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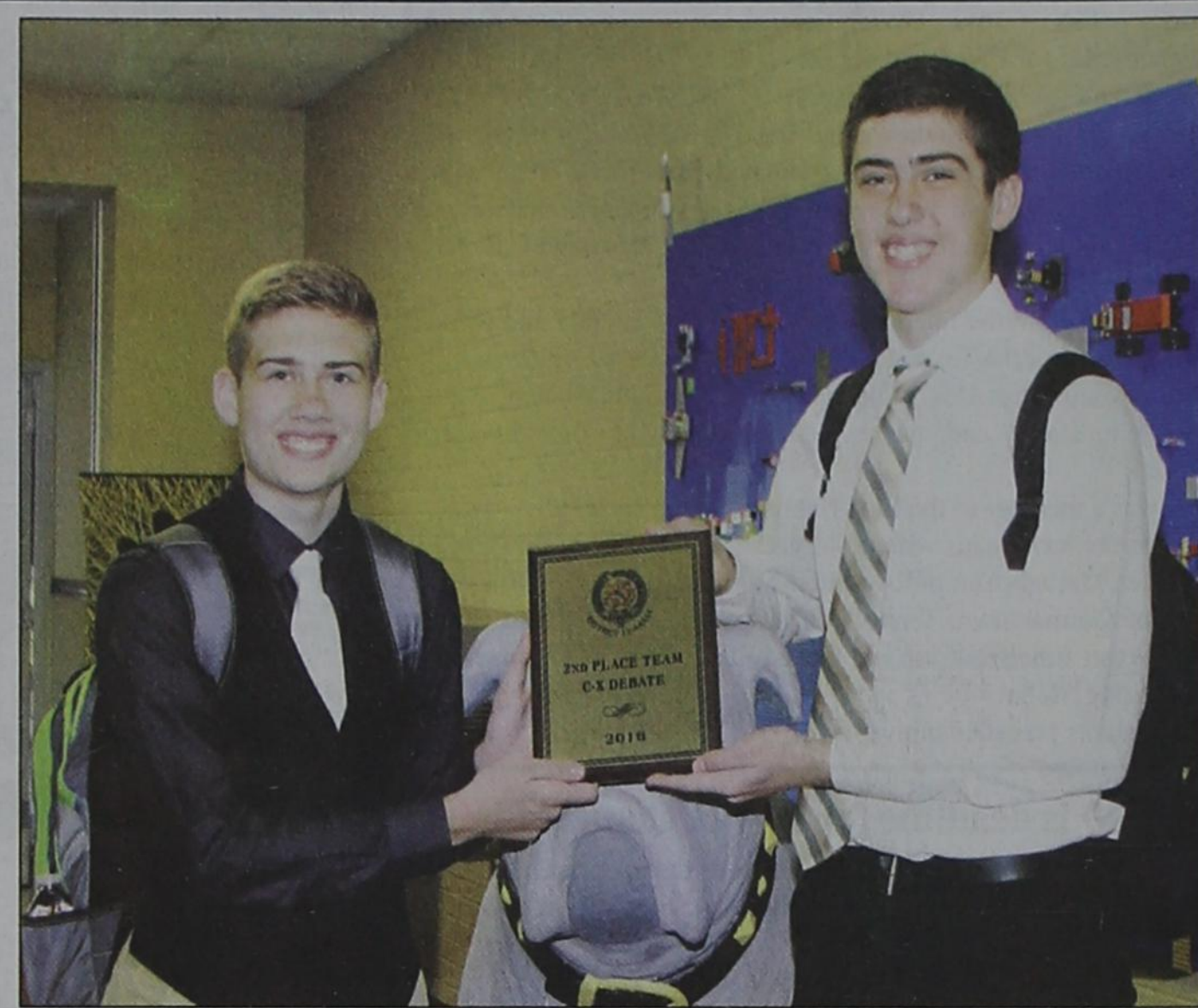
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Darrah Merillat and Sydney Hall, Royse City High School students, took first place in district CX debate earlier this month and will compete at the state contest in March. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Royse City High School students Tyler Crumrine and Josh Dusek captured second place in district CX debate earlier this month. The pair will compete at the state contest in March. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Chamber, YPR team up to host candidate forum

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce and Young Professionals recently hosted a candidate forum at the Rockwall County Courthouse in Liberty Hall for the citizens of Rockwall County for the upcoming election of the 4th Congressional District and 33rd Texas House District.

Candidates spoke directly with voters during a meet-and-greet before the event started, according to a chamber of commerce news release. Each candidate was allotted eight minutes to address his or her platform to the more than 200 residents in attendance. Questions submitted online through the chamber website were

asked to each candidate with a minute and half time limit. Questions important to the voters of the 4th Congressional District and 33rd House District included issues such as education and immigration.

"I was thoroughly impressed by the turn out and the responses given by the candidates. It was an informative event that gave voters the opportunity to hear from the candidates with questions that matter to us as community members in the 4th Congressional District and 33rd House District," Donna Roland, vice president of operations at the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce and Fate resident, said in the news release.

Early voting for the primary election begins on Tuesday, Feb. 16., and ends Friday, Feb. 26.

Primary elections are on Tuesday, March 1.

Candidates for the 4th Congressional District include the incumbent, Congressman John Ratcliffe, Republican; Lou Gigliotti, Republican; and Jerry "Ray" Hall, Republican

Candidates for 33rd Texas House District include Cristin Padgett, Democrat; John Keating, Republican; Justin Holland, Republican; Karen Jacobs, Democrat; and Lorne Ljechty, Republican

University scholastic honors

McKay named to Dean's List

Tyler McKay of Heath was named to the Dean's List at Drake University, according to a news release from the Des Moines, Iowa, university.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

Locals named to OBU honors lists

Five local residents were among the 296 students at Ouachita Baptist University named to the President's List for the fall 2015 semester, according to a news release from the Arkadelphia, Arkansas, university. Five local residents were among the 393 students named to the Dean's List.

