42 points (32.2 average) and have gone 12-1

Those figures are important because for the season, RHS is 19-0 when allowing fewer than 40 points and 2-4 when giving up 50 or more. Rockwall clinched the District 11-6A championship by defeating South Garland 41-21 on Tuesday. The Lady Jackets and Sachse both finished the district season 12-2, but RHS won a tiebreaker because it won both

games against the Lady Mustangs.

Williamson scored a game-high 15 points against South Garland, leads the Lady Jackets with 17.7 points and more than five assists game. Williamson has reached double figures in scoring in all but games this season.

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Killeen Ellison - Jordanna Porter 12, Madison Hattix-Covington Gemma Alhambra 6, Brianna Gray 6, Naomi Burnette 5.

Regional champ Hyde leads Jackets to state wrestling

Senior Andrew Hyde will lead a group of five Rockwall wrestlers into this weekend's 6A state championships.

Hyde placed first at 132 pounds at both the District 8-6A and last weekend's state-qualifying Region II-6A championships. As a team, RHS placed second at the district championships.

Freshman Jackie Mote finished third at 165 pounds to become Rockwall's first qualifier for the girls' state championships.

The other qualifiers were juniors Brandon Smith (106) and James Taylor (145). Jonathan Jonas will be an alternate at 138.

In the state championships at the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland, Hyde (39-3) would face Austin Westlake's Hunter Roberts (37-4) in the round of 16. Taylor (30-7) also will have an opponent from Westlake, Jonathan Cramer (25-9). Smith (27-7) is scheduled to meet San Antonio Lee's Matthew Gutierrez (24-5).

Mote (28-7) has a tough first-round match against La Joya senior Daisy Ramirez (28-2).

SWIMMING: Texas A&M-bound senior Raena Eldridge and freshman Amanda Armstrong each qualified to compete in two individual events and a relay at this weekend's swimming and diving state championships at the University of Texas' Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center. Eldridge is seeded second in the 6A girls' 200-yard individual medley and would anchor the 200 freestyle relay that also is seeded second. Her RHS-record qualifying time of 2 minutes, 3.02 seconds is just .27 second

behind the top seed, Keller's Audrey McMurry. The relay of Armstrong, sophomore Jasmin Sani, sophomore Kayla Maxwell and Eldridge qualified in 1:37.53, another Lady Jackets record but nearly 3 seconds behind top-seeded Humble Atascocita. Eldridge also is seeded sixth in the 100 butterfly.

Armstrong qualified for the field of 16 swimmers in the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke (RHS-record 56.45). Senior Noah Day also qualified in the boys' 100 back, with a Jackets-record time of 51.27. The Rockwall team placed second in Region III-6A.

Hawks' best basketball season continues with playoffs

The Rockwall-Heath boys' basketball team was trying to finish an won their weight class in the district meet. unprecedented undefeated regular season Tuesday against Terrell.

Regardless of that outcome, the Hawks will take the best regular-season record in their history and first district championship into the playoffs. As District 12-5A's top seed, they would play the fourth seed from District 11-5A in the Bi-District round Monday or Tuesday.

RHHS is ranked eighth in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' 5A state poll. However, three of the teams ranked ahead of the Hawks -No. 1 Lancaster, No. 6 Dallas Kimball and No. 7 South Oak Cliff - also are in Region II. So it could be a rough road to state for any of those schools.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL: RHHS took a 10-game winning streak into its Bi-District playoff game Tuesday against Carrollton Creekview.

The winning team would play the winner of the Frisco Liberty-Lovejoy game in this weekend's Area round.

The Lady Hawks (19-8 overall, 12-2 in District 12-5A) finished second, a game behind West Mesquite. RHHS was the only district team to defeat the Lady Wranglers.

In the final regular-season game Tuesday, Feb. 10, Katie Webster scored 21 points and Tannya Gonzalez added 13 as Rockwall-Heath routed South Garland 81-17.

BOYS' BASKETBALL: The Yellowjackets faced long odds Tuesd in their attempt to reach the playoffs in their final regular-season gam

They trailed fourth-place Tyler Lee by one game for District 11-6 final postseason berth. Lee was scheduled to host Rowlett, trying to br a second-place tie with Garland. However, Rockwall (12-16 overall, in the district) was scheduled to play at Garland Lakeview Centenn needing a win to clinch the district title.

A Jackets victory and a Lee loss would necessitate a playoff for final postseason spot, because the teams split the two district ga between them.

RHS went into Tuesday's game with three consecutive wins, including 57-50 over Garland Feb. 10 and 67-52 against North Garland Frid Ohio State-bound Austin Grandstaff led the Jackets with 23 points Garland and 30 against North Garland.

SOCCER: The Rockwall boys lost 3-1 to Rowlett Feb. 10 and 2-0 Tyler Lee Friday, and the Lady Jackets lost 1-0 to Rowlett Feb. 11 a 1-0 in a shootout against Lee on Friday. The RHS girls were 4-2 and third place in District 11-6A; the boys were 2-4, in sixth place.

