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The Reveille Sisters, pictured above, perform at the Rockwall Rest Haven Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony on Monday, May 30, 2016 in the Memorial Park. From the left are Kathy Lawson, Amy Morton and Anna Marie Warren, all from the Dallas area.

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Honoring 2016 Area Valedictorians and Salutatorians



Hannah Ceella
Valedictorian
Poetry Community
Christian School

Hannah Ceella is the 2016 Valedictorian at Poetry Community Christian School with a GPA of 4.3026. She has attended PCCS since kindergarten in 2005. She is the Secretary for the National Honor Society and played on the varsity softball team this year. Hannah is an active member of Lakepointe Church where she has worked in the café for 4 years and has attended multiple mission trips with the church and with PCCS. Hannah has been involved in 4-H for the past 9 years earning many leadership awards, and also being selected as an Equine Ambassador. She is currently co-president and a founding member of the American Dorper Youth Society. She will be traveling to Argentina and Uruguay this summer for an agriculture trip, representing the Ambassador and Advocacy program. Hannah will attend Texas A&M this fall, majoring in Agricultural Leadership, with minors in Ag Business and International Studies. Hannah has been awarded 10 agriculture related scholarships and she is excited to continue the family tradition of becoming a Texas Aggie.



Jared Stibbe
Salutatorian
Poetry Community
Christian School

Jared Stibbe is the 2016 Salutatorian at Poetry Community Christian School with a GPA of 4.2778. He has attended PCCS for six years. Jared's favorite classes are taught by some of his favorite teachers. They include Forensic Science, Physics, Functions-Stats-Trig, and every English class that Mr. Beaumont teaches. Scholastically, Jared received the 2015-2016 Distinguished Student Award in Mathematics and has been a member of the National Honor Society at PCCS since its first year. Additionally, Jared is an active member of the Student Council and is their treasurer. Although Jared's favorite sport is basketball, this spring baseball was added to the list. Jared also has a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. This fall, Jared will be attending Texas A & M University in College Station where he will major in Engineering. Although Jared will miss his many friends and teachers from PCCS, he looks forward to discovering what his future holds.

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

Rockwall County News Briefs

Vendors sought for June 4 Country Fair

The Rockwall Soroptimists are accepting applications for booth and food vendors for their third annual Country Fair on Saturday, June 4. The event, which will include live music, a kid zone, rides, vintage games, a car show and a live auction, will run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. Admission will be free. Tickets will be sold for vintage game play, rides and beverage purchases. Check out the Soroptimists' website, rockwallcountryfair.com, for further details. Proceeds will fund the Soroptimists' ongoing projects benefiting women and children, including the new Children's Advocacy Center of Rockwall at the Soroptimist House.

Democratic Men to meet June 4

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will conduct their next luncheon at noon on Saturday, June 4, at Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant, 819 E. I-30, Rockwall. The group meets for lunch on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the future of Rockwall County and Texas are welcome to attend.

RHS, RHHS graduation info shared

Rockwall High's graduation is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, and Rockwall-Heath High School's is set for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, at the Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd., Garland. For driving directions, visit curtisculwellcenter.com/visiting_the_center/directions.cfm. Parking options include pre-paid, \$9 and available at curtisculwellcenter.com; drive-up parking, \$10 (cash only); and VIP parking, \$25 and available only on the website. Guests should arrive early. Doors open at 6 p.m. Security will limit the size and type of bags allowed; check the website for details. Live streaming available at curtisculwellcenter.com/upcoming_events/graduations2016.cfm.

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Scivetti, DeMars named Merit Scholarship winners

Local students were named part of the group of about 7,500 school seniors who will receive National Merit Scholarships to pursue undergraduate study, according to a news release issued Tuesday.

Honorees included Wesley S. Scivetti of Fate, a Rockwall High School student whose probable career field is listed as mathematics, according to the news release, and Jennifer Ashley DeMars of Rockwall, who is also a RHS student. Her probable career field is listed as chemistry.

Scivetti and DeMars each received a National Merit Baylor University Scholarship.

More than 1.5 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2016 National Merit Scholarship competition when they took the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Last fall, approximately 16,000 semifinalists were named on a state-representational basis in numbers proportional to each state's percentage of the national total of graduating high school seniors. Semifinalists were the highest-scoring program entrants in each state and represented less than one percent of the nation's seniors.

To compete for Merit Scholarship awards, semifinalists had to

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University scholastic honors

Four locals earn Midwestern honors

Local residents were among the 1,046 students recognized at Eastern State University following the spring semester, according to a news release from the Wichita Falls university.

Wesley S. Scivetti of Rockwall was named to the President's Honor Roll. A student who completes a semester schedule of at least 12 in one semester with no grade lower than 4.0 is included on the President's Honor Roll.

Wesley H. Rice of Heath was selected to the Provost's Honor Roll. A student who completes a semester schedule of at least 12 in one semester with a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.99 and a grade lower than C is included on the Provost's Honor Roll.

Named to the Dean's List were Kara D. Tilton of Rockwall and Gabrielle A. Browning of Roysse City. A student who completes a semester schedule of at least 12 in one semester with a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.74 and a grade lower than C is included on the Dean's Honor Roll.

Local residents named to UNT honors lists

Members of local residents were among those recognized on the University of North Texas' President's and Dean's Lists for the spring semester, according to Denton university news releases.

Named to the President's List, undergraduate students must complete at least 12 academic hours with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

Honorees include, from Rockwall, Dylan Asher, Peyton M Aston, Marisa Avila, Payton Wade Barker, Gabriella R. Boyd, Theresa Masias, Janna Lee Griffin, Abbey R. Groom, Lauren Diane Ham, Marie Jagielo, Hannah Milica Jelic, Marlena Kay Jordan, Jade Victoria E. Lynskey, Samuel Abram Miramontes, Christopher S. Morel, Truc H Pham, Reagan Elizabeth Reeves, Caroline P. Alyssa A. Stephens, Kaitlyn E. Stoddart, Dillon Taylor Stokes, Sydney Lanae Thornton and Patrick Mark Worbs. Roysse City honorees included Megan L. Burton, Ainsley Danielle Loza and Erika Alaina Mendoza.