President's List honorees include Collin Glaess of Fate, William Ekson and Dillon Wester from Rockwall and Aaron East and Brook West from Royse City, according to the news release.

Dean's List honorees included Kenzie Osborn from Heath and Matthew Alderman, Micah Brooks, Jessie Brunson and Julie Nessler of Rockwall.

To be named to the President's List, a student must compile a 4.0 grade point average and be classified as a full-time student, with a minimum of 12 academic hours.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must attain a 3.5 GPA, be a full-time student and carry a minimum of 12 academic hours, according to the news release.

Rockwall refinances outstanding bonds

The City of Rockwall recently refinanced several bond packages that amounted to nearly \$10 million in taxpayer savings, according to a city news release.

The debts that have been re-funded are from bonds issued in 2005, 2006 and 2008—all years when interest rates were higher.

The city did not extend the term for any of the bonds, according to the release; the bonds still will be paid off as originally scheduled. The difference now is the a savings in interest over the life of the bonds.

A total of \$78 million in bonds were refinanced at a decreased interest rate of 2.48 percent, down from an original rate of about 4.96 percent. That translates to an overall savings of 12.9 percent in interest costs, or about \$9.7 million in interest savings over the remaining life of the bonds.

Among the improvements included in those bond packages was the construction of John King Boulevard, which the city hopes to use to re-route State Highway 205 traffic away from downtown Rockwall. In addition to the refinancing project, the City of Rockwall issued \$5.6 million in new bonds for upcoming water and sewer projects.

There is no fear in love.
But perfect love casts out fear.
1John 4:18

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"You Can't Take It With You," a madcap comedy, is underway at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, located at 609 E. Rusk, Feb. 18-21 and 26-28. Friday and Saturday performances are set for 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Pictured above are cast members Martin Sinise, Nicholas Tischer, Phil Alford, Theresa Pegues, Melissa Tucker and Rob Richardson. Tickets may be purchased online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.com, by calling 972-722-3399 or at the box office 30 minutes prior to show time. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Deadline for RISD trustee election

The 2016 Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees election is set for Saturday, May 7. Three-year terms up for election are Place 4 presently held by Jon Bailey and Place 5 presently held by Jim White, according to information on the district's website.

The deadline to file is 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 19, at the Administration/Education Center, 1050 Williams St., Rockwall.

Candidate application packets may be obtained during regular business hours -- Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. -- in the superintendent's office at the Rockwall ISD Administration/ Education Center.

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Casino Night, silent auction set in RC

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce's Casino Night and Silent Auction will run from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at Southern Junction. For more details contact the chamber at info@roysecitychamber.com.

Democratic Party to host monthly meeting

The Rockwall County Democratic Party will conduct its monthly breakfast meeting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington, Rockwall. A continental breakfast will be served. Interested persons are invited to attend.

RCP auditions for 'Love, Sex & the IRS' set

The Rockwall Community Playhouse, located at 609 E. Rusk two blocks off the square in downtown Rockwall, will conduct auditions for "Love, Sex & the IRS" beginning at 1 p.m. Feb. 20. For more information visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

ARC to conduct Rockwall blood drive

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive in Rockwall from noon to 6 p.m. on Feb. 28 at Half Price Books, 959 I-30, Rockwall. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply (Continued on Page 2)



Rockwall County Obituaries

Charles Thomas Carr Jr.

Services for Charles Thomas Carr Jr., 72, of Rowlett were conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016, in the First Baptist Church Rockwall with Pastor Steve Swofford officiating. Burial followed at 1:30 p.m. in the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery with U.S. Navy honors. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rowlett Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



He died Feb. 13.

Born Feb. 16, 1943, in Stephenville to Charles Thomas Carr Sr. and Linnie Marie (Walker) Carr, he grew up in Andrews and lived in DeSoto for many years before moving to Rowlett. He graduated from Texas Tech with a bachelor's degree in finance and from SMU with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He honorably served in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Navy Reserves.

He retired from the Internal Revenue Service in 2001 and worked as an auditor for the Texas Lottery Commission until 2006.

He married Linda Rogers on June 5, 1971, at the Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas and was a member of the Masonic Lodge in DeSoto.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church Rockwall.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Linda Carr of Rowlett; his daughter, Melinda Carr of Rowlett; his son, Charlie Carr, and his wife, Sara, of Germantown, Tennessee; his grandchildren, Luke Everett Carr, Wyatt Emerson Carr and Cassidy Echo Carr of Germantown; and his dog, Bella.

His parents preceded him in death.

Feb. 19 is deadline for R'wall Council filings

Deadline for applications for candidacy in the upcoming Rockwall City Council election is 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 19, according to information on the city's website.

Three City Council seats – Places 2, 4 and 6 – are open.

Candidate packets for residents interested in running are available at City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, in the third-floor city secretary's office or at rockwall.com/citysecretary.asp.

For more details, contact the city secretary, Kristy Cole, by calling 972-772-6406 or email kcoble@rockwall.com.

Heath filing deadline Feb. 19 for City Council

Individuals interested in filing for candidacy for the Heath City Council have until 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, according to information on the city's website.

Candidate filing may be completed at City Hall, 200 Laurence Dr., in Heath.

The city election will be conducted May 7.

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Ask Dr. Danette

by Danette McNew, D.D.S.



WOMEN'S PROACTIVE APPROACH

While research indicates that women are more likely to have cavities than men, females tend to have better overall dental health. Perhaps this is due to the fact that women are nearly twice as likely to have visited the dentist in the past year. As a result of this proactive approach to dental and periodontal care, women have lower rates of gum disease (due to more frequent professional cleanings) and also a higher percentage of retained permanent teeth than men. It seems that women have learned from experience that good oral hygiene and regular dental care are essential since changes in hormonal levels during pregnancy and menopause can raise their risk of gum disease and associated problems (tooth loss).

