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Rockwall ISD updates website

A new Rockwall Independent School District website will debut Jan. 5, prior to the start of classes for the second semester of the 2016-2017 school year.

The launch of the new website is designed to increase communication with parents, staff and community members, according to a district news release.

Some highlights of the new website include:

- Individual school websites that follows the same template as the district site. All of the school sites can be accessed easily by clicking on 'select a school' at the top of the district page.
- Readily visible shortcuts to key areas such as employment opportunities, an anonymous tip line, social media accounts and more.
- A calendar that gives visitors the ability to subscribe to any or all of the calendars and have them sync to a smart phone (accomplished by selecting the green ical icon located in the top right of the calendar page).

The website will continue to be developed through the remaining school year and a free mobile app is expected to be available later in spring 2017.

Two charged in September murder of Robert Poynter

by Millie Jean Coppedge

According to the Criminal Docket for 354th Judicial District Court of Hunt County, both Michael Glen Garza, 37, and Chacey Tyler Poynter, 29, are being charged with the murder of Robert Poynter.

The victim was the 47-year-old husband of Chacey Tyler Poynter. Her husband was a captain with the University Park Fire Department since 1997.

Originally, Chacey Tyler Poynter was charged with conspiracy to commit murder.

At 10:40 p.m. on Sept. 9, the Roysce City Police were called to the scene on CR 2595 just off FM 35 in Hunt County. Chacey Tyler Poynter was attempting to stop traffic on FM 35 when one of the travelers called the police.

When officers arrived, Chacey Tyler Poynter told them her husband had been shot and was down the road in his vehicle.

Robert Poynter was dead at the scene, with what later was identified as a shotgun wound to the back of the head, according to reports. During the initial investigation, information came forward that Garza was also involved.

As the case developed and more evidence was uncovered, Poynter was arrested for conspiracy to commit murder and placed under \$500,000 bond. Garza was arrested for murder and his bond was set at \$1 million.

On Monday, Oct. 17, a Hunt County farmer was plowing his field, getting ready to seed, when his tractor unearthed a shotgun, according to Roysce City Chief of Police Jeff Stapleton. On Thursday, Oct. 27, Stapleton said, "Officials have verified the owner of the weapon and feel comfortable that this is the weapon that was used for the murder. Other unannounced evidence was also found in the area." He did not name the owner of the gun as the investigation is ongoing.

The Poynters lived in Hidden Creek Phase 2, and have a 6-year-old daughter. Chacey Tyler Poynter advised Stapleton that she and her husband were getting a divorce, but that has not been verified, according to reports.

On Nov. 18, grand jurors for Hunt County indicted Poynter on the charge of murder and reset her interim trial for March 9.

Garza was indicted the same day with the charge being murder. His interim date is set for 9 a.m. on Jan. 5.

According to the criminal docket, on Dec. 6 Poynter was arraigned, identity fixed, affidavit signed, attorney appointed, defendant admonished and a plea of not guilty entered. No information is available at this time as to why Poynter's charge was upgraded to murder.

The court appointed Russell Brooks to represent Garza, and Scott Cornaud to represent Poynter.

Both Poynter and Garza are in the Hunt County Detention Center.

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Adopt-a-Senior Tree set up at City Hall

An opportunity to support the elderly or disabled this season is the Meals on Wheels Adopt-a-Senior Christmas Tree located at the Rockwall City Hall. The organization provides nutritional and senior service programs for homebound residents 60 years old or older or those who are totally disabled throughout Rockwall County. Envelopes on the Meals on Wheels tree encourage people to help feed an area senior for a week, month or year by providing donations as low as \$35, but any amount is greatly appreciated. Donations for Meals on Wheels will be accepted through the end of Christmas.

Rockwall to close offices for holidays

Offices for the City of Rockwall will be closed Monday, Dec. 26, in observance of Christmas and on Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of New Year's Day. Republic Services will observe routine garbage and recycling duties.

Hope Mobile returns to Rockwall

Area residents can have male dogs or cats at a cost of \$20 per animal on Jan. 10; no restriction on location. Dogs must be under

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Wreaths Across America honors military

Cadet Airman Landon Girdler (left) of the Rockwall Lakeshore Civil Air Patrol escorts Eric 'Heater' Reutelhuber (right), Sgt. Green Beret Special Forces, United States Army to place and salute a wreaths honoring those in the military. Wreaths Across America event was held Sat. Dec. 17, 2016, at Rest Haven Funeral Home in Rockwall. Volunteers placed wreaths on more than 600 grave sites in the cemetery.

Photo by Brittany Williams (www.threethirteen.photography)/Rockwall County News



The Hartman Elementary Youth Advisory Committee members recently visited Reese Manor where they sang Christmas carols and delivered holiday snacks.
 Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Fort, Vernon schools up for national award

The William Fort and Miss May Vernon elementary schools have been nominated by the Flippen Group to receive a Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase School award for the 2016-2017 school year, according to a news release from the Roysce City Independent School District.

In 2007, the RCISD began an initiative to transform its campuses into emotionally safe and relationally connected places for students, staff and parents for learning, according to the news release. After researching programs used by some of the nation's most successful schools, RCISD leaders chose to bring Capturing Kids' Hearts to its campuses. Teachers and staff have learned processes and shared them with their peers and adults on campus and to

create classrooms to make learning an exciting experience. As a result, the school district has fostered relationships with students across the district.

Over the next several months, a Flippen Group site team will visit Fort Elementary and Vernon Elementary to observe and experience the impact taking place. Each was considered for this award based on observation; implementation of Capturing Kids' Hearts processes by all staff as measured by online surveys; and data demonstrating that Capturing Kids' Hearts has made improvement in attendance, discipline, climate/culture or academics.