Named to the Dean's List were, from Fate, Krystal Alexandra Cruz, Michelle Gomez, Eric Tyler Tamez, Paxton Nicole Venable, Laura Nicole Yopez and, from Heath, Jeremy S. Sanders and Don B. Williams.

Rockwall honorees were Maeson Lynn Ballou, Tyler Jesse Gatto, Leah Alisse Dunn, Selena Yesenia Garcia, Randi Gayle Jones, Curran Jordan Huber, Hollie Marie Kissane, Brittnee Renea Mond, Erik Samuel Ljungholm, Thomas Austin Nelson, Grace E. Patton, Savannah Patton, Shelby Lauren Plato, Anthony Michael Ray, Fernando Resendiz, Allison Paige Rochier, Holly Anne Schroder, Samantha Kate Ruff, Candace L. Schmucker, Christian M. Rhoads, Brandt R Smith, Michal E. Smith, Marshall Egan Tollison, Tran and Brett Wavrusa.

Dean's List honorees from Roysse City included Zaira Estefany, Josh T. Kinnear, Sabrina J.D. Reetz, Alec Allen Roberson and Paulette Watson.

Named to the Dean's List, students must complete at least 12 academic hours with a GPA of 3.5 to 3.9.

Cecil named to President's List

Allie Cecil of Rockwall earned a spot on the spring President's List at Southern Arkansas University, according to a news release from the Magnolia, Arkansas, university.

Cecil, a senior physical education, wellness and leisure major, was one of 225 students named to the President's List.

To be named to the President's List, a student must earn a 4.0 grade-point average for the semester.

Burke tapped for Dean's List

Brian David Burke of Rockwall was named to the Dean's List at Kutztown University for the spring semester, according to a news release from the Kutztown, Pennsylvania, university.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, an undergraduate student must be registered for at least 12 semester hours and have a minimum grade-point average of 3.60.

More than 1,650 students were named to the list.

Smith named to OWU Dean's List

Houston Smith of Rockwall was named to the spring semester Dean's List at Ohio Wesleyan University, according to a news release from the Delaware, Ohio, university.

To be tapped for Dean's List recognition, OWU students must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale in all applicable classes.



A retirement reception for Jo Nell Melody took place Wednesday afternoon, May 25, at the Roysse City Independent School District's Ernest Epps Education Service Center. Melody, who has been in education for 32 years, is retiring after two years in the Rockwall ISD and 30 years in the Roysse City ISD. She served as administrative assistant for Superintendent Bill Fort beginning in 1986. In 2000, she was promoted to community relations director. Since 2009, Melody has been executive director for the Roysse City ISD Education Foundation. She is a graduate of Roysse City High School.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Betty Jordan Moore

Memorial services for Betty Jordan Moore, 84, of Rockwall will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, 2016, in the First Presbyterian Church in Rockwall with the Rev. Cheryl Taylor officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

She died May 12. Born April 9, 1932, in Dunwoody, Georgia, to Elon Mosely Jordan and Elizabeth (Spruill) Jordan, she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Rockwall and a retired teacher. She held a degree in geography from California State University in Long Beach, California.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas H. Moore; her children, John Edward Moore, and his wife, Judith, and Erin Elaine Adams and her husband, Mitchell; and her grandchildren, Lauren Hardage and her husband, Zak, Mollie Gerlt and her husband, Steve, and Vincent Adams and Mandy Adams.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Mary Margaret Moore.

As an alternative to flowers, the family has suggested memorials in her name may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Bell Choir and Music Program, 602 White Hills Dr., Rockwall, TX 75087.



More than 100 law enforcement officers from surrounding Rockwall agencies and members of the public joined the Heath Department of Public Safety in honoring and remembering officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The ceremony was hosted last week at the Heath City Hall in recognition of National Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week. Above, Heath DPS officers are shown reading the names of fallen officers. Guest speakers included retired chief of operations at the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency James L. Capra, Heath Mayor Brian Berry and Jason Ross of U.S. Congressman John Ratcliff's staff. A video of the service is available for viewing at heathtx.com. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

University Scholastics Degrees

Locals earn degrees from Baylor University

More than a dozen local residents were among the 2,500 graduates receiving degrees during spring commencement exercises conducted in the Ferrell Center May 13-14 on the Baylor University campus, according to a news release from the Waco university.

Graduates included Joshua R. Arnold of Heath, master's degree in business administration; Caitlyn Beth Holstead of Heath, bachelor's degree in business for secondary education; and Tyler Forbes Kirwin of Heath, bachelor's degree in biology and Russian; and Brandy Inette Parks of Roysie City, bachelor's degree in nursing.

Rockwall degree recipients included Ann Elizabeth Boswell, bachelor's degree in nursing; Rachel Michelle Casebolt, bachelor's degree in nursing; Rachel Nicole Chaney, bachelor's degree in professional writing; Cassie Charmae Conrad, bachelor's degree in health science studies; Clara Loryn Cooke, bachelor's degree in journalism; Kathleen Grace Jones, bachelor's degree in nursing; Deandra Maxwell, bachelor's degree in social work; Kelsie Nicole Murphy, bachelor's degree in communication studies and disorders; Taylor Ashlyn Neely, bachelor's degree in history (cum laude); and Andrea Cecilia Pujol, bachelor's degree in mathematics and economics (cum laude).

Also, Cassandra Alexandra Rendon, bachelor's degree in nursing; Brianna Richardson, bachelor's degree in health/kinesiology/leisure studies; Lori Christina Scott, bachelor's degree in physics; Shelby Lee Striegel, bachelor's degree in secondary mathematics; and April Walden, bachelor's degree in nursing.

Mier receives finance degree

Alberto I. Mier of Rockwall was among the 115 students earning degrees from Bethany College on Sunday, May 15, according to a news release from the Lindsborg, Kansas, college.

Mier received a business administration degree in finance, according to the release. He also was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester, according to a second Bethany College news release.

Muniz, Brown earn TAMU-CC degrees

Two local residents were among students receiving degrees from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi during the campus' spring commencement exercises on Saturday, May 14, according to a university news release.

Receiving degrees were Danielle Alexis Muniz of Rockwall, who earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, and Dustin T. Brown of Rockwall, who received a Bachelor of Science degree.