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P.S. Estrogen deficiency after menopause reduces bone mineral density, which can lead to bone loss that is associated with periodontal disease.

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Clayton Darr

Services for Clayton Darr, 83, a lifelong Rockwall resident, were conducted at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Stanley Joseph officiating. Burial followed in the Heath Cemetery.

He died Feb. 11.

Born April 17, 1932, in Dallas to Margaret Darr, he played football at Rockwall High School from 1946 to 1950 when he graduated. Fishing was his passion and he enjoyed hosting family fish fries. He loved gardening and was known throughout the neighborhood for his huge garden. He loved animals as well, but was particularly fond of his dog, Smokey.

Survivors include his wife, Thelka Darr; his daughters, Freda Winkfein, and her husband, Jeff, and Patricia Chamberlin and her husband, Terry; his son, James David Darr, and his wife, Janet; his grandchildren, Jeff Winkfein Jr. and his wife, Sarah, Jennifer Webb and her husband, Steve, Joshua Winkfein and his wife, Michelle, Zachary Chamberlin, Sarah Hardi and her husband, Cody, and Lauren Darr; and his great-grandchildren, Christian Renfroe, Christopher Winkfein, Kaitlyn Renfroe, Nathan Winkfein, Colton Winkfein, Eli Thompson, Ethan Webb and Brooklyn Winkfein.

His grandparents, his mother and his cousin and best friend, Clifford Darr, preceded him in death.



Lehman J. Harris

Memorial services for Lehman J. Harris, 69, of Rockwall were conducted at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Tommy Dudley officiating.

He died Feb. 13.

Born Aug. 28, 1946, in Dallas to Soden and Adrine Canup, he attended school in Rockwall and graduated in 1964. He attended and graduated from East Texas State University in Commerce. His first job following graduation was the Teachers Retirement Program in Austin, where he worked five years. Following that, he moved to Camp Wood in South Texas and did contract work for several years.

He later received his real estate appraiser's license and worked Uvalde, doing appraisals for banks. He moved back to Rockwall and continued doing appraisal work.

He accepted Jesus as his savior at a young age and attended the First Baptist Church in Rockwall. He enjoyed reading and was interested in politics and world affairs.

Survivors include his brother, Richard Harris, and his wife, Judy of Rockwall.

His parents preceded him in death.



Robert W. Schreiber

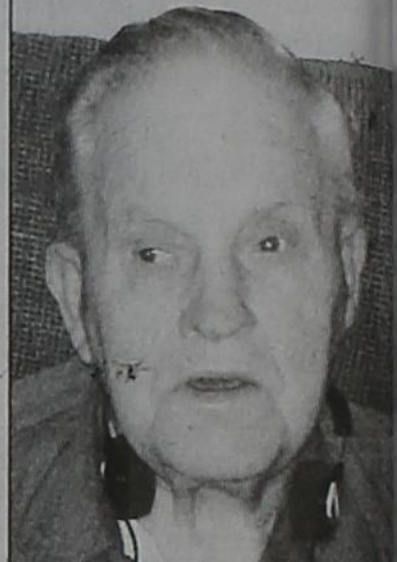
Services for Robert W. Schreiber, 90, of Dallas were conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Randy Hedge officiating.

He died Feb. 11.

Born Feb. 24, 1925, in Mount Calm to Karl and Olga Othelia (Krueger) Schreiber, he was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Dallas and the owner and operator of Home Service of the Blind.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara (Glasscock) Schreiber; his children, Jerry Schreiber, and his wife, Glenda, of Wills Point and Sharon Reed of Ravenna; five grandchildren, Roger, Mollie, Suzanne, Kristin and Kelsey; and four great-grandchildren, Stephen, Alexis, Addison and Nolan.

He was preceded in death by his parents and six brothers and sisters.



Rockwall High School alumnus, Brandon Leavell (front) and band members Christian Peirce, Wes Switzer and Collin Hill (back), recently released their newest album, "Drift Away," which features many upbeat rock songs and relaxing acoustic songs. Their group, Lasting Effect, are made up of members who attended Williams Middle School, and later formed the band while studying at RHS. However, he and his pop punk band, Lasting Effect, formed while they soon began writing their own music and playing shows at many local high school events. After the band members graduated in 2012, they began playing at larger events such as music festivals, venues in Deep Ellum and also marathon races. For more information about the local band, visit lastingeffectofficial.com. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health may be eligible to donate blood. To make an appointment, download the free ARC app at redcrossblood.org/bloodapp, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Democratic Men's Group to meet March 5

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will meet for lunch at noon on Saturday, March 5, at Johnny Carino's Italian restaurant, 819 E. I-30 Frontage Rd., Rockwall. The group meets the first Saturday of each month at local restaurants. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the future of Rockwall County in Texas are invited to attend.

Spring Break Rock Camp set March 7-11

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department has organized a Spring Break Rock Camp that will run March 7-11. Participants will venture to destinations throughout the area, including the Heard Museum, the Texas Skatium/Bowl-o-Rama, Dallas Arboretum, Cowboys Stadium and more. Visit rockwall.com/parks/index.asp for more details.

Newcomers & Friends to meet in March

Rockwall County Newcomers & Friends will host its March luncheon and program beginning at 10 a.m. on March 10 at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City. Janet Smith from the Arboretum will speak on pollination in a talk entitled "Sex in the Garden." Attend the event by calling Barbara at 972-771-1057 or Cathy at 942-400-9999 or visit newcomersrock.com. RSVP by Feb. 29.