As part of the nomination process, a site visit to each nominated campus will be conducted to gather additional quantitative and qualitative data and to interview students, teachers, administrators, and parents. A matrix of key measurements will be used to gather information during a campus walk-through. Finally, an additional survey will be conducted to collect feedback regarding the perceived climate and culture of the campus and its conduciveness to learning, according to the news release.

Following the site visit, the selection team will review all accumulated data and select the campuses to receive the Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools award.

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Organization plans for preservation of the historic Royse City jail

by Millie Jean Coppedge

Julia Bryant, executive director of the Royse City Chamber of Commerce, has started a Calaboose Restoration Project by selling bricks to be used for a walkway around the historic Royse City jail. Those interested in preserving this historic jail can purchase personalized bricks and the money will go toward its restoration.

The site provides step-by-step instructions about how to purchase the bricks.

There are many stories and legends told by old-timers about the old city jail located in Royse City on Main Street beside the post office, but as of yet, no one can be found who remembers when it was built or even the date of when it was no longer used.

Royse City citizens say they know it was not being used during the 1940s, but can't remember any further back than that. Zaner Roberson Benetin, who owned the Royse City American local newspaper from 1942 until 1973, said that in 1942 the jail was no longer in use. Other than that, information is scarce.

Research of several kinds has turned up no new insight. Through the years, people have said was mostly used to hold drunks over night. Once the drunks sobered up, they were let go. Murders and serious offenders were incarcerated in Dallas. The old jail was primarily used as a holding cell for less dangerous offenders.

According to one legend says teenage boys would sneak down the jail during the night and tie ropes or chains to the bars of the door. When the train stopped on the tracks, they would connect the ropes or chain to the train. As the train pulled off down the tracks the doors of the jail would come flying off and the boys would let the prisoners go free.

After having repaired the doors and bars several times, the use of the jail was discontinued.

Benetin, now deceased, said several years ago that she tried through many outlets to preserve the old jail. She was a member of the Royse City Rotary Club and they finally took over the maintenance and responsibility for its preservation. But over the years, the building has continued to deteriorate.

The jail, which many now call the calaboose, is now in poor condition, often standing in water for days or weeks, as it was built in a very low area.

For more information about the Calaboose Restoration Project, contact Julia Bryant at 972-636-5000, or visit the organization's Facebook page.



The decaying historical Royse City jail (calaboose) is the subject of an organization accepting donations for its preservation. More information can be found online at Calaboose Restoration Project on Facebook.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

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60 pounds. Drop-off will be at the Mobile Animal Surgical Spay Neuter Hospital at the Wal-Mart Supercenter, 7821-30, Rockwall, TX. Notice must be mentioned when appointment is made; appointment availability is limited. Call 972-472-3500. Visit spayneuter.net for other low-cost services and schedule.

Newcomers & Friends to meet Jan. 12

Rockwall County Newcomers & Friends will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12, at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City. Luncheon reservations must be made by Jan. 2. Call Becky at 972-202-6916 or Cathy at 972-400-9934. Newcomers & Friends is a social organization for all women who reside in Rockwall County. New residents and women who have lived in Rockwall County many years are welcome.

Grief workshop set Jan. 12-Feb. 16

The Faith and Grief Ministries will conduct its second grief workshop at the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall, 602 White Hills Drive, Jan. 12 through Feb. 16 from 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursdays. Bonnie Brophy King will facilitate the workshop. Fee for the six-week workshop is \$25. Last day for registration is Jan. 4. Call the church office at 972-771-5701 to sign up.

Rockwall County Entertainment

'Blast-off party' for Wright set Dec. 27

A 'blast-off party' for Lori Wright, who is moving to California, will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at the Melody Room at City Hall, 305 Arch St., in Royse City. Wright has been a part of the community for many, many years, especially the First Methodist Church of Royse City and the Tri-County Choral Society. Her love of music brightened many hearts. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to Mary Johnson at 459-387-9620.

Daddy/Daughter Dance planned

The Rockwall Parks & Rec's annual Daddy/Daughter Dance will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Hilton Bay Harbor. Each girl will have her photo made with her father and receive a flower at the end of the night. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$99 or \$65 for Rockwall residents; each additional child from the same household will cost \$25. A limited number of tickets will be offered; sales begin Nov. 1 at The Center. For more details visit playrockwall.com/program/daddy-daughter-dance.

Library plans painting night fundraiser

The Friends of the Rockwall County Library will host a fundraising event from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at Painting with a Twist, 513 E. I-30, Rockwall. Cost is \$35; supplies will be provided. Visit paintingwithatwist/rockwall to register online. For more details call Edie Zehr at 972-310-0322.

Area Entertainment

Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Series

The Mesquite Arts Center's Black Box Series will include a performance by Cole Risner, 7:00 p.m., Fri. Jan. 6, 2017.

Garland Symphony Orchestra

The GSO will feature pianist Konstantine Valianatos, starting 8:00 p.m., Fri. Jan. 20, 2017, in the Granville Arts Center located at 280 N. Fifth Street in Garland. For more information call 972-926-0811 or email info@garlandssymphony.org.

Mesquite Arts Center Jan. performance

The Mesquite Arts Center will host a performance by The Light Crust Doughboys, 7:00 p.m., Sat. Jan. 21, 2017. The Center is located at 1527 N. Galloway Avenue, in Mesquite. For information and tickets call 972-216-8132.

Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Series

The Series will also include a performance by Jeremy Smith, 7:00 p.m., Fri. Jan. 27. For information and tickets call 972-216-8132.

Heath holiday event proceeds despite rain

It was a festive night as Heath kicked off Christmas with its annual Holiday in the Park event.

Even a sudden rain shower that drove Santa inside to the Parks Elementary Cafeteria to visit with the children didn't dampen the spirits of close to 1,000 attendees who came out to enjoy the trucks, activity booths and live music.