Barsoum lauded for excellence in biology

University of Dallas senior Christina Barsoum of Roysie City was recognized for Comprehensive Exam with Distinction at the convocation ceremony in the Church of the Incarnation on the university campus.

The university's seniors were recognized by their professors and peers during the May ceremony, according to a UD news release.

Police: Mattress on roadway caused fatal accident on I-30

Pickup driver sought in ongoing investigation

A Heath resident riding a motorcycle in the 800 block of west I-30 died Thursday afternoon, May 26, following an accident. Rockwall Police believe was caused by a mattress in the roadway. At about 2:03 p.m., the police department received a call about an accident involving a motorcycle. Upon arrival at the scene, officers found a male motorcyclist, 73-year-old Douglas Lewis, in poor condition, according to a police department news release. The victim was transported to Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall where he died, according to a Saturday, May 29, news release from the department.

The motorcycle apparently struck a mattress that had fallen onto the roadway, causing the vehicle to veer off the roadway and strike a light pole, according to the news release.

Witnesses said the mattress fell from the bed of a dark-colored Ford F-150 traveling the same direction in the center lane, according to the release. Other witnesses observed two women adjust the remainder of the pickup's load on the roadway's right shoulder near the Horizon Road overpass.

The police department's Traffic Unit is investigating the accident according to the news release. Police are seeking the assistance in determining the identity of the pickup's driver. Anyone with information should contact the Rockwall Police Department Traffic Unit at 972-772-6703. To remain anonymous, Rockwall County Crime Stoppers' Tip Hotline at 972-771-7100, submit a tip via text message by entering keyword Rockwall and sending it to 274637.

Free trees available for transplant June 4

Free trees will be made available at a Rockwall development on Saturday, June 4, according to a City of Rockwall news release. Representatives from SKY Interests will be at the development at 2200 Ridge Rd., Rockwall, to allow residents to transplant trees otherwise would be lost when development occurs. The development site is located on the west side of the intersection of Ridge I-30 and Yellow Jacket Lane and is best accessed from the intersection. Trees will be available at no cost for residents to transplant at their own expense between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Interested residents should come prepared with tools and equipment needed to dig and transplant them. Residents also may choose to hire a professional to transplant the trees. Any costs associated with transplanting trees will be the responsibility of the resident. The developer/owner will not be held accountable for any damage or injury that removal of trees may cause, according to the release.

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Hope Mobile animal spay/neuter available

The Spay/Neuter Network's 45-foot hospital bus will be in Rockwall on the second Friday of every month in the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot. Upcoming dates include June 10. Surgeries are performed on-site; low-cost packages are available. Walk-up vaccination is available at reduced prices from 10 a.m. to noon; check for schedule at spayneuternet.org. Services available throughout the Metroplex. The Hope Mobile or via transport, depending on location. For an appointment or information call 972-477-8177 or 817-423-5500. Spaces fill quickly. Be sure dogs' collars are clipped and cats are in secure carriers. Promoted by Rockwall Animal Welfare Society (PAWS).

'American Revival NOW' meeting set

The 'American Revival NOW' monthly meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. Sun. June 12, 2016, at Heritage Christian Academy 1408 S. Street, Rockwall. Based on the theme, "Restoring America Through Prayer," the free meeting will include music provided by the Family, discussion, and prayer time. Donations will be accepted to cover expenses. For more information call 972-998-2688 or visit the organization's mailing address is P.O. Box 22, Fate, Texas 75127.

Rockwall Reads slated for summer

The librarians of the Rockwall Independent School District will initiate the Rockwall Reads program, a community outreach program designed to encourage a lifelong love of reading, this summer. According to information posted on the school district website, librarians are partnering with the Rockwall ISD Nutrition Department and Rockwall County librarians to make books accessible to children who may not have books in their homes or access to a library during the summer months. Librarians will be in the community at Dobb Elementary and Rochell Elementary with a cart of books and an activity from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday, June 15 through July 27.

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Ask Dr. Danette

by Danette McNew, D.D.S.



ESOPHAGEAL CANCER LINKED TO GUM DISEASE

Cancer is not one disease. It is, instead, a group of diseases with a variety of different causes and treatments. As researchers delve into the many possible causative factors, they uncover information that may seem unlikely and surprising. One such discovery recently came to light when researchers found that a bacterium (*Porphyromonas gingivalis*) that contributes to gum disease was present in nearly two-thirds (61 percent) of the cancerous tissue samples taken from patients with esophageal cancer. This type of cancer begins in the tube that moves food from the throat into the stomach. It is difficult to diagnose in its early stages, and usually progresses rapidly. The hope is that treating gum disease may help prevent its occurrence.

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P.S. If it is proven that *P. gingivalis* actually causes esophageal cancer, a dental exam may become a screening tool for the disease.

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At the Rockwall Friends of the Library luncheon meeting conducted on Tuesday, May 10, the 2016-2017 officers were sworn in by County Judge David Sweet: Karen Parks, president; past president, Gloria Bishop; first vice presidents-programs: Evelyn Harrill, Pat Booth; second VPs-fundraising: Darlene Bealmear, Edie Zehr; third VPs-Membership: Jane Buie, Cathy Bowie; secretaries: Marcia Gilbert, Sheila Clark; treasurer: Nancy Barnett; and parliamentarian, Kathleen Croze. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Merit scholarship finalists ...

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advance to the finalist level of the competition by fulfilling additional requirements, according to the news release. Each semifinalist was asked to submit a detailed scholarship application, which included writing an essay and providing information about extracurricular activities, awards, and leadership positions. Semifinalists also had to have an outstanding academic record, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, and earn SAT® scores that confirmed the qualifying test performance. From the semifinalist group, some 15,000 met requirements for finalist standing, and about half of the finalists will be Merit Scholarship winners in 2016.