Spay/neuter mobile hospital dates told

The Spay Neuter Network's hospital bus, in the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot, offers surgery performed on site the second Friday every month. Next date is March 11. A \$20 spay for female cats available, as are low-cost surgery packages. Walk-up vaccination offered at reduced prices from 10 a.m. to noon. Specials available at spayneuternet.org. Services available throughout the Metroplex. The Clinic in Crandall, the Hope Mobile or via transport. Free spay/neuter is offered in selected ZIP codes. For appointment/information call 972-472-3500 or 817-423-5500. Be sure dog's collar cannot slip, cats are in secure carriers. Promoted by Rockwall PAWS (Rockwall PAWS @att.net).

Believe It or Not is March 11 lecture topic

Tall tales of Rockwall County will be the topic at the Sheel 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 March 11.

Historical Commission to meet March 11

The Rockwall County Historical Commission will observe its first quarterly meeting of the year at 1 p.m. March 11 at the museum, 900 E. Washington.

Rockwall's Got Talent auditions scheduled

Auditions for Rockwall's Got Talent will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 26 at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Ruston (two blocks off the square in downtown Rockwall). Semi-finals are scheduled for April 8; finals will be April 15. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

'What's Your Superpower?' focus of conference

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce and the Executive Women's Alliance will play host to the What's Your Superpower? Women's Conference & Business Expo on Friday, April 1, at the Castle at Rockwall, 2071 Clem Rd. Ext. The event, which will run from 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m., will focus on "innovative and effective ways that women can make a mark in all aspects of their lives from the office to home and their communities." Tickets cost \$8 for Rockwall Chamber partners and \$109 for prospective chamber members. For more details, contact the chamber at 972-771-5737 or visit rockwallchamber.org/events or facebook.com/rockwallchamber.

RWL accepting grant requests from nonprofits

The Rockwall Women's League is accepting grant requests from nonprofit agencies that provide services to Rockwall County. To be considered, organizations must be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Grant requests should include program name, program description, program beneficiary

FEMA public aid approved for Rockwall, other counties

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) public assistance has been made available to state and local governments and certain private nonprofits in Rockwall County and 24 other counties to supplement recovery efforts in the area affected by severe winter storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding during the period of Dec. 26 to Jan. 21.

Counties designated for assistance in the Feb. 9 declaration Bailey, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Dallas, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Ellis, Hall, Hardeman, Harrison, Henderson, Hopkins, Kaufman, Kent, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Navarro, Parmer, Rains, Red River, Rockwall, Titus and Van Zandt.

FEMA public assistance reimburses a minimum of 75 percent of the cost of eligible projects, which can include repair of roads and bridges, water control facilities, buildings and equipment, utilities and parks and recreational facilities affected by the December storms, according to a FEMA news release. The cost of debris removal and emergency protective services, such as police overtime for extra work caused from responding to the disaster, also may be eligible for reimbursement.

Applicants apply through the state using a Request for Public Assistance form alerting FEMA that an applicant will seek assistance from the agency. State public assistance personnel will conduct briefings for applicants on how to prepare projects for submission.

FEMA ensures that all projects meet environmental quality standards and gives final approval for all projects. The federal share goes directly to the state, with the applicant paying the remaining 25 percent. The state forwards the federal funds to eligible applicants when documentation is complete.

RSM Guild offers volunteer opportunities

Individuals interested in helping Rockwall Summer Musicals can do so without major time commitments by joining the RSM Guild.

The RSM Guild helps the organization by assisting with fundraisers, volunteering during performances and rehearsals and helping with the construction of sets for the season's shows.

Be kind one to another with tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:23

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Christian political activism in America ... Part 3

The American Revolution and the English Civil War revealed that Christians were ready to establish a government for their protection, rather than for the protection of nationalized churches and royalty.

The Puritans of the English Civil War were described as well disciplined, and walked with strong faith. It is said that the whole force was made up of Christians.

After conquering the English government twice, the Christian's attempted to fill the English Parliament with faithful and devout people. The plan did not succeed, and the next King took back control without a fight.

One significant problem rested in the Puritans' plan to fashion the new government and country to be like them. In the end, they punished others for wanting to participate religious rituals.

Nearly 150 years later, the Americans passed a declaration of independence that referred to a God called Providence and annotated the people's underlying right to life and liberty.

They set the foundation for a political system based on the godly law of free-will. Just as God allows all people to be at liberty to obey or disobey Him, so also would the new country allow for people to be at liberty. Next week we will look at the differences between liberty secured by the people, and liberty secured by our Lord Jesus Christ.



The Roysce City Main Street Program recently was recognized for the third consecutive year. Pictured from the left are Brad Patterson, division director, Community Heritage Development Division, Texas Historical Commission; Paula Morris, Roysce City Main Street manager; Dr. Matt Wagner, vice president of revitalization services, National Main Street Center, Chicago, Illinois; Mark Wolfe, executive director, Texas Historical Commission; and Debra Drescher, state coordinator, Texas Main Street Program, Texas Historical Commission.

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City's Main Street Program earns national recognition

Texas Historical Commission recently commended Roysce City's successful progress as a designated Main Street community, one to be recognized this year, according to a THC news release.

The Texas Main Street Program began in 1981 as one of the first coordinating programs in the country. 2016 marks TMSP's 35th anniversary. Local Main Street programs focus on responsibly managing a community's historic assets for economic benefit and to improve quality of life.

In 2015, Main Street volunteers reported more than 115,000 hours of work donated in support of the program.

The THC's Texas Main Street Program (TMSP) made the announcement Feb. 10 at the winter gathering of Texas Main Street Program members in New Braunfels, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary of the Texas Main Street city.

"The combination of effort by Main Street volunteers, staff and local partners reaps great dividends. The state recognition and national accreditation recognizes these efforts," said Debra Drescher, TMSP state coordinator.