City officials expressed their thanks to Amy Parks, Principal Megan Smith for offering a safe haven from the weather, and volunteers including Rockwall-Heath High School Students, National Charity League mothers and daughters; Milestone Elementary for sponsoring the photo booth; the National Charity League; Rockwall Women's League for providing home-baked Christmas cookies; and the student performers.

Holly Lyons (left) president of Rockwall Soroptimists, presented a check for \$2796.39 to Patricia Mejia (right), the new executive director of the Children's Advocacy Center. The money was raised from the book signing and luncheon sponsored by the Soroptimists and the CAC Board of Directors at the County Courthouse in November. Carter Hopkins, Rockwall graduate and author of the "Lincoln Prophecy," signed his book and donated the profits from the book sales. All of the food and drink was donated by Cotton Patch, Pizza Cucina, Chicken Express and Raising Canes.

Courtesy photo/ Rockwall County News

University Scholastics

Edmonds earns degree at UA

Collin Edmonds of Heath was among the 2,270 University of Alabama students who received degrees during winter commencement exercises conducted on Saturday, Dec. 10, according to a university news release.

Edmonds received a bachelor's degree.

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

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Cullins Elementary sixth grade student, Seth Wood (left) designed a Christmas card that was selected by Rockwall ISD to be sent to district schools and employees. Lorelei Krauss (right) designed the card that was sent to the Cullins Elementary staff. The student artists are pictured above with principal Jill Baird (center). Sixth grade students who participate in Art as an elective class designed Christmas cards that were entered into the contest this year.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Accounts of Jesus' conception ... Part 1

subject in all history that has been most heavily accounted for, and the events surrounding his conception, birth, life, death, and subsequent life.

ent texts have been translated into various languages, which were later compiled into what is now known as the Bible. This compilation of accounts not only assures a trove of historical information, but also provides a narrative that reveals the existence, mighty works, promises and Creator of the heavens and the earth.

is and archeologists research and dig for manuscripts and historical records that help to better understand social, political, and individual dynamics during different time periods. In the Bible, the Bible is often used to match and corroborate historical records. Students of Roman history refer to the Bible as a source of information with other ancient text and artifacts.

part of Roman history that is most hotly debated involves the conception of a man who was reportedly conceived in the womb of a woman by a spiritual entity, and was later brought to life by the same one that conceived him. What is left out of the historical record is the existence of the one who conceived and later raised him from the dead. We will refer to that entity as "God."

systematic historians refuse to address those events as a true part of ancient history. Thus, putting the events surrounding that man in a different category of research than the history surrounding the Caesar dynasty. Keep in mind that the accounts given in the Bible are not the same as the accounts given in ancient texts.

article will review the accounts found in the King James Bible and the accounts found in the Bible. The information comes from the accounts of four men named Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

earlier known texts put his Hebrew name as "Yeshua." It is a perfect spelling, but it's closer to the original name. He was given the same name as Joshua (also Yeshua) the son of Joseph who led Israel to the land promised by the same spiritual entity that conceived the later Yeshua.

ake of our readers, the article will use the name "Jesus." Matthew and Luke included a precise genealogy of Jesus. Matthew traced back to Abraham and traced forward to Jesus. Luke started with Adam and traced backward to the first man, Adam. Both reveal Jesus' lineage through Isaac, Jacob (also named Israel), Israel's son Joseph and his son King Solomon. Jesus' lineage was because of the ancient prophecies of the Messiah being born of a specific genetic line.

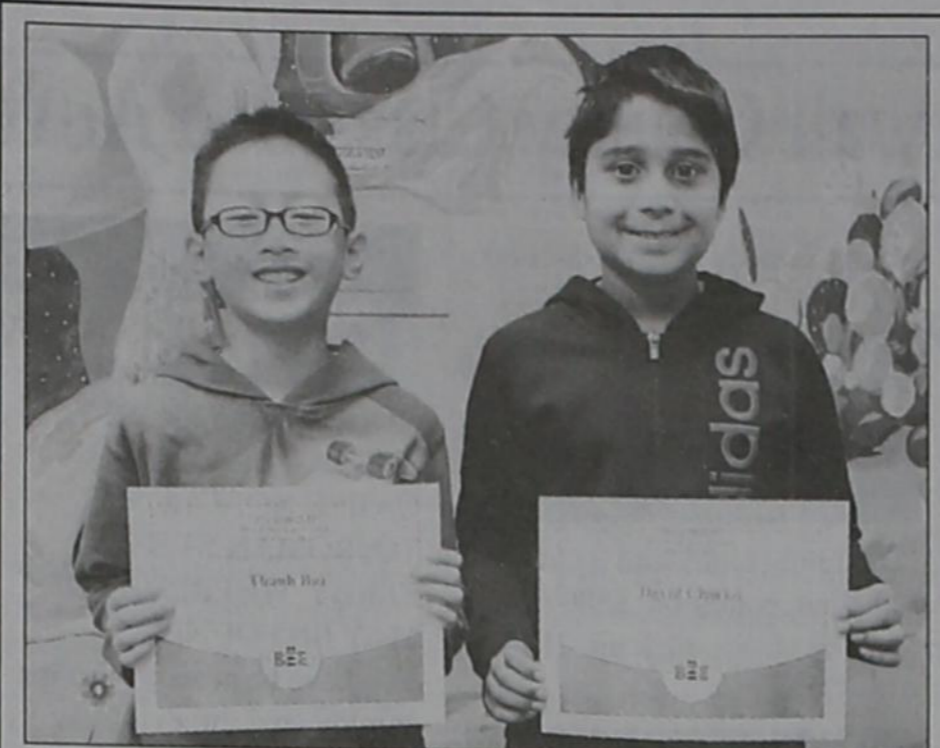
resting to note that the father of his mother, Mary, was Joseph. She married a man who had the same name as Joseph.