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<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 TXNs call it a marsh</p> <p>5 "Big Dipper" is part of _____ Major</p> <p>6 TXism: "blind as _____"</p> <p>7 TX Audie film: "No _____ on the Bullet"</p> <p>8 "Santa _____ National Wildlife Refuge"</p> <p>9 TX JoBeth film: "_____ Song Continues" (1986)</p> <p>16 this Kelleher was co-founder of TX Southwest Airlines</p> <p>18 short-lived CBS medical drama: "Cutter _____"</p> <p>21 _____ Campo, TX</p> <p>22 "_____ one's keep"</p> <p>23 Romo or Dirk, e.g. components of a party's platform</p> <p>30 TXism: "_____ a fare-thee-well"</p> <p>34 Dirk's sport (abbr.)</p> <p>35 glance at again</p> <p>36 in Hidalgo Co.</p> <p>37 country music singer, Arnold</p> <p>39 "Eyes of Texas" ending: "til _____ his horn"</p> <p>43 poker bet increase</p> <p>44 7-eleven's slushy carbonated drink</p> <p>45 Rangers radio announcer, Eric (init.)</p> <p>46 actor Haing S. _____ in 1990 film "Vietnam, Texas"</p>	<p>47 involves or requires</p> <p>49 cost of college</p> <p>52 TXism: "useless _____ perfume on a pig"</p> <p>53 TX-born Stone of the "Family Stone"</p> <p>54 TCU's Davey O' _____</p> <p>55 won the 1938 Heisman</p> <p>55 it's kinda like basketball in Commonwealth nations</p> <p>58 Oak Ridge Boys hit: "_____ Again" (1978)</p> <p>13 this Holly was in "The Firm" with TX Jerry Hardin</p> <p>14 TX Kristofferson film: "A Star _____ Born"</p> <p>15 oil additive</p> <p>17 TX-based ice cream (2 wds.)</p> <p>19 TX singer Roy</p> <p>20 TXism: "he's all foam and _____"</p> <p>24 TX-born actress Phylicia of "The Cosby Show" (init.)</p> <p>25 golf course dog _____ (yes)</p> <p>26 expression of grief this Rayner was</p> <p>27 UH Cougars baseball coach</p> <p>28 Czech currency</p> <p>29 Kilgore College Rangerettes wear short ones</p> <p>31 TXism: "green around the gills"</p> <p>32 Texas eye care bizness</p> <p>33 this "Pappy" was 34th gov. of TX</p> <p>38 keep shoveling? (2 wds.)</p> <p>40 environment agcy.</p> <p>41 "howdy" necklaces</p> <p>42 showing the greatest disdain</p> <p>48 "in _____" (working well together)</p> <p>50 Persia</p> <p>51 TX Kenny sang "_____ I Can Make It on My Own"</p> <p>56 TXism: "wipe the slate clean"</p> <p>57 typographical errors</p>
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Right to liberty ... Part 3

This is part of a comparative study on liberty.

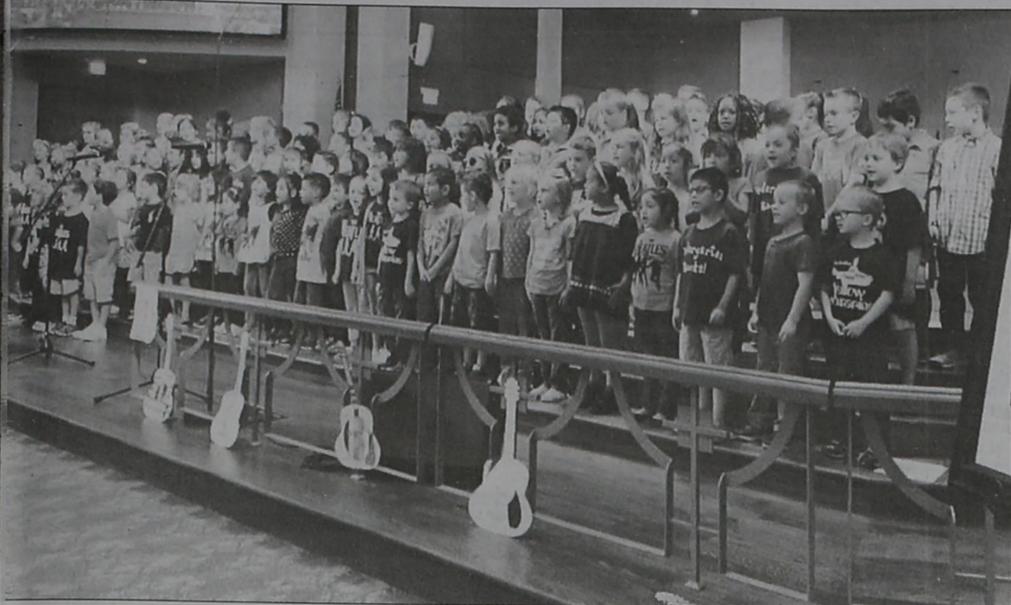
The Bible reveals that throughout history people have fallen under the bondage of other people, and some have been liberated from bondage. In essence, bondage means to be held under the control of other people, and liberty means to be free from their control.

According to God's word, all of mankind has been under the bondage of death and the fear of death (see Hebrews 2:14). This sinature condition has been passed down through the generations since the first man, after his original sin against the Creator.

During this time, countries are being conquered by powerful people who worship the god of this world, the Devil; who have control of most media outlets, economies, and militaries. They have written international codes that are passed and enforced by controllers at the local levels. Yet, they are nothing compared to our Lord Jesus!

After God raised Jesus from the dead, and sat him at His right hand of all authority, the conditions changed.

Now, people can believe with the heart unto being filled with holy spirit, and spiritually declare with the mouth the Lord Jesus unto being liberated (See also Romans 10:9-10, Acts 2:4, 1Cor. 15:51-54, 1Thess. 4:13-18, 5:9). Lets not forget liberty in the Lord Jesus carries a far greater weight of glory than the fight for natural liberty.



Springer Elementary students representing all grade levels, under the direction of the school's music teacher, Susan Ulter, performed at the First United Methodist Church Rockwall on Thursday, May 19. Theme for the program "An Evening with the Beatles." The school's youngest students performed "Yellow Submarine," while other grades performed "Twist and Shout," "Hello Goodbye," "We Can Work It Out," "Help" and "Hey, Jude." All students came together to perform "Can't Buy Me Love" and "Hard Day's Night."

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Country Fair slated June 4

Rockwall Country Fair is set for 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, on the grounds of the Rockwall County Courthouse on Yellow Lane.

Admission will be free and the live music from blues to country will be continuous, starting with Angie Landers, the first Rockwall Old-fashioned carnival games sponsored by local nonprofits. The kid zone rides include the petting zoo, train, mechanical bull, and much more also are scheduled.