BOYS' GYMNASTICS: The Jackets barely missed winning t four-team Chisholm Trail Invitational, finishing second to champi San Angelo Central 156.7-155.4. RHS' Bryce Singer and Adam Alf placed third and fourth all-around. Teammate Caleb Meyers was first both the rings and parallel bars.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Garland	11	13	12	14	50
RHS	10	9	19	19	57

Garland - Jordan Wakefield 12, Coree Compton 9, Danny Salamah Josh Lucas 5, Lance Wright 5, La'darreous Harris 4, Ty Green 2, Al Mims 2, Christian Jones 2, Melvin Loveless 2

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The Hawks had not gone to the playoffs until last season, when they set the previous RHHS record of 19 wins.

Rockwall-Heath had run its record to 27-0 overall and 13-0 in the district by defeating South Garland 84-60 on Tuesday, Feb. 10, and Mesquite Poteet 59-50 Friday. Camron Talley had a game-high 20 points against South Garland. Against the Pirates, Talley, Jeremiah Sandidge and Tyler Zivney each scored 14.

WRESTLING: District 9-5A champion Rockwall-Heath has six wrestlers, including Region II-5A champions Zarik Anderson (113 pounds) and Zack Dobbins (195), advancing to this weekend's state championships.

Steven Contreras (120) Jacob Makelke (126), Nick Rose (138) and J.J. Nwigwe (285) also will be competing in the event at the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland. Allen Bellah (132) and Stephen Duncan (152) are alternates.

Anderson, Makelke, Rose, Dobbins, Nwigwe and Quentin Wooten



Sophomore Luke Fisher (9) maneuvers around a Frisco defender during the season opener non-district game, Thurs. Feb. 12, at the RHS field in Rockwall. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

SWIMMING: RHHS qualified in five individual events and two relays for this weekend's 5A swimming and diving championships at the University of Texas' Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center.

Junior Harper Gillentine is seeded second in both the girls' 50- and 100-yard freestyles. Her 50 qualifying time of 23.84 seconds is just .51 behind top-seeded Julia Cook from Bryan. In the 100, Gillentine qualified in 51.99, behind only Magnolia's Caitlin Clements.

Lady Hawks freshman Amber Conrad also qualified in the 100 free, as well as the 100 breaststroke. Senior Evan Perlitz qualified in the boys' 100 free, and both RHHS boys' and girls' 200 free relay teams also qualified.

SOFTBALL: The Lady Hawks are scheduled to begin their season this weekend in the Bryan-College Station Tournament. Their first game would be at 1 p.m. Thursday against San Antonio Brackenridge at Bryan Rudder.

	lst	2nd	3rd	4th	Final	
HHS boys	23	28	18	15	84	
outh Garland	10	15	21 .	14	60	

RHHS - Camron Talley 20, Jackson Zivney 19, Jeremiah Sandidge 10, Tyler Zivney 9, Grant Buckholt 8, Kelden Pruitt 7, Maison Abmas 5, Shawn Helms 3, Bryan Knostman 3.

South Garland - Savian Coleman 15, Marcus Nelson 14, Louis Johnson 10, Giovanni Flores 4, Dedrick Haynes 4, Zarious Moffett 4, Jerminic Smith 3, Christian Brown 2, Billy Gilmore 2, Malcolm Lewis 2.

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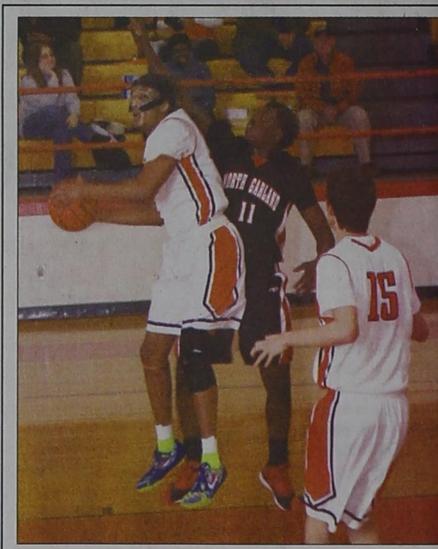
Mesquite Poteet - Jonathan Below 15, Kyler Lopes 14, Tracy Jones 6, Jonathan Parker 6, Andrew Anugwom 4, Jacob Donahoe 3, Malik Stearns 2.

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RHHS-Katie Webster 21, Tannya Gonzalez 13, Caitlyn Lozano 9, Nicole Gleason 9, Kristine Lindsey 6, Alexa Hoy 6, Kendall Williams 5, Jasmine Norman 4, Sophie Keith 4, Megan Higbee 2, Julianna Thurgood

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RHS - Austin Grandstaff 30, Joseph Williams 11, Daniel Smith Cameron Schmucker 7, Jay Galloway 7, Blake Kindred 2.



Senior Joseph Williams (13) comes down off an offensive rebound for the Jackets, against North Garland Aaron Williams (11). Ready to assist is Cameron Schmucker (15). Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



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Rockwall boys\ baseball, 41 14U, will begin the week of Fe 23 (draft divisions, 4U-14U, no draft divisions, 7U-14U). Registr tion fee is \$99 or \$65 for Rockwa residents. Register at rbsl.org. Little Kickers registra-

tion underway

Registration for the Rockwa Parks & Rec's Little Kickers pr gram, is underway. Cost is \$45 fi non-residents, \$29 for Rockwa residents. For more informatio visit rockwall.com. Preschool Flag Footbal

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