ing to both writers, Mary was found to have a child in her womb at the same time that she and her fiancé Joseph were getting married. This greatly bothered Joseph because he believed she had been with another man. Because of his anger, he decided not to allow the community and religious leaders to stone her to death. So he decided to let her stay alive, but in secret.

sleep, God commanded him to marry her, and told him that the child was conceived by the Holy Ghost. He also commanded Joseph to name the child Yeshua (aka, Jesus), which was interpreted as "God is with us." Joseph did as God commanded. It helps to understand that he agreed to marry her while under extreme pressure from the rest of their family in the community.

ommand for him to marry her meant to cleave close to her in the way as nearly all men and women who marry. Based on the design of mankind, the underlying essence of marriage results in the conception of a child. In this situation, Mary was pregnant, which meant she could not have another child to Joseph until after the birth of the child that was at the time. This is what it meant where it said, "he knew she had brought forth her firstborn son."

time of their marriage, Mary had been pregnant over six months. But the question of whether she was pregnant by another man would have been answered for Joseph during the time they that their marriage together. The proof would have been found on the bed linen used for their bedding. This situation must have been absolutely astounding to Joseph in the family and community.



Cullins Elementary students winning the CLP spelling bee championship is sixth grade student Thanh Bui (left), and runner-up David Chacko (right), a fifth grade student. Students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades competed in the recent spelling bee to represent each homeroom class. Bui will represent Cullins Elementary in the Rockwall ISD Spelling Bee. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Kylin Bishop (left) and Zoe Massey (right) work toward cracking the case of the missing vase during the recent family night event hosted by Cullins Elementary The Perot Museum brought its interactive museum to the school. The Forensics Family Science Night allowed students to work with their families to solve the Case of the Missing Vase. As families arrived they were given the challenge, and went through nine different activities and conducted experiments while they collected clues to determine the identity of the culprit. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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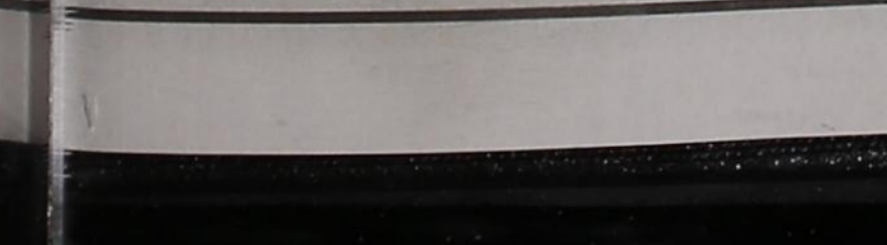
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to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition, at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this Citation, on 23RD JANUARY 2017 AT 10:00 A.M. Before the Honorable 439th District Court of Rockwall County, Texas at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane of said County in Rockwall, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition, was filed in said Court on 05-25-2016, A.D., in this case numbered 8-16-0003 on the docket of said court, and styled, THE STATE OF TEXAS vs. \$7,986.54 IN U.S. CURRENCY. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Forfeiture/Seizure The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same

according to requirements of law, and the mandates of said law, and make due return as directs. ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT AT Office, this on this 21ST day of December, 2016, Lea Carlson, District Clerk of Rockwall County, Texas 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 200 Rockwall, Texas 75087 By: Karen Petty, Deputy District Clerk ROCKWALL COUNTY NEWS, 107 E. BOURN ROAD, ROCKWALL, TX 75087 (Newspaper) Issued at the request of: JEFFREY WILLIAM SNOWDEN, 1111 E YELLOWJACKET LANE, SUITE 201, ROCKWALL TX 75087

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Required Notices

NOTICE

Two positions on the Roysie City Independent School District Board of Trustees are subject to election on the General Uniform Election Day of May 6, 2017. Those places are: Place 1 and Place 2 for full three year terms.

Candidates may file for a Place on the May 6, 2017 Uniform General Election Day between January 18, 2017 and February 17, 2017.

Packets containing the documents needed to file for office are available on the above dates during regular business hours at the Ernest Epps Education Service Center, 810 Old Greenville Road, Roysie City, Texas.

Candidate Qualifications are:

- U.S. citizen
- 18 years or older at the start date of the term of service
- A qualified voter in the district
- A resident of the district for 6 months before filing deadline
- A resident of the state for 12 months before the filing deadline (or 12 months before the day of the election, in the case of a write-in candidate.)

Persons who wish to vote in the May 6, 2017 election must be registered with the appropriate County-Tax Assessor-Collector no later than April 6, 2017.

NOTICIA

Dos posiciones en el Tablón de Fideicomisarios para el Distrito Escolar Independiente Roysie City son sometidos a elección uniforme en el Día de las Elecciones Generales 6 de Mayo de 2017. Esos lugares son: Posición 1 y Posición 2 para plazo total de tres años.

Los candidatos podrán presentarse para una Posición el 6 de Mayo de 2017 Día de las Elecciones Uniforme Generales entre el 18 de Enero de 2017 y el 17 de Febrero de 2017.

Los paquetes que contienen los documentos necesarios para solicitar la oficina están disponibles en las fechas antes mencionadas durante los horarios normales de negocio en el Ernest Epps Centro de Servicios de Educación, 810 Old Greenville Road, Roysie City, Texas.

Las Calificaciones del Candidato son:

- Ciudadano de los Estados Unidos
- 18 años o más de edad a la fecha de inicio del periodo de servicio
- Un votante calificado en el distrito
- Un residente del distrito por 6 meses antes de la fecha límite de presentación
- Un residente del estado por un periodo de 12 meses antes de la fecha límite de presentación (o 12 meses antes del día de la elección, en el caso de un candidato por-escrito)

Las personas que deseen votar en las elecciones del 6 de Mayo de 2017 deben estar registrados en el Asesor de Impuestos del Condado apropiado a más tardar el 6 de Abril de 2017.