Children can purchase a \$10 all-day kid zone pass and adults can purchase adult beverages, eat their favorite fair food, shop the many booths or visit the judged car show.

Car, Truck and Bike Show registration starts at 1:30 p.m. and will be judged by the "Misfit Garage" television celebrities between 2 and 7 p.m. The live auction will begin at 6 p.m.

Proceeds will support the ongoing projects of the Rockwall Community Center, who help women and children, including through the advocacy Center at the Soroptimist House.

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Psalm 150:6

"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

"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;"
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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct two public meetings to discuss the proposed improvements to SH 205 from US 80 to SH 78 in Kaufman, Rockwall, and Collin Counties and receive public comment. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, July 7, 2016, at Herman E. Utley Middle School, 1201 T L Townsend Dr., Rockwall, Texas 75087. The second meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at Terrell High School, 701 Town North Drive Terrell, Texas 75160. Representatives from TxDOT and project consultants will be available to answer questions about the proposed project. The meetings will be held in an open house format from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The proposed project would widen SH 205 from US 80 in Kaufman County to SH 78 in Collin County, a distance of approximately 24 miles. The proposed improvements include widening the existing two-lane roadway to a four-lane roadway with accommodations being made for up to six-lanes in the future unless required sooner. Additional right-of-way (ROW) is anticipated to be required along SH 205.

Maps depicting the proposed project's location and preliminary geometric design will be available for viewing at the public meetings. This information will also be on file and available for public inspection at the TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150; TxDOT Rockwall/Kaufman County Area Office, 2750 S. Washington, Kaufman, Texas 75142; TxDOT Collin County Area Office, 2205 South SH 5, McKinney, Texas 75069; City of Terrell City Hall, 201 East Nash Street, Terrell, Texas 75160; City of McLendon-Chisholm, 1371 West FM 550, McLendon-Chisholm, Texas 75032; City of Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas 75087; City of Lavon City Hall, 120 School Road, Lavon, Texas 75166. This information will also be available online at www.keeptmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the public meetings. Written comments from the public regarding this project are requested and will be accepted for a period of 10 calendar days following the public meetings. Written comments may be submitted either in person at the Public Meeting or by mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Attention Ms. Nancy Peron, P.E., 4777 E. U.S. Highway 80 Mesquite, TX 75150-6643. Written comments must be postmarked on or before Friday, July 22, 2016 to be included in the Public Meeting Summary.

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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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RCP plans kids' summer workshop

Camp RCP, a summer workshop open to children in grades 1-6, will be offered at the Rockwall Community Playhouse July 5-8 and 11-15. The two-week event, which will run from 9 a.m. to noon, will focus on theater basics and conclude with a free performance for family and friends at 5 p.m. on July 15. Stacey Kluttz will serve as instructor. Auditions/registration will begin at 9 a.m. on July 5. Tuition cost \$150. For more information, visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org and click on Youth Programs.

Lecture to focus on Flight of our Fathers

The Sept. 9 installation of 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 topic will be the history of the No. 1 British flight training school in Terrell. Commander Joe M. Hood, USN (Ret.), will share the story of how the largest facility of its kind was used to train more than 2,000 British and American pilots between 1941 and 1945.

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Country Fair set June 4 at courthouse

The grounds of the Rockwall County Courthouse, at the corner of I-30 and T.L. Townsend Drive, will be the site of the third annual Rockwall Soroptimist Country Fair on June 4 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Car, Truck and Bike Show will be judged by "Misfit Garage" TV celebrities. A variety of music, from country to blues, will be live all day. There will be old-fashioned carnival games and kid zone rides. Food will include everything from turkey legs to corn dogs, German tacos to kettle corn, fresh-squeezed lemonade to snow cones and cotton candy and ice-cold beer and wine. Proceeds will support the ongoing projects of the Rockwall Soroptimist. Visit rockwallcountryfair.com for details.

RSM to stage 'Carousel,' 'Mary Poppins'

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Saturday, 21 May: Suspicious person, 1700 block Woodlawn Avenue; 911 hang up, Area of Pecan Street and Redwood Street; Suspicious vehicle, 100 block E. I-30 SSR; Medical assistance, 300 block N. Houston Street; Accident, Hwy 66 and Elm Street; Welfare concern, 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 100 block W. I-30 SSR; City ordinance violation, Area of N. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Burglary of a motor vehicle, 800 block E. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 500 block E. Main Street; Theft, 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Medical assistance, 1700 block Sam's Circle; Noise disturbance, Area of Lakes Drive; Disturbance, 500 block S. Houston Street; Suspicious vehicle, I-30 NSR near the 75-mile marker; Welfare concern, 300 block Hidden Court; Disturbance, 1600 block Anthem Drive; Disturbance, 500 block Cherrywood Terrace; Accident, Area of Hwy 66 and Rustic Meadows; Driving while intoxicated arrest, I-30 eastbound near the 74-mile marker; Possession of marijuana arrest, Area of Hwy 66 and Baldwin Street

Sunday, 22 May: Consumption of alcohol by a minors arrests, Area of Brazos Court; Noise disturbance, 1600 block Kelly Lane; Alarm, 800 block E. Old Greenville Road; Assault, 500 block New Street; Disturbance, 1400 block Hunters Glen; Reckless driver, I-30 westbound near the 82-mile marker; Dallas/Irving Police Departments warrants arrests, Area of I-30 NSR near FM 35; Purchasing alcohol for minors arrest, Area of Brazos Court

Monday, 23 May: Public intoxication arrest, 100 block E. I-30 SSR; Accident, I-30 eastbound near the 77-mile marker; Medical assistance, 200 block May Street; Welfare concern, 400 block I-30 NSR; Medical assistance, 300 block N. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Accident, Area of Pearl Street and Elm Street; Public intoxication arrest, 100 block E. Main Street; Public intoxication arrest, I-30 westbound near the 82-mile marker; Possession of marijuana arrest, 100 block E. I-30 SSR; Public intoxication arrest, 100 block E. Main Street

Tuesday, 24 May: Welfare concern, 1200 block Tyler Court; Medical assistance, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Public intoxication arrest, 600 block Tripp Trail; Suspicious vehicle, 1400 block Hunters Glen; Reckless driver, Area of Hidden Creek Drive; Royse City Police Department warrant arrest, 700 block Cooper Lane; Theft, 400 block W. I-30 NSR

