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Honoring the 2016 Rockwall County Valedictorians and Salutatorians



Zenia Iziengbe Jones
Roysse City High School
Valedictorian

Zenia Jones' goal to double major in Chemistry and Psychology with a minor in Mathematics at Southern Methodist University. She is daughter of Greg and Jone Roysse City.



Erin Kathleen Connolly
Roysse City High School
Salutatorian

Erin Connolly plans to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry at University of North Texas, with a certificate in Forensic Science. She is the daughter of Andrew and Erin Connolly of Roysse City.

Roysse City teachers receive salary hikes

Allie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News
One of the most anticipated action items on the agenda for the City Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting Monday, May 9, was the salary increase for teachers for the 17 school year. The board voted unanimously to increase each teacher's pay by \$1,100.

The increase is part of a four-year teacher compensation plan adopted as an update to the board by David Carter, chief financial officer for the district.

This marks the third year of the plan. In 2014-2015 teachers were given \$1,150 increases, followed in 2015-2016 with \$1,000 raises. The final year of the plan will be in 2017-2018 with the projected increase of \$1,100 per teacher.

The total projected salary for all four years will total \$4,350 per teacher. In the past, teachers were on a set pay scale and it would have taken years to receive this amount of increase.

Teachers entering the district will receive a salary of \$43,750, which includes a \$1,000 increase from last year's pay scale. Their salary for 2017-18, the last of the four-year compensation plan, will be a total projected salary of \$44,750.

Other employees for the Roysse City ISD will receive a 2 percent increase for the coming year. According to the PowerPoint presentation by Carter, the pay raises will cost the district an estimated \$626,640.

University scholastic honors

Poe named honor graduate at UTPB

Ca Poe of Fate graduated magna cum laude with a degree in history on May 14 from the University of Texas at Permian Basin. She played four years of volleyball at the Odessa-based university. A Roysse City High School graduate, she is the daughter of Shawn and Christy Poe.

Three named to Harding dean's list

Three local residents were among the more than 1,300 students named to the Harding University dean's list for spring semester academic achievements.

Honorees included Elizabeth McIlroy of Rockwall, an early childhood education major; Julie White of Rockwall, a journalism major; and Payton Williams of Roysse City, a molecular and cellular biology major, according to a news release from the Searcy, Arkansas, university.

The dean's list recognizes students who have carried 12 or more semester hours with a 3.65 or higher grade-point average and no incompletes.

Cortez tapped for Dean's List

Andre Cortez of Rockwall was named to the Fort Lewis College Dean's List for the spring semester, according to a news release from Durango, Colorado, university.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must carry a semester load of 3.6 or better with no fewer than 15 credit hours. Cortez is an exercise science major.

Carney named to Dean's Honor Roll

Estoria Carney of Rockwall was named to the spring Dean's Honor Roll at Oklahoma City University, according to a university news release.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognition is awarded to students who successfully complete a minimum of 12 credit hours while maintaining a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

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Kurt Van Doran (right) shares pinto beans and cobbler with Cherry Conner (left) of McLendon-Chisholm and Paul Wilson (center) of Rockwall, during the Rockwall Founders Day Festival, held Sat. May 21, 2016 at Harry Meyers Park in Rockwall. Van Doran and his wife Shelley provides a special program called Living History, in which they set up scenes depicting the pioneer life. A chuck wagon was also part of the scene. At back is the Rockwall County Historical Foundation museum.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Rockwall city officials take oaths of office

At the Monday, May 16, regular Rockwall City Council meeting, a swearing-in ceremony was conducted for three returning council members.

The returning council members assumed office without election after the May 7 election was cancelled when the three incumbents saw no opposition, according to a city news release. Cancellation of the election resulted in a savings of about \$11,000 to local taxpayers.

John Hohenshelt, Place 2, Dennis Lewis, Place 4, and Mike Townsend, Place 6, each recited a new oath of office to mark the beginning of their two-year terms. City Secretary Kristy Cole administered the oaths.

Following the swearing-in ceremony, the City Council unanimously voted to appoint Townsend as the new mayor pro-tem, replacing Lewis, who has held the post since January 2015.

According to Texas Constitution Article 16 Section 1, the oath of office is a sworn statement, under oath, affirming that the elected or appointed government officials will faithfully execute the duties of their offices, and will to the best of their ability "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and Laws of the United States and of this State."