"The TMSP's accredited programs show above average performance in 10 categories on an annual report. Selection criteria focus on planning, partnerships, staffing, volunteer effort, preservation ethic, training and program assessment through reporting. The state office also works with programs throughout the year by providing various services."

City to stage 'Carousel,' 'Mary Poppins' in 2016

Rockwall Summer Musicals has announced its 2016, which will include "Mary Poppins" and Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel."

Audition dates for "Carousel" are April 23-24. Auditions for "Mary Poppins" are June 11-12, according to a news release issued this week.

Performance dates are June 24-26 and July 1-3, "Carousel," and July 12-14 and 19-21, "Mary Poppins."

For more details about auditions, contact Barbara Doudt at 214-967-673.

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"Let the peace from God rule in your hearts, to the which also you are called in one body, and be thankful ..."
Colossians 3:15

"Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."
Psalm 150:6

"That if you will confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
Romans 10: 9-10

"Have I not commanded you; be strong and of a good courage. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

"A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul."
Proverbs 18:7

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding;"

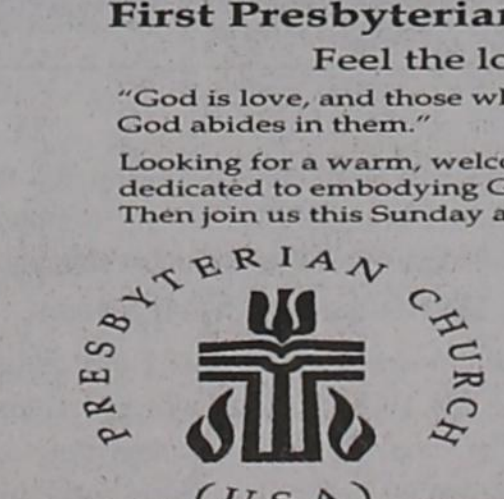
"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path;"
Proverbs 3:6

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Texas History in 1861 is topic of April 8 event

To secede or not to secede was the question posed by Gov. Sam Houston (aka Mike Donegan) and Texas Ranger John Salmon "Rip" Ford (aka Jay Webb), which will be explored April 8 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. The presentation will explore the cultural, economic and political issues driving forces during this time period.

Opinions

Why we don't compromise, Part 5

by Jacob G. Hornberger
 Future Freedom Foundation

Like every other welfare-state program, health care is in constant crisis. That shouldn't surprise anyone. That's what socialism does. It produces crises in every area of society it touches. It's not a coincidence that America's healthcare system went from being the best in the world to one that is perpetually in crisis and chaos.

The root of the problem is Medicare and Medicaid, two gigantic socialist programs that are based on the notion that government should wield the power to take money from people to whom it belongs in order to give it to people to whom it does not belong. It's no coincidence that once Medicare and Medicaid were enacted in the 1960s, healthcare costs began to soar and have continued to soar ever since.

To deal with never-ending health-care crises after Medicare and Medicaid were adopted, federal officials have enacted an endless series of reforms, including a myriad of health-care and insurance regulations. Every reform makes the situation worse, which then creates the demand for new reforms. Obamacare is just the latest example of this phenomenon.

What's the solution to this governmentally produced healthcare crisis? The solution is clear: Repeal, don't reform, every single government program that concerns health care, especially Medicare and Medicaid but also all healthcare regulations. Leave health care entirely to the free market — that is, a market that is free of all government involvement and interference. Leave people free to keep their own money and to manage their own health-care decisions. Separate health care and charity from the state, just as our ancestors separated church and state.

That, in fact, is the only solution that is consistent with the principles of a free society. Freedom necessarily means that people do everything they earn and decide for themselves what to do with that — one of the basic tenets of libertarianism.

Conservatives and liberals have a different perspective. They believe that it is the role of government to take care of people. They are firm believers in Medicare and Medicaid and are shocked and outraged whenever libertarians say that the two socialist programs should be abolished. They are convinced that if the federal government isn't providing "free" health-care services to the elderly and the infirm, there would be countless people dying in the streets from lack of health care.

What about the crises that a welfare state produces? Conservatives and liberals always come up with their own favorite reform plan to deal with the crises. All the argumentation and debate between conservatives and liberals is over which reform plan should be adopted to deal with the crises.

For example, to address the ongoing health-care crisis, liberals proposed and adopted Obamacare, a socialistic program that forces every American to participate in it. It is no surprise that it is already producing even more chaos and crises than existed before it was enacted.

Conservatives have spent an inordinate amount of time opposing Obamacare and showing why it should be repealed or drastically trimmed. But ask yourself: What good would it do to repeal Obamacare, given that there would still be the ongoing health-care crisis that was the reason that Obamacare was adopted in the first place?

Fascism versus socialism

To deal with the crisis, conservatives — and some libertarians — have come up with their own reform plan. They propose that instead of Obamacare the government force people to deposit a portion of their income into health savings accounts, similar to individual retirement accounts. They call this plan a "free-market-oriented" approach to health care or health-care "choice."

But it is nothing of the sort. This particular reform is nothing more than a fascist approach to health care, no different from the Social Security reform plan that we discussed in part 4 of this essay. Recall that economic fascism is a system in which the government permits people to keep their money but then controls and manipulates them into how to use it. By maintaining the aura of private ownership, the proponents of economic fascism maintain that their system is better than the system proposed by socialists, in which the government takes people's money and gives it to others.

Is a system of economic fascism better than a socialist one? Maybe and maybe not. Socialists and fascists have fought over that issue for a long time.

But what does that debate have to do with libertarianism, whose aim is to achieve the genuinely free society? Both socialism and fascism are based on the notion that government is the master and people are the serfs. Recall our minimum baseline position that we discussed earlier in this series: A genuinely free society entails, at the very least, keeping everything you earn and deciding for yourself what to do with it.