Wednesday, 25 May: Medical assistance, 300 block N. Houston Street; Accident, I-30 westbound near exit 77B; Disturbance, 2600 block Marsha Lane; Accident, Area of FM 35 and FM 2453; Alarm, 100 block E. I-30 SSR; Alarm, 600 block Tripp Trail; Welfare concern, 1600 block Sam's Circle

Thursday, 26 May: Alarm, 1300 block Evergreen Street; Suspicious person, 300 block Cookston Lane; Disturbance, 1200 block Hawthorne Court; Suspicious person, 300 block Autumn Trail; Driving while license invalid arrest, Area of Erby Campbell Boulevard and I-30 NSR; Rockwall County Sheriff's Office/Royse City Police Department warrants arrest, Area of I-30 SSR and FM 548

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Opinions

Government interventionism created Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump

by Richard M. Ebeling

Free Market Foundation (fff.org)

The Meaning and Working of a Real Free Market

Of a real or truly free market, "exploitation" or "injustices" are revealed by the nature of competitive capitalism. Members of society are recognized as possessing and protected in their individual rights of liberty and honestly acquired property. Human relationships are based on peaceful agreement and voluntary consent.

In a free market economy, people are mutually interdependent in production and exchange based on participation in a system of voluntary labor. Each individual is at liberty to pursue his life in his own way, guided by his own beliefs, desires and values. But to acquire the financial means and material resources to further and fulfill his life as he wishes, he must apply himself, in his own self-interest, in his role as a specialized producer, to using his talents and abilities to satisfy his fellow societal neighbors' (which today increasingly encompasses the world's) particular consumer demands. He must earn the income or profits that enable him to have the means for satisfying his own ends as a consumer of the goods and services by others to him.

On the supply-side of the market, entrepreneurs and other private business owners must compete for the services of those who may assist them in producing the products from which they hope to realize profits offered to the buying public. In this competitive process, the market tends to see, therefore, that each receives the judged value of their contribution to the processes of production (in the case of workers, the value of their "marginal product" in the lingo of the economist).

On the demand-side of the market, entrepreneurs and other private business owners must compete for the business of the consuming public whose purchases of their respective goods and services determine whether they earn net profits over their costs or suffer losses that threaten the sustainability of their private enterprises in the marketplace. In this competitive drive for consumer business, the market creates and fosters the incentives to constantly improve the qualities of existing and new products and to devise ways to offer more attractive prices.

Of course, in a world of constant and never-ending change, discovery and innovation, supplies and demands are never in perfect balance, and profit opportunities constantly reemerge and loss situations always must be avoided. The free market is in continuous movement and change. But, nonetheless, the incentives and interactions among participants in the marketplace are always tending and pulling the market toward such a conceivable coordination and "equilibrium" of competitive economic order.

Government Intervention the Cause of Injustice, Corruption and Abuse

Once the free market, competitive process is interfered with by government forms and layers of government regulation, restriction, and favoritism the economic system not only no longer has

the full capacity to effectively and successfully adapt to the changing circumstances of everyday life, but the outcomes experienced in the marketplace are now, increasingly, politically manipulated results.

A private enterprise's market share and profit margin may be due to the entrepreneur's greater success in making that better mousetrap offered at a more attractive price. But there is a growing frequency that the profits made and the market share captured is partly and in some cases maybe almost entirely due to the favors and privileges that special interest groups have received through the types and patterns of government intervention that benefit the recipients at the expense of the consumers who have less choice and pay higher prices and potential rival producers who are locked out of markets or find it more costly and difficult to compete against the fortunate private enterprises closest to the political powers-that-be.

The market economy appears to many as a rigged game that some are able to benefit from at the expense of the rest of society. But rather than conclude that the heart of the problem is the growing and ever-more intrusive spider's web of government-bestowed regulations, restrictions, favors and privileges that prevent or twist the more reasonable and just outcomes of a freer market, too many people's short-sightedness and the ideological interpretations offered by intellectuals and policy advocates on "the left" proclaim that it is the greed of the profit motive, or the selfishness of the enterpriser, or the inherent perversities within a market economy that inescapably results in "social injustice," "exploitation," and inequity in the society as a whole.

Economic Intervention Breeds Democratic Corruption and Abuse

In the mad rush for economic favors and privileges from those in political power, the democratic process necessarily becomes corrupted. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the friends and defenders of human liberty called for representative government as a desirable replacement for the prevailing political system of absolute monarchy. Political rulers should be restrained from committing abuses against their subjects long experienced in human history.

Representative government was meant to offer a political mechanism under which and through which those in government would be answerable to the citizenry over whom they ruled in the enforced of the laws of the land. Constitutional government was also meant to limit the powers of any government by specifying its limited powers and responsibilities to secure the individual rights of the citizens from abuse and overreach by both the government and other citizens who might try to use government to their own gain at the expense of the rest of society.

But once governments came to be seen not merely as the protector of each individual's rights, but the political avenue by which favors and privileges might be obtained through campaign contributions and election day votes for those running for government office who promise such special benefits in exchange for helping them achieve political office, it was, also, inevitable that democratic politics would

become a corrupted and vulgar and unprincipled competition for power and position to tax, redistribute and regulate the market and other social settings of human association to successfully impose a regime of political plunder and paternalism.

Thus, the modern plunder land of the contemporary democratic process is viewed by a growing number of people in society as the domain of the "establishment," the "elite," the "insiders" who know how to manipulate and massage the system for themselves and their "friends," all of whom who come to dominate and control the political regime that was meant to secure people from abuse and exploitation.

The Coming of the "Outsider" and "Strong Man"

It is not surprising, therefore, to see a new turn toward the "strong man" and the political "outsider" who will overcome the abuses and misuses of the corrupted democratic process with "radical" change and interventionist protections for those who have been the seeming losers in the prevailing political game in the United States and throughout the European Union.

The outsiders and strong men do not suggest or offer the end to privileges, favors, redistributions and safety nets. No, instead, they promise to redirect the power of government – if only "the people" give them more concentrated and less restricted political authority – to set things right for the victims of unjust "capitalism" and corrupted democratic politics through redirected uses of the interventionist-welfare state.