All elected and appointed municipal officials are required by law to give the Oath of Office.

According to the city's official organizational chart, the highest ranking position over the mayor and council members is the body politic of citizens in the city of Rockwall.

The oath of office is a legal joinder between the city officials and the higher ranking Body Politic.



Jenny Lax (right) of Rockwall enjoys play time with her son Hunter (left) during the Rockwall Founders Day Festival held Sat. May 21, 2016 at Harry Meyers Park in Rockwall.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County News Briefs

City of Rockwall offices closing for holiday

The City of Rockwall offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. Republic Waste Services will run on its normal collections schedule, according to a city news release.

ARC blood drive set May 30

The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 30 at the Rest Haven Funeral Home, 2500 SH 66, Rockwall. Schedule an appointment to give blood by downloading the free Red Cross blood donor app, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). To donate, a blood donor

card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required. Individuals 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Memorial Day event planned

A Memorial Day observance will be hosted by Rest Haven Funeral Homes, 2500 SH 66 East, Rockwall, beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 30. This year's free event will include a remembrance ceremony, live demonstrations by Patriot Paws service dogs and a patriotic pet

parade. For pet parade info, visit resthavenfuneral.com/who-we-are/community-events. Fishing enthusiasts can bring fishing poles and tackle for catch-and-release fishing. The American Red Cross Blood Mobile also will be present; donors can register at redcrossblood.org (keyword: resthaven). Seating will be available, but lawn chairs are welcomed and encouraged.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Stella Catherine 'Cathie' Gutheinz

Private services for Stella Catherine "Cathie" Gutheinz, 76, of Forney will be conducted at a later date under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died May 22, 2016.

Born Sept. 27, 1939, in Tampa, Florida, to Wyman Gamble and Matilda (Mockabee) Gamble, she was a loving mother, grandmother and friend. She loved her dog, Mawwee, and was known for her "world-famous" spaghetti. She was a frequent visitor of the penny slots in Las Vegas and Shreveport, Louisiana.

An eight-year resident of Forney, she was a Catholic and had a heart of gold. She never had a cross word with anyone and loved to laugh. She had a great sense of humor and was concerned for the welfare of others. She was unselfish and took pleasure in making others happy.

Survivors include her children, Denise Todd, Phyllis Moore and her husband, Mitchell, Joseph Deutsch and Rose Smith; her grandchildren, Michael Law, Travis Graves, Erica Deutsch, Victoria Schulenburg, Jacob Schulenburg, Rachel Todd, Veronica Deutsch, Jennifer Dahduh, Justin Moore and Jessica Hickman; her great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Katie and Sam; her brothers, John Mockabee and his wife, Irene, and W.A. Gamble and his wife, Betty; her sister, Naomi Danielson, and her husband, Dan; a sister-in-law, Mary Cantu, and her husband, Tony; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and the father of her three children, Joseph Deutsch.

The family would like to thank Dr. Victor Horadam and the entire staff at Texas Oncology in Mesquite.



Quartet sings at 1955 Royse City Homecoming

MILLIE JEAN COPPEDGE Reminiscing Royse City



by Millie Jean Coppedge

City Lake, just north of Royse City, was the gathering place for many of the town's get-togethers. Downtown Main Street hosted many of the elaborate parades held for various occasions. The Royse City Homecomings became an annual event from 1938-1960.

"From 1943-1946 the homecomings were not held due to the nation

being at war-World War II," said Deloris Cross Ballard, curator and docent of the Zaner Robison Historical Museum in Royse City.

More than 2,000 people or more would come to the celebration which began on Friday night and ran until Saturday night. They would enjoy food, fellowship and midway rides. High school students, part of the program would dance and sing for the crowds.

One of the entertainment features during the 1955 Royse City Homecoming 61 years ago was a quartet made up of Jane James, Rutherford, Peggy Van Cleave (now deceased) and Deloris Cross. The girls did not have a name for their group, but sang all types of music.

As the population of Royse City began to sharply decline, homecomings were discontinued, never to be started up again.

The photo and information for this article came from Ballard's Sheri Stodghill Fowler's book "Images of America-Royse City."



One of the entertainment features during the 1955 Royse City Homecoming was a quartet made up of, from left to right, Jane James, Ann Rutherford, Peggy Van Cleave and Deloris Cross. The young ladies behind the quartet are the Queen's Court, each of whom was chosen as a representative of her school class.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

University Scholastics Degrees

Two locals receive Austin College degrees

Two local residents were among students receiving diplomas during commencement exercises at Austin College in Sherman on Sunday, May 15.