Why describe a fascist program as "free-market oriented" or based on "choice"? Because it makes conservatives feel good about maintaining the tyranny of the status quo. Conservatives don't like radical change, not even when it's in the direction of freedom. Whatever the status quo is, they're devoted to conserving it. By calling statist reforms "free-market oriented" or based on "choice," conservatives convince themselves that they are supporting "freedom and free markets" when, in truth, all that they're doing is supporting another statist program.

Of course, the master of this technique was Franklin Roosevelt, whose New Deal programs (e.g., Social Security and the National Industrial Recovery Act), as we discussed in part 4, consisted of a combination of socialism and fascism. By labeling his New Deal as a free-market reform to save America's free-enterprise system, he was able to garner the support of the American people, who would never have supported a program that was labeled socialist or fascist.

Notice something else of critical importance insofar as freedom is concerned: The proponent of health-care savings accounts never leads people to question the legitimacy of income taxation and Medicare and Medicaid. In fact, it's the exact opposite. By calling for mandatory health savings accounts, the proponent actually plants the idea in the minds of people that government plays a legitimate role in controlling people's income and controlling and manipulating their health-care decisions.

The drug war

Let's move on to another area — drug laws, which constitute one of the gravest infringements on liberty that government could ever inflict on people. Imagine: Putting people into jail for sitting in the privacy of their homes and ingesting what they wish to ingest. The federal government has been doing that for decades.

Everyone agrees that the drug war has been a manifest failure in what drug-war proponents supposedly hoped to accomplish — a drug-free world, one in which few people would be ingesting illicit drugs. Today, several decades after the war on drugs was launched, there are more people than ever consuming illicit drugs.

Throughout the years, there have been groups that have done their best to relieve the horrific consequences of the drug laws.

For example, there are those who have worked for the reduction or even the elimination of "mandatory minimum sentences," which the law forces federal judges to mete out, as compared to permitting judges to show some degree of mercy on a case-by-case basis.

There are others who work to reform or eliminate "asset-forfeiture laws," which authorize law-enforcement personnel to seize cash and other forms of property that are suspected of being part of the drug trade. There are countless horror stories in which drug agents have seized money from people and not even charged them with a crime. "Sue us if you want your money back," is what they tell the victims.

Thus, those who are working to alleviate the harsh consequences of the drug war are doing fantastically important work. But, once again, let's be clear: It's not freedom. Even if the reformers are successful in achieving their end, it's not the genuinely free society. It is nothing more than a better way of life for the serfs, no different in principle from how reform would have brought a better way of life for the slaves on the plantation, as we discussed in part 1 of this essay.

There is but one solution to the drug war that is consistent with the principles of a free society: Abolish drug laws. Repeal all of them. Freedom necessarily entails the fundamental, God-given right to ingest whatever a person wants to ingest, whether it be liquor, beer, tobacco, fatty foods, sugar, marijuana, cocaine, heroin, or anything else.

Immigration

How about immigration controls?

Ever since I was a child growing up on a farm on the Rio Grande near Laredo, Texas, I have seen the periodic paroxysms of anxiety and depression that have struck people as part of the federal government's failed system of immigration controls. And it would be difficult to find a better example of Ludwig von Mises's dictum that one government intervention inevitably leads to more interventions, owing to the crises and chaos that inevitably are produced by each intervention.

There is one — and only one — solution to the decades-long, never-ending immigration crisis. That solution is: Open the borders to the free movements of people. Let me repeat that for emphasis: The only solution to the never-ending series of crises that come with immigration controls is to end the immigration controls. There is no other solution. Immigration reforms will only make the situation worse, and as Mises pointed out, each new intervention leads inexorably in the direction of a totally controlled society.

Thus, in order to reach a critical mass of people who finally recognize that, it is vitally important to challenge the structure of immigration controls itself. It is actually a socialist structure in the sense that the federal government is planning, in a top-down, command-and-control manner, the peaceful movements of millions of people. Why wouldn't we expect such a program to produce "planned chaos," which was the title that Mises gave one of his books? Central planning has always produced chaos and crises, and it will continue to do so, owing to socialism's inherent defectiveness.

Moreover, immigration controls violate the fundamental, God-given right of every person to pursue happiness in his own way, especially by entering into mutually beneficial and consensual transactions with others. It's tempting to believe that when the Declaration of Independence talks about life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, it's referring only to Americans. It's not. It's referring to all people everywhere.

In order to finally restore a system of open borders — the system that exists between the several states of the union — it is necessary to cause people to question the apparatus itself. If people aren't questioning the apparatus, then it is a virtual certainty that the apparatus will remain intact.

Of course, both conservatives and liberals are hopeless in the area of immigration. They love immigration controls, no matter how much suffering, chaos, and crises they produce. They're not about to give them up.

That leaves libertarians as the only hope for restoring a sense of morality, normality, rationality, and practicality to immigration. Libertarians know that only a system of open borders will accomplish that.

Thus, it's disappointing when some libertarians give up advocating open borders and instead become immigration reformers. In the process of abandoning abolition and embracing reform, they no longer induce people to question the immigration-control apparatus itself.

For example, there are libertarians who devote their efforts to calling for "increased levels of immigration." They show how immigrants have played a positive role in America's economic history. They demonstrate how more immigrants will lead to increased economic prosperity in American society.

But notice what they don't do: They don't cause people to question the apparatus of immigration controls themselves. In fact, they actually do the opposite. They reinforce in people's minds that the government is in charge of determining who comes into the country and who doesn't. By calling for increased numbers of immigrants, they are essentially pleading with the government to exercise its central-planning powers by letting in more immigrants.

Of course, never mind that neither the libertarian immigration reformer nor the central planner can ever know for certain how many immigrants are the ideal number. That's a point that the libertarian Austrian economist Friedrich Hayek repeatedly made — that the central planner can never know such things, which is precisely why central planning always leads to crises and chaos.