On the political left, the appeal and support for Bernie Sanders reflects this sentiment. Hillary Clinton epitomizes the Democratic Party "inside" player and manipulator. Her personal corruption and her chameleon-like changes in policy positions are precisely what the Party's "establishment" wants and likes in her. She can be all things to all Democratic Party-related interest groups, so to gain their support and votes to maintain and regain the party's power in Washington, D.C.

The Sander's supporters angered by the corruption of "the system," and uninformed and deluded about what their candidate's call for "democratic socialism" really means other than the false promises of "free" everything, they want the "outsider" who offers the dream of transformative change that will give them a costless land of milk and honey.

On the conservative side, the Republican Party has frustrated and alienated segments of their supporters. Election-after-election, the appeal was made to give them the political position and power to rein in "big government" through lowered taxes, reduced regulation and a smaller welfare state. But whether in the majority or minority position in the Congress and whether or not they held the White House, the Republican Party establishment, their "insiders," have wanted to misuse and abuse the political process for their power lust and plundering, just like the Democrats, only to serve different coalitions of special interest groups to stay in office at the expense of taxpayers, consumers, and potential market competitors.

As a consequence, a sufficiently large enough plurality of Republican primary voters could successfully demonstrate their frustration and anger by supporting a self-proclaimed "outsider," Donald Trump, not beholden to interest groups, who refuses to play the mainstream rhetorical games on the campaign trail, and who promises to "make the deals" on his own, with or without the Republican establishment, to set the American ship of state back on the course to "greatness."

At the same time, Trump has promised to fulfill the mixed bag of inconsistent and contradictory policies that many Republicans have run on for years. He will get America out of the Middle East, but he will crush the Islamic State. He will get government spending and debt under control, but Social Security and Medicare will be basically untouched. He will make America respected and loved around the world again, but he will threaten a trade war with China, a new conflict with Iran over nuclear weapons, and antagonize Mexico and other parts of Latin America by building a "beautiful" and big wall along the southern border. He will get American free enterprise growing again, but he will punish American firms that try to move abroad and ones that have already shifted some of their production facilities to other countries. He says that American intelligence agencies has gone too far in intruding into people's privacy, but he wants companies like Apple to give up their security secrets so the U.S. government can more easily spy into our private lives.

In Europe, these trends have been showing themselves in France, Germany, Hungary, Poland, and a number of other countries in which nationalist, anti-immigration, anti-capitalist parties and movements have been gaining support in public opinion polls or winning larger electoral shares in the political process. Leaders in these political parties and movements want more centralized government, less freedom of the press, more controls over the market, and less opportunity for dissent or opposition to authoritarian power in their hands.

Wanted: Free Markets, Not More Interventionism

What they all are calling for are more powerful interventionist-welfare states to "correct" the disappointments with the prevailing and corrupt interventionist-welfare states, but which are labeled "capitalism" and "democracy" to justify more power in the hands of those wanting control of their governments.

Lost in all this is any reasonable understanding among most of the electorate that the only way out, in the long run, from the disappointments and frustrations with the current political system to realize that it has nothing to do with a real free market, capitalist economy, or a properly constitutionally limited representative government that has as its purpose the securing and protection of each individual's rights, and not their violation and abuse.

Personal freedom and economic liberty, therefore, continue to be the victims in a political contest between competing collectivism and statism that battle over who shall control the reins of governmental power and for what special interest purposes its use of regulatory and redistributive coercive authority shall be applied.

TWC malenforcement of Unemployment Compensation Act

The below information is offered for all people, and/or companies created under the laws of the 52 states, who are targets of the Texas Workforce Commission related to an alleged "State" Unemployment

Texas Constitution Article 1 Section 16

no bill of attainder, ex post facto law, retroactive law, or any law impairing the obligation of contracts, shall be made.

The practice of forcing businesses and people to purchase an Unemployment Compensation Insurance plan constitutes "impairing obligation of contracts."

The practice of enforcing a non-existent Texas Unemployment "Tax" constitutes administrative making of law. The Texas Comptrollers office verified there is no Texas Unemployment Tax.

Federal Unemployment Tax Act

The TWC's enforcement scope is narrowly limited to underlying scope of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act. The scope of the federal tax is limited to entities that are required by District of Columbia Law, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Law, Virgin Islands Law, to make payment into an unemployment fund. Said entities may include Federal Instrumentalities, joint stock companies or joint stock associations, created under the laws of the above stated political bodies, that are engaged in statutory "employment" activity on the soil of Texas.

The Tx. Labor Code Section 201.101 (federal conformity clause) & 26 U.S.C. 3306 (c), (g), and (j)(1)-(3). The narrow scope of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act may be found by applying the definitions of the terms "State" and "United States" found in subsection (j), to the respective definitions in (c) "employment" and (g) "contributions."

All people are encouraged to contact their Texas Senator and:

Demand a full and exhaustive Legislative investigation and Attorney General Assessment of the Texas Workforce Commission to determine whether the agency has repeatedly engaged in illegal malenforcement practices against people and companies that do not fall within the narrow scope of the federal act, in direct violation of Texas Constitution Article 1 Section 16; and

Demand the Texas Governor to appoint a special Texas Rangers Task Force to launch a criminal investigation of each Commissioner, Lary Temple (Director), Lasha Lenzy (Director Unemployment Compensation), and all state officers in the Tax and Regulatory Integrity Divisions.

The Texas Rangers are authorized to charge each commissioner, director, and enforcement officer with criminal offenses of Official Oppression and Abuse of Official Capacity under Texas Penal Code Chapter 39, with intent to commit fraud and extortion as representatives of the State of Texas.

The above suggested assessment and criminal actions may force all future commissioners, directors, and officers to think twice before considering the malenforcement of "Obama Care" outside of its narrow scope.

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HCA taps Helmer as new headmaster

Heritage Christian Academy has named a Rockwall Independent School District principal as its new headmaster.

Brad Helmer, a Rockwall native who currently serves as Springer Elementary principal, was tapped for the position, according to a HCA news release.

Helmer has held assistant principal positions at both Utley Middle School and Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary. He holds a Doctorate of Education from Texas A&M-Commerce and is certified as a superintendent, principal and life science teacher. He also has a background in youth ministry and is a member of the Lake Pointe Church.