Family impacted by drunken driver promotes Plan While You Can campaign

The Stephens family is planning its annual holiday feast, but this year one seat will remain empty. The family's daughter, Jade, was killed when a drunk driver ran a stop sign and T-boned their car just before her 10th birthday.

"We miss her every day, but we feel the loss of her presence particularly around the holidays," said Stephens, Jade's father. "We miss her joy, wit and infectious laugh. No other family should experience the loss like ours due to drinking and driving. All it takes is planning ahead for a sober ride."

The Stephens family is sharing Jade's story through the Texas Department of Transportation's While You Can campaign to communicate the devastating consequences of drinking and driving. The goal is to save lives and decrease alcohol-related crashes, with special emphasis during the holidays when alcohol consumption is more prevalent.

As a combined result of the Plan While You Can campaign and the efforts of many state and local community partners, including law enforcement, Texas experienced a 9 percent decrease in alcohol-related traffic fatalities during last year's holiday season (Dec. 1, 2015, to Jan. 1) compared to the prior holiday season. Still, during last year's holiday season, there were 2,374 alcohol-related crashes in Texas resulting in 102 fatalities and 205 serious injuries, according to a Texas Department of Transportation news release.

"We are saving lives through our education efforts and by sharing compelling stories from families who have lost loved ones," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "However, one life lost is too many. Finding a sober ride is easy and it can save you from being arrested or from injuring yourself or others. By making an effort to plan ahead for a sober ride, together, we can continue to save lives."

As always, TxDOT strongly encourages everyone to plan for a sober ride before going out. SoberRides.org to find alternatives to drinking and driving, such as:

- Calling a taxi or using a transportation app on your smartphone.
- Using mass transit.
- Asking a sober friend or family member for a ride home.
- Spending the night.

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Opinions

War on 'fake news' part of a war on free speech

Those calling for bans on "fake news" are not just trying to censor easily-disproved Internet hoaxes. They are working to create a government-sanctioned "gatekeeper" (to use Hillary Clinton's infamous phrase) with the power to censor any news or opinion displeasing to the political establishment. None of those wringing their hands over fake news have expressed any concern over the fake news stories that helped lead to the Iraq War. Those fake news stories led to the destabilizing of the Middle East, the rise of ISIS, and the deaths of millions.

The war on "fake news" has taken a chilling turn with efforts to label news and opinion sites of alternative news sources as peddlers of Russian propaganda. The main targets are critics of US interventionist foreign policy, proponents of a gold standard, critics of the US government's skyrocketing debt, and even those working to end police militarization. All have been smeared as anti-American agents of Russia.

Just last week, Congress passed legislation creating a special committee, composed of key federal agencies, to counter foreign interference in US elections. There have also been calls for congressional investigations into Russian influence on the elections. Can anyone doubt that the goal of this is to discredit and silence those who question the mainstream media's pro-welfare/warfare state propaganda?

The attempts to ban "fake news;" smear antiwar, anti-Federal Reserve, and other pro-liberty movements as Russian agents; and stop independent organizations from discussing a politician's record before an election are all parts of an ongoing war on the First Amendment. All Americans, no matter their political persuasion, have a stake in defeating these efforts to limit free speech.

eat to liberty is the assault on the right to discuss political issues, seek out alternative information, and promote dissenting ideas and causes such as non-interventionism in foreign and domestic affairs. If this ongoing assault on free speech succeeds, then all of our liberties are endangered.

If the most common assaults on the First Amendment is the attempt to force public policy organizations to lose their donors. Regardless of the intent of these laws, the effect is to subject supporters to harassment, or worse. This harassment makes other potential donors afraid to contribute to causes opposing a popular war or defending the rights of an unpopular group.

Speech opponents support laws and regulations forbidding activist or educational organizations from contributing factual information regarding a candidate's positions for several months before the ban would apply to communications that do not endorse or oppose any candidate. These result in the only sources of information on the candidate's views being the campaigns and

the Federal Election Commission (FEC) rejected a proposal to add language exempting political parties, and streaming videos from its regulations. The majority of FEC commissioners apparently should have the power, for example, to ban Oliver Stone's biography of Edward Snowden, released two months before the election and features clips of Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

and potentially most dangerous, threat to the First Amendment is the war on "fake news." The war are using a few "viral" Internet hoaxes to justify increased government regulation and outright censorship — of Internet news sites. Some popular websites, such as Facebook, are being targeted by the government to force them to crack down on fake news.

Christmas is about loving

h Shores, Rockwall, Texas

December 25, 2016 we again celebrate Christmas. With gift giving, families, friends, listening to music reflecting the Christmas Season; Last minute shopping all in preparation for Christmas and various organizations have special presentations also for this special day.

It will take us you back in time before the birth of JESUS to help better understand the miracle.

Christmas celebration is about God's Love, when Jesus was born as a human to start the fulfillment of God's gift. We should be honored to give gifts to others with the same LOVE that GOD used to give His Son to save each believer willing to accept God's gift. During His time on earth, Jesus lived to LOVE unconditionally, and put God first in our lives, plus communicate with GOD.

Christmas is celebrated as a holiday. It is great when we get together with friends and family to remember those that have lost loved ones? What about the homeless, people in hospitals for children and the aged; All the people in the military and others not able to be home.

It is time to really thank God and Jesus for the real beginning, and to celebrate Jesus' Birthday? Our prayers include all the people we can think of that need prayer.

It is one of us this Christmas need to take time praying for our Military personnel, plus others that are celebrating Christmas serving and protecting others.

Christmas focus on the true beginning of why we celebrate this time of year. Love is the center of the real reason for Christmas is sometimes forgotten.

It is time to have a very Merry God Loving Christmas and prosperous New Year.

My articles can be viewed on my book website www.isthereagod7.org under ARTICLES.