One thing is for sure: A system in which government is deciding whether to let in more immigrants is not freedom. Moreover, while it might make life better for some people, it does nothing to advance the free society because it doesn't lead people to question the moral or pragmatic illegitimacy of immigration controls themselves.

Let's now turn to the most massive infringement on the liberty and prosperity of the American people in our time, one that clearly distinguishes libertarians from conservatives and liberals, one where calls for reform leave Americans with a permanent loss of freedom — the warfare state or, as it is also commonly known, the national-security state.

Vote for following simple instructions

by Timothy W. Burnet, Publisher
 Rockwall County News

Masses of conservatives are rallying at the local level to promote change in the upcoming March Primary Elections and May General Elections.

This understandable considering the increase in constitutional violations by the federal government, especially where it relates to EPA regulations, the Affordable Care Act, the legal definition of marriage, immigration, domestic military intervention, and states rights.

What appears to be shifted to lower priority are some basic issues that start with the local governments. And a real shift toward liberty and restrained/reduced government starts at the local level.

In this series of articles will address three basic issues, the election process, whether elected and appointed officials are willing to follow simple instructions, and suggested solutions.

Selecting people to serve as representatives is similar to selecting someone for a job. One of the most important factors to watch for during the interview and vetting process is whether the applicant has a history of following simple instructions.

The interviews might not be helpful because the applicants can't pretend.

Thus it is difficult to make an informed decision about new applicants.

But it is available to gather more information about applicants who have worked for the same company in the past.

Most elections involve candidates that have a history of working for the people in other functions. This offers a way to ascertain whether they have a history of following simple instructions.

McLendon-Chisholm City Administrator Dave Butler recently talked about the upcoming Rollback Election. He described some details related to preparing for a rollback election. The administrator talked by emphasizing how important it is to follow the law.

In essence, he spoke of the importance of following simple instructions.

Later, it was noted that, during October of 2014, the City Administrator and City Administrator stopped selecting the Rockwall County News for publication of notices. Instead, the city officials began to use a satellite newspaper that is published in an office located in Greenville, Texas.

Most readers might notice a significant conflict between the city officials' emphasis on following state law, and the same officials' decisions to violate Texas Government Code 2051.049 and 2051.048(c), which require the representative of a government unit to select a newspaper in accordance with state law for publication of each required notice.

Section 2051.048(b) requires the city government officials to select a newspaper that is published in the city.

It may be argued, by not giving legal notice of the petition and Rollback Election, the people may have been impaired of their right to be duly notified under the Due Course of Law clause in the Texas Constitution.

Let's bring this back to elected representatives. At the city level,

the one elected executive official that has the duty to make sure the appointed officials follow Texas law is the Mayor.

The campaign for Texas House of Representatives includes three people connected with the City of Heath. They are Lorne Liechty, Justin Holland and Karen Jacobs.

Mr. Liechty has been serving as Mayor for the City of Heath, which unanimously voted to designate a newspaper, published in Dallas County, as its "newspaper of record," since the year 2008.

Mr. Holland also participated in the above annual designation process.

It's important to understand that the annual designation of newspaper of record by the city council is separate from the law that regulates the selection of newspaper for each required notice.

Texas Gov. Code 2051 Subchapter C regulates the selection of newspaper for publication of each required notice. In most cities, there is a specific city officer responsible for selecting a newspaper in accordance with state law, for publication of each required notice (See Texas Gov. Code Section 2051.049).

No doubt, Mayor Liechty would emphasize the importance of following Texas law. Yet we find, once again, a conflict between an apparent desire to follow Texas law, and a willingness to authorize city officers to violate Texas Gov. Code 2051.048(c).

Another important issue related to Mayor Liechty involves freedom of speech.

According to public documents filed in a federal civil case, Mayor Liechty admitted to directing Heath DPS Director Terry Garrett to remove Heath resident Joan Ream from the city chambers for reasons related to the exercise of speech.

All parties agreed that after Ms. Ream asked the council to raise a point of order, Mayor Liechty struck the gavel and glanced toward Garrett, who then walked toward Ms. Ream, and "escorted" her out of the chambers while touching her elbow.

In response to the Mayor's action, Ms. Ream filed a civil action against Liechty, Garrett and the city council (See Case 3:14-cv-04338B in U.S. District Court Northern District of Texas Dallas Division).

Ms. Ream's action against the city council was related to the fact that none of the council members took action to stop the DPS Director. Such action might have included a simple point of order.

Assuming for a moment that Liechty and Holland were in compliance with other Texas laws, do "We The People" want to hire people for such an important elected position, who have established a pattern of selective non-compliance, even to just one or two Texas laws?

If local elected officials find it easy to authorize the use of tax dollars for the purpose of paying for publication of required notices, in newspapers that cannot offer such services; and if the same elected officials find it easy to authorize the blocking of tax dollars for the publishing of required notices in a legally qualified newspaper of general circulation in the County, then it is reasonable to assume they will act the same way while serving in the Texas House of Representatives.

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Lady Jackets soccer defeat Tyler 1-0, fall to Sachse 2-1

Contributed by Ryan Robertson

The Lady Jackets soccer team traveled to Tyler, Friday Feb. 12, 2016, for a triple header with JV2, JV1 and Varsity taking on the Lady Raiders.

The Lady Jackets varsity came out on top by a score of 2-1 in an extremely hard fought game. They started with an early command when Sophomore Lauren Baker took a touch and ripped a shot past the Lady Raiders keeper from the top of the 18 yard box, to make it 1-0, with about 7 minutes into the game.

A few minutes later, Senior Emily Huckaba hit Baker with a pass who again blasted another shot past the keeper to make it 2-0 in the first half.

In the second half, Rockwall suffered two key injuries to both center midfielders Junior Katie Givens and Sophomore Macey Shipman.