Brad Helmer

Helmer said he is excited about the opportunity that lies ahead. "Dr. (Ron) Taylor and the outstanding staff have positioned HCA as the premier Christian education institution in the area," Helmer said in the news release. "I am humbled and excited by the opportunity I have to serve alongside such an amazing group of people."

"God promises to be faithful to us as we keep him at the center of all we do and all we are; as such, I fully expect to see God do abundantly above all we could ask or think at HCA."

Helmer succeeds Taylor, who served HCA for nine years prior to his retirement at the end of this school year.

Atkins to teach Capturing Kids' Hearts program

John McGee, a Capturing Kids' Hearts trainer, recently was on the Miss May Vernon campus visiting classes. After observing fourth grade teacher Teresa Atkins, he noticed the job she was doing in implementing the CKH process in her classroom and asked if she would be interested in becoming a summer facilitator.

The training the trainer process began in February and the Roysce City Independent School District's 2015 Teacher of the Year, Teresa Atkins, will be training teachers this summer for Capturing Kids' Hearts, according to a RCISD news release.



Teresa Atkins

"The training I received from Capturing Kids Hearts in Round Top, Texas, four years ago changed my life," Atkins said in the release. "I became a better mother, wife, friend, teacher and leader because of this process. The thought of having the opportunity to change so many lives, both student and adult, is an honor I feel blessed to take on no matter the workload."

Capturing Kids' Hearts is an immersive, participatory experience where teachers, staff and administrators learn and practice skills they will use and model in their classrooms and districts, including:

- How to build meaningful, productive relationships with every student and every colleague.
- How to create a safe, effective environment for learning.
- How to develop self-managing, high-performing classrooms using team-building skills and a social contract.
- High payoff techniques for dealing with conflict, negative behavior and disrespect issues.

Educator Rita Pierson, in a Ted Talk presentation, responded to a colleague, "Kids don't learn from people they don't like." To be an effective teacher, they have to connect with their students on a real, human, personal level, she said.

Texas Military Department plans annual training across Texas

Citizen-soldiers and airmen with the Texas Military Department will conduct annual training in cities across Texas through the end of August, according to a news release from the Office of the Adjutant General-Texas Military Department.

The public may notice an increase of military personnel within their communities and at businesses, as well as vehicles and convoys passing through town and travelling major thoroughfares. In fact, some convoys may travel across state lines in and out of Texas.

"This designated training will put a lot of service members on Texas



The Rockwall County Special Olympic Shooting Stars basketball team participated in the state summer games over the Memorial Day weekend in Arlington and came home with the gold medal. Team members include, standing, from the left, Cole Randolph, Scott Wendt, Tim Fields, Daniel Moriarty, Daniel Hettinger and Matt Beindorf and, at front, Lenard Davis, coach Jay Keiffer and coach Del Wendt.

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The Older Americans Day-2016 honorees were celebrated with a special program on Thursday, May 26, at the Rockwall County Library. The program, sponsored by the Rockwall Senior Services/Meals on Wheels, was to honor the Rockwall County seniors, programs and volunteers serving the community. Marge VerHagen, director of the Rockwall County Meals on Wheels, was the emcee. A short bio was given on each honoree. Gene Allen, second from left, was one of 28 honorees. Allen, a lieutenant colonel (retired with 36 years of military service (Army), Tri-County Veterans Honor Guard commander and past commander for both the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans, was honored as a representative of the Tri-County Veterans Honor Guard and its work with the community in school programs, as well as performing at veterans' funerals and military-related celebrations. Congratulating each honoree to Allen's right is Rockwall County Judge David Sweet and to his left is mayor of Roysce City Janet Nichol and mayor of Rockwall Jim Pruitt.

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The National Charity League of Rockwall recently presented a \$500 check to the Rockwall County Special Olympic swim teams. Pictured are swimmers Scott Wendt and Sarah Voth, coach Anna Voth, coach Christy Wendt, NCL member Monica Fisher, athlete Lenard Davis, coach Jerry Fisher and NCL member Kayla Johnson. In the pool is NCL member Kayla Johnson. Special Olympic swim practice begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, at the Aquatic Center. Volunteers are needed.

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roads and highways as they convoy to and from training," said Texas Adjutant General Maj. Gen. John F. Nichols. "We ask our fellow Texans to take care in passing these convoys and even single military vehicles on our roads. Please be aware that our equipment has the same blind spots and longer stopping distances common to all large trucks so we ask that you give them a little extra space."

The annual training by the Texas Army and Air National Guard and the Texas State Guard is designed to give military commanders the opportunity to take their staff and units to the field to hone service

members' proficiency and maintain a high level of mission readiness. Additionally, annual training conducted in a joint environment with local and state agencies enables the Texas Military Department to test its ability to react and help improve communication and coordination with its civilian partners.

"We pride ourselves in standing ready to serve the citizens of Texas when needed and called upon," said Nichols. "We are thankful to the citizens for welcoming us into their communities and could not be successful without their continued support."

Over the last ten years, the Texas Military Department has trained and mobilized more than 30,000 Soldiers across the state of Texas in support of combat operations and natural disaster relief. Most recently, these citizen-guardsmen have responded to fires and floods throughout portions of the state.

Rockwall County Sports Notes

2016 Caddyshack Golf Tourney planned

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce will host its 20th Caddyshack Golf Tournament on Friday, June 17, at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club. The event will be open to the public; participation is limited, so those planning to participate should register early. A p.m. shotgun start is planned. Contact the chamber to register, contact Stacy Maynard at 972-771-5733.

Rockwall County Entertainment

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Vets invited to ride in Heath's July 4 parade

The City of Heath's Annual Independence Day Parade will take place Monday, July 4, and as always, veterans from any branch of the U.S. military, as well as active members, are invited to ride on the Veterans Float. For details, contact Brandie Smallwood at 972-771-6228 or visit heathtx.com. Staging for the parade will begin at 8 a.m. with judging at 8:30 a.m. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. at Heath Parks-Heath Elementary, 330 Laurence Dr. Parade entry awards will be presented during a patriotic celebration after the parade in Town Center Park, featuring a live barbershop quartet and free popcorn and pie.

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