Economics ideas: David Hume

Self-coordinating and directing market processes

David Ebeling

Freedom Foundation

David Hume was one of the most prominent of the Scottish Moral Philosophers. He is particularly famous as a philosophical skeptic, who, in his book, An Inquiry Concerning Human Understanding (1748), argued whether man's reason and reasoning ability could successfully apprehend reality with any degree of certainty. He also argued that reason followed men's "passions," rather than reason being a check upon men's emotions and desires.

Hume is also famous for arguing that there is a distinct difference between factual or "positive" statements or "normative" statements. Or expressed differently, an "ought" conclusion could not be derived or logically deduced, per se, from an "is" statement.

Hume is also widely recognized as one of the leading contributors to the theory of social ethics and political order, especially in his work, An Inquiry into the Principles of Morals (1751). Hume also wrote the first and acclaimed five-volume History of England (1754-1762), but one which Thomas Jefferson recommended for students at the University of Virginia due to his belief that Hume was too "Tory" in his interpretation of British history!

Surprisingly, for over two hundred and fifty years these ideas of Hume's have both been highly influential in philosophy, yet immensely influential across many social and scientific disciplines.

Hume's Contributions to Economics Understanding

Hume's ideas, and for our purposes in particular, David Hume was an important and distinctly original contributor to economic theory and policy. It was in a collection of Essays, Moral and Political (1753-1754), which contained significant contributions to the emerging subject of "political economy." It is in these essays that Hume presented a devastating criticism of Mercantilist thinking on trade and commerce, while at the same time demonstrating the self-regulating and "balancing" forces of the market process.

It can be argued that if his own writings on various economic themes had been more systematically collected and joined together, it might have been David Hume who became considered the "father" of economics instead of Adam Smith.

Hume was born in 1711 in Edinburgh, Scotland and attended the University of Edinburgh, but did not believe that he learned more from reading on his own than from the professors in the university.

Hume made his living in various capacities, including for a period of time in France. He returned to Scotland in 1769 and lived there until his death in 1776.

Commerce Brings Wealth, Refinement and Freedom

Hume emphasized that commerce and trade were among the most important avenues to offer opportunities to raise people's standards of living, and to bring refinement and cultural betterment to a growing population.

Commerce also served as an important leveler of the material inequality of a society based on political and government-bestowed monopoly. Through trade, a wider variety and quality of goods became available to a growing number of the people in any society, fostering the development of a "middle class."

Over time, growing wealth among more and more members of society acted as a means to restrain the arbitrary power of tyrannical governments, as a larger percentage of the population had the means to free themselves from government dependency and control. Or as Hume expressed it in his essay, "Of the Arts":

"The luxury nourishes commerce and industry, the peasants, by a proper cultivation of the land, become independent; while the tradesmen and merchants acquire a share of the property, and the industry and consideration to that middling rank of men, who are the best and firmest basis of public liberty."

Hume did not omit to slavery, like the peasants, from poverty and meanness of spirit; and having no hopes of rising over others, like the barons, they are not tempted, for the sake of that gratification, to submit to the yoke of their sovereign. They covet equal laws, which may secure their property, and preserve a non-arbitrary, as well as aristocratical tyranny.

Hume and special interest groups, Hume feared, are always want to use and abuse political influences to gain much for themselves at the expense of the ordinary, or common, members of society.

As a society grows in wealth there is more for the government to siphon off through taxes for the purposes and for interested groups to use the state to plunder and manipulate. But with the emergence of the middle class that is increasingly supporting itself through commerce and industry, they have the means to resist these encroachments by the state. Or as Hume said in his essay "Of Commerce":

"The authority of the individuals must diminish the force, and check the ambition of the sovereign."

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Legal Notices

ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Data Control Codes	General Fund	Child Nutrition Fund
REVENUES		
5700 Total local and intermediate sources	\$ 74,922,550	\$ 3,536,402
5800 State program revenues	40,602,613	28,285
5900 Federal program revenues	593,530	2,692,735
5020 Total revenues	<u>116,118,693</u>	<u>6,257,422</u>
EXPENDITURES		
CURRENT:		
0011 Instruction	70,601,407	-
0012 Instructional resources and media services	1,943,741	-
0013 Curriculum and staff development	4,043,075	-
0021 Instructional leadership	1,262,997	-
0023 School leadership	6,907,694	-
0031 Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	4,885,177	-
0032 Social work services	276,173	-
0033 Health services	1,409,159	-
0034 Student (pupil) transportation	3,554,317	-
0035 Food services	-	5,596,004
0036 Cocurricular/extracurricular activities	4,018,225	-
0041 General administration	3,983,901	-
0051 Plant maintenance and operations	11,138,154	-
0052 Security and monitoring services	1,207,545	-
0053 Data processing services	2,416,205	-
0061 Community services	47,404	-
DEBT SERVICE:		
0071 Debt service - Principal on long-term debt	-	-
0072 Debt service - Interest on long-term debt	-	-
0073 Debt service - Bond issuance costs and fees	-	-
CAPITAL OUTLAY:		
0081 Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-
INTERGOVERNMENTAL:		
0093 Payments to member districts of SSA	-	10,675
0099 Other intergovernmental charges	808,556	-
6030 Total expenditures	<u>118,503,730</u>	<u>5,606,679</u>
1100 Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(2,385,037)</u>	<u>650,743</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		
7901 Issuance of refunding bonds	-	-
7911 Issuance of bonds	-	-
7912 Proceeds from sale of assets	8,000	-
7916 Premium on issuance of bonds	-	-
7915 Transfers in	998,000	-
8911 Transfers out	(18,000)	(208,000)
8940 Payments to refunded bond escrow agent	-	-
7080 Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>988,000</u>	<u>(208,000)</u>
1200 Net change in fund balances	(1,397,037)	442,743
0100 Fund balance - July 1 (beginning)	43,782,683	1,853,532
3000 Fund balances - June 30 (ending)	<u>\$ 42,385,646</u>	<u>\$ 2,296,275</u>

Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 28,129,502	\$ 281,244	\$ 3,078,624	\$ 109,948,322
628,696	-	2,404,240	43,663,834
-	-	3,698,656	6,984,921
<u>28,758,198</u>	<u>281,244</u>	<u>9,181,520</u>	<u>160,597,077</u>
-	-	5,971,366	76,572,773
-	-	141,395	2,085,136
-	-	620,214	4,663,289
-	-	67,331	1,330,328
-	-	120,624	7,028,318
-	-	421,199	5,306,376
-	-	-	276,173
-	-	2,958	1,412,117
-	1,027,520	67,365	4,649,202
-	-	26,859	5,622,863
-	13,300	1,577,070	5,608,595
-	-	1,525	3,985,426
-	-	1,300	11,139,454
-	-	50,245	1,257,790
-	-	-	2,416,205
-	-	119,418	166,822
5,224,345	-	-	5,224,345
20,124,784	-	-	20,124,784
859,597	929,264	-	1,788,861
-	3,431,394	-	3,431,394
-	-	-	10,675
-	-	-	808,556
<u>26,208,726</u>	<u>5,401,478</u>	<u>9,188,869</u>	<u>164,909,482</u>
2,549,472	(5,120,234)	(7,349)	(4,312,405)
32,193,467	-	-	32,193,467
-	107,960,000	-	107,960,000
-	-	-	8,000
55,938,617	17,971,564	-	73,910,181
-	-	19,000	1,017,000
-	-	(101,000)	(327,000)
<u>(87,452,505)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(87,452,505)</u>
<u>679,579</u>	<u>125,931,564</u>	<u>(82,000)</u>	<u>127,309,143</u>
3,229,051	120,811,330	(89,349)	122,996,738
16,479,717	7,190,061	2,228,525	71,534,518
<u>\$ 19,708,768</u>	<u>\$ 128,001,391</u>	<u>\$ 2,139,176</u>	<u>\$ 194,531,256</u>

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District basketball action begins for Rockwall County teams

Rockwall High School

Women

Under the direction of Head Coach Kasie Brewer, the Lady Jackets (Overall 8-6, District 1-1) entered District play with a 79-64 loss to Tyler HS, and a last minute 56-52 win over Rockwall-Heath.

During the cross-county rivalry game, Rockwall stayed close behind the Lady Hawks into the fourth period. With one minute left in the game, Alena Johnston (Sr) dropped in two penalty shots putting the Lady Jackets on top 53-52. Johnston went to the foul line three more times during the last 30 seconds to secure the 56-52 win.

According to Assistant Coach Lacey Yankie, Johnston led the game with 20 points, followed by Jordan Mathis with 15 points and Faith Mason-Vestal with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

During non-District play, Rockwall logged wins against Lakeview Centennial 58-30, Wilson 87-21, Marcus 38-31, Amarillo Palo Duro 54-44, Frisco Reedy 52-35, Dallas Ursuline Academy 70-29, and Addison Greenhill 62-57.

Losses included Little Elm 38-35, Argyle 49-43, Andress 46-34, Bishop Lynch 44-33, and Sachse 53-46.

The Lady Jackets were set to play at Longview, 6:00 p.m., Tues. Dec. 21.

The team will play at home against Mesquite Horn 1:30 p.m., Tues. Jan. 3, 2017.

Lady Jackets team members include Mya Culiver (Sr), Jordan Mathis (So), Kathryn Gibraltar (Jr), Jessie Paige (Sr), Gloria Drewery (Jr), Kelsey Vinci (Sr), Heath Quiensberry (Jr), Alena Johnston (Sr), Faith Mason-Vestal (Jr), Michelle Adkins (Jr), Macy McCartney (Jr), Madison Wheeler (Sr) and Haley Hicks (Sr).

Men

The Yellowjackets varsity basketball team was set to start District 11-6A action against Longview, Tues. Dec. 21, 2016, with an 8-4 overall record.

The Jackets started the season with a 42-39 win against Frisco Centennial.

During the Texas Invitational Tournament, Rockwall lost to South Houston 71-65 and defeated Langham Creek 61-45.

During the Forney ISD Winter Classic, Dec. 9-10, Rockwall logged wins against Forney 56-42 and North Forney 62-55.

Other season wins included Mansfield Summit 68-52, Newman Smith 42-30, Terrell 56-50, and the Fri. Dec. 16 win against Lovejoy 46-41.

Season losses were to Hebron 64-55, Manvel 51-38, and Rowlett 60-49.

Yellowjackets team members include Caleb Wesley (Sr), Grandstaff (So), Cameron Crayton (Jr), Joshua Shephard (Sr), Donald Garrett (Jr), Jarrod Winston-Pendleton (Sr), Tevin Williams (Sr), Christian Gresham (Sr), Andrew Taylor (Jr), Sam Williams (So), Connor Cowan (Jr) and Dallas Whitaker (Jr).

The Rockwall team is coached by Quincy Williams. Assistant coaches are John Marshall, Josh Goellner, Jacob Meyer and Johnson.

The Jackets traveled to Longview for a Fri. Dec. 21 game. The team will travel to Horn, 7:00 p.m., Tues. Jan. 3, at Mesquite.

Rockwall-Heath

Women

The Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks started District play with a Tyler Lee 45-41, and at Rockwall 56-52.

In non-District play, the team logged wins against Highland 51-47, Richardson Berkner 62-54, Lewisville 48-39, Dallas 55-35, Terrell 45-42, and North Crowley 46-37. Losses included Arlington Martin 64-55, Arlington Lamar 49-34, Richardson 55-35, and Tomball 44-34.

The Lady Hawks will have played North Mesquite, Tues. Dec. 21. The team is scheduled to play at home, 6:30 p.m., Tues. Jan. 3, against Tyler.