From that point on, Rockwall seemed to be on the defensive side of the ball, but the back line of Sophomores Keely Hampton, Kayla Campbell, and Juniors Rylie Robertson and Katelynn Luera, with the help of Senior defender Sofia Sanchez, and goalkeeper Katrina Patterson, made key defensive plays to keep the Raiders off the board.

One highlight came when Patterson came off her line to meet an advancing Tyler Lee striker, who managed to hit a good shot past Patterson. The ball looked to be heading into the net with about 8 minutes left, when all of a sudden, Junior Fullback Rylie Robertson appeared in time to get her foot on the ball right as it got to the line.

The Lady Raiders finally got on the board to make the score 2-1, with about 2 minutes left in the game.

On Friday Feb. 5, the Lady Jackets lost to Sachse 2-1 at the RHS turf field in Rockwall.

During the first half, Baker was fouled in the box with about 15 minutes left. Katie Bivens placed a penalty shot in the net past the left side of the keeper, making the score 1-0.

Sachse tied the game 1-1 with 9 minutes in to the second half. With about 12 minutes in the game, Sachse's forward hit a 20 yard shot for the 2-1 lead and game ending score.

Hawks wrestlers qualify for state meet

Rockwall-Heath Hawks wrestling team returned with its second consecutive regional title, Feb. 12-13, 2016, during the Region 3 Wrestling Championships at Allen High School.

The team scored 103 points and qualified 9 wrestlers and 1 alternate for the state meet to be held Feb. 19-20 at the Cy-Fair ISD Berry Center.

According to Coach Shane Seleznoff, the Hawks completed a clean 2-year sweep of the District Dual Championship, District Tournament Championship, and Regional Tournament Championship. During the past two seasons, the Heath wrestlers went 12-0 in District Duals and won both the District and Regional Tournaments.

- Individual state qualifiers
- Karston Johnston (106)
 - Zarik Anderson (Jr) (120)
 - Lane Hunt (So) (132)
 - Nicholas Rose (Sr) (138)
 - Jordan Noble (Jr) (145)
 - Stephen Duncan (Sr) (152)
 - Zachary Dobbins (Sr) (195)
 - Zacc Marek (Sr) (220)
 - Desmon Williams (So) (285)
 - Dyrius Toliver (So) (113) Alternate

Yellowjackets wrestlers advance to UIL state meet

The Rockwall High School Yellowjackets wrestling team placed second, Feb. 12-13, 2016, during the Region 2 6-A Wrestling Championships, at Allen High School.

Teams placing in the top 10 were Allen (first place), Rockwall, Euleess Trinity, Lake Highlands, Flower Mound, Highland Park, Lewisville Hebron, Plano East, McKinney Boyd and Plano.

Nine wrestlers advanced to the UIL State Championships Meet, Feb. 19-20, 2016, at the Berry Center, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD.

- Rockwall individual state qualifiers
- Chase Howerton (So) (113)
 - Brandon Smith (Sr) (120)
 - Carson Lipsey (Fr) (126)
 - Michael Duvall (Jr) (138)
 - Jonathan Jonas (Sr) (145)
 - James Taylor (Sr) (152)
 - Jackson Gray (Sr) (170)
 - Kade McMahon (So) (160) Alternate
 - Everett Weddle (Sr) (132) Alternate
- Also competing were David Roland (182), Anfernee Orji (195) and Kevin Smith (285)

On Fri. Feb. 19, 7:15 p.m. the Lady Jackets are scheduled to travel to North Garland High School.

The Lady Jackets will compete against Lakeview Centennial on Tue. Feb. 23, at Rowlett Stadium.

During the game against Tyler, the JV1 ladies fell behind early, and bounced back with a shot from freshman Keri Braddock. The battle continued in the second half, when the Lady Raiders scored to take the lead.

Later, Rockwall Freshman Natalie Larriviere saw an opportunity, who shot into the top of the net for the tying goal.

Despite a slow start, falling behind 1-0, the JV1 ladies found inspiration at halftime when Coach Mertens made some changes in the game plan.

The ladies stepped back onto the field and dominated until the second half to win.

Freshman defender Shelby Solomon found a loose ball in the box to score the first goal and the Lady Jackets rolling. Additionally, Freshman Ana Gonzalez added a goal.

Alana Wickham took a pass from sophomore Britt Hunsucker to ice the victory.

Rockwall offers fitness/yoga programs

The City of Rockwall's Parks and Rec Department will offer indoor and outdoor fitness/yoga programs this spring and summer. Classes include Zumba, Hot Hula, RIPPED, and yoga, hiking yoga and parent/child yoga will be available. Visit playrockwall.com for more information on times, locations and fees.



Rockwall High School athletes signing to play university level sports, Wednesday Feb. 3, 2016, during the National Signing Day are (Back row left to right) Mason Best (Baseball, Hardin-Simmons University), Dani Greenlee (Soccer, Oklahoma State University), Eric Wimpee (Baseball, University of Texas at Tyler), (middle row) Kristina Patterson (Soccer, Oklahoma City University), Shelbi Court (Softball, Midwestern State University), Alyssa Henry (Softball, University of Texas at Tyler), Matt Baker (Baseball, Grayson University), Austin Sargent (Football, Northwestern State University), (bottom row) Tamba Juanah (Football, Southeastern Oklahoma State University), Luke Termin (Football, Northwestern State University), Caleb Broach (Football, Prairie View A&M University), Nick Colacecchi (Baseball, Howard College) and Kenneth Tobias (Southeastern Oklahoma State University). Not pictured are Adam Solis (Football, Southwestern Assemblies of God University), Chib Ihedawa (Football, Trinity Valley CC), Grant Freeman (Soccer, Spring Hill College), Adam House (Golf, University of Texas at San Antonio) and Rose Njoku (Track, Texas Tech University).

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