Lady Hawks team members include Trinity Cannon (Fr), Young (So), Morgan Talley (Jr), Mya Bills (Fr), Macy Williams (Jr), Megan Higbee (Sr), Alexa Hoy (Sr), Jenna Talley (So), Jordan Norman (Sr), Brooke Webster (Fr) and Kynia Wimbley (Jr).

The team is coached by Laura Jenkins.

Men

The Hawks will finish non-District action with an overall record. The team will start District play 7:00 p.m., Fri. Dec. 23, at North Mesquite.

The following District game will be at home, 7:00 p.m., Tues. Jan. 3, against Tyler.

Coached by Brad Waters, the Hawks recorded wins against Falls Rider 74-59, Carrollton Creekview 65-64, Fort Worth 90-61, Dallas South Oak Cliff 71-48, Fort Worth Trimble 66-66, West Mesquite 70-56, Arlington Sam Houston 62-44, University 71-52 and Garland Centennial 84-62. The team losses against Allen 95-79, DeSoto 54-50, and Cedar Hill 70-55.

Hawks team members include Brent Clark (Jr), Ramadan (Jr), Garrett Walker (Sr), Michael Di-benedetto (Sr), CJ Williams (Jr), Luke Cox (Jr), Tyrus Fort (Jr), Grant Buckholt (Sr), Auburn (Jr), Camron Vann (Sr), Skyler Stutts (Fr), Andrew Paris (Sr), and Pruitt (Sr) and Kolton Pruitt (Jr).

Royse City High School

Women

The Lady Bulldogs entered District 15-5A, with a 56-53 win over Forney, Fri. Dec. 16, 2016, at home. Counting their win against Mesquite, the team's record is overall 14-7, and 2-0 in District.

According to information provided by Coach Bookout, the win was highlighted by Morgan Sumrow (Sr) who led the team with 14 points, and Belle Munoz's (Sr) 11 points. Maci Bookout and Michaela Travers (Jr) added seven points each.

For the season, Bookout leads in scoring and steals, followed by Breana Cooley (Sr) who also leads in rebounding. Kailynne Cooley (So) leads in assists.

The team was set to compete, Tues. Dec. 20., at Wylie East. They are also scheduled to play against North Forney, 7:00 p.m., Tues. Jan. 3, 2017, at Royse City.

Lady Bulldogs team members include Emma Fortier (Sr), Rodriguez (Sr), Daeja Reed (Sr), Sara Collins (Sr), Robin Horn Travers, Munoz, Jasmine Escobedo (Sr), Sumrow, Chaney, Cooley and Bookout.

Assistant coaches are Zach Snow, Matt Morrill, and Arian Cooley.



Rockwall High School Lady Jackets Senior Alena Johnston (23) draws a foul during the last 30 seconds of the cross-county rivalry game against Rockwall-Heath, Fri. Dec. 16, 2016, at the RHS gym in Rockwall. Defending against Johnston is Lady Hawks Junior Morgan Talley (13). Ready to assist are Lady Jackets Gloria Drewery (15) and Faith Mason-Vestal (24). Johnston's successful free-throw shots during the last seconds pushed Rockwall to the final 56-52 win.

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J.E.P.
Love you,
Harvey

Morton earns recognition

Austin Morton of Rockwall was one of 36 student-athletes at Emporia State named as 2016-2017 Earl W. Sauder Athletic Scholars, according to a news release from the Emporia, Kansas, university.

Student-athletes were celebrated Nov. 28 during a luncheon at the Sauder Alumni Center.

Morton, a junior majoring in business administration, plays football for the university.

Just Say You Saw It In the "County News"

Rockwall men's gymnastics continue winning streak

The Rockwall Yellowjackets men's gymnastics team competed, Thurs. Dec. 8, 2017, defeating Arlington and Irving with a season high score of 170.3. Arlington finished with 104.8 points and followed by Irving's 47.3.

INDIVIDUAL: (top 10 recognized)
FLOOR: 1st - McKay Larman; 2nd - Sean Denny; 3rd - Jake Hodges (tie); 3rd - Preston Gage (tie); 7th - Aaron Cory; 8th - Ryan Szafran; 10th - Zane Larman (tie); 10th - Brock Burk (tie).

POMMEL HORSE: 1st - Zach Dougal; 2nd - McKay Larman; 3rd - Wyatt Logan; 4th - Louis Jelic; 5th - Jake Hodges; 6th - Kellie Pauley; 7th - Ryan Szafran; 9th - Zane Larman.

RINGS: 1st - Jake Hodges; 2nd - McKay Larman; 3rd - Ryan Szafran; 4th - Scott Mackenzie; 7th - Wyatt Logan; 8th - Brock Kottke; 9th - Preston Gage (tie); 9th - Sean Denny (tie).

VAULT: 1st - Jake Hodges (tie); 1st - Brock Burk (tie); 2nd - Connor Campbell; 5th - Zane Larman; 7th - McKay Larman; 7th - Preston Gage (tie); 7th - Sean Denny (tie).

PARALLEL BARS: 1st - McKay Larman; 2nd - Jake Hodges; 3rd - Preston Gage; 5th - Scott Mackenzie; 6th - Aaron Cory; 7th - Ryan Szafran; 9th - Jack Butcher; 10th - Aidan Culp.

HIGH BAR: 1st - Aaron Cory (tie); 1st - Connor Campbell; 3rd - McKay Larman (tie); 3rd - Preston Gage (tie); 7th - Aidan Culp; 8th - Jack Butcher; 10th - Sean Denny.

ALL AROUND: 1st - McKay Larman; 4th - Preston Gage; 5th - Ryan Szafran; 6th - Jake Hodges; 8th - Aaron Cory; 9th - Sean Denny; 10th - Jack Butcher.

[Information contributed by Head Coach Cameron Sweny]

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