Degree recipients include Kyle Michael Crawford of Rockwall, a business administration major and son of Al and Gail Crawford, and Marcus Edward Tamez of Rockwall, a biology major and son of Ismael and Norma Tamez.

Michael S. Rawlings, Dallas major, gave the commencement address, according to a university news release.

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Weather delays updates on FM 3097/Horizon Road

Weather issues postponed the traffic switch scheduled for May 19 on FM 3097/Horizon Road in Rockwall.

Contractors were scheduled to begin construction on the road, but they weren't able to stripe the pavement for the temporary lanes, according to a City of Rockwall news release. Work was rescheduled to this week, weather permitting.

The traffic switch includes the closing of access from Holland Court, Brockway Drive and Mulberry Lane to FM 3097. The contractor has indicated these streets will not be accessible from FM 3097 for approximately eight weeks, depending weather conditions. Residents are encouraged to identify and use alternate routes into the neighborhood, according to the release.

The Texas Department of Transportation is reconstructing roadway from the intersection of FM 740 to Tubbs Road from a lane asphalt roadway to a four-lane divided concrete street.

Additional updates will be provided as the project progresses according to the release.

Rockwall County News Brief

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RCHS graduation info shared

Royse City High School's graduation is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, 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 at above-mentioned website. Guests should arrive about an hour before doors open at 6 p.m. Security measures will limit the size and type of bags allowed; check the center's website for more details. Live streaming will be available at curtisculwellcenter.com/upcoming_events/graduations2016.cfm.

Master Gardeners to answer questions weekly

Extension Master Gardeners are available in the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Rockwall County Office from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays to research questions and provide gardening information to the public. The office is located at 915 Whitmore Dr., Suite 100. Individuals who cannot drop by in person can call 972-204-7666 or email rockwallmg@ag.tamu.edu and a Master Gardener will respond in a timely manner.

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 prizes and beverage purchases. Check out the Soroptimists' website rockwallcountryfair.com, for further details. Proceeds will support the Soroptimists' ongoing projects benefiting women and children, including the new Children's Advocacy Center of Rockwall at 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 Carlucci's Italian Restaurant, 819 E. I-30, Rockwall. The group meets for luncheon 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 School's graduation is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, 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 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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Heath trio earns All-Star selections

Three Heath residents were among the eight All-Stars selected by the Texas Girls Coaches Association to represent conference 5-6A Red as 2016 Cheer All-Star selections.

Local honorees, representing Heath High School, included Alexis Newell, Ashley Surber and Mikaya Westmoreland, according to the TGCA news release.

These individuals are selected by the TGCA Spirit Committee, which is composed of member coaches of the association. Selections are made from nominations submitted by member coaches. Selected individuals must be seniors.

Heath plans May 26 public meeting on property values

The City of Heath will host a town hall meeting on assess property values and tax rates beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, in the Community Room at Heath City Hall.

The program will be presented by Patricia Davis, chief appraiser for the Rockwall Central Appraisal District, according to the city news release.

City Hall is located at 200 Laurence Dr., Heath.

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

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison
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<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 TX "Dandy Don" was on "_____ Monday Night Football"</p> <p>5 foam clog</p> <p>6 TX "Tony _____" boots</p> <p>7 "Pudge" Rodriguez who started career with the Rangers</p> <p>8 TX Noble Willingham was in 1992 film "Of Mice and _____"</p> <p>9 golf score attempt</p> <p>12 Houston: "_____ City"</p> <p>17 berrylike</p> <p>19 TXism: "best I ever wrapped a lip _____" (delicious)</p> <p>21 TXism: "I zigged when _____ have zagged"</p> <p>22 this Fitchie managed noted TX "JA Ranch" (1935-93)</p> <p>23 TX dessert: _____ pie</p> <p>28 the TX "Babe": Mildred _____ Didrikson Zaharias</p> <p>29 watermelon spitable former Jasper Co. town that was its founder's name, spelled backwards</p> <p>31 TXism: "nary a soul" _____ Carter's "Fort Worth Star Telegram"</p> <p>36 TXism: "raise _____" (celebrate)</p> <p>42 TXism: "as much chance as _____" packing plant"</p>	<p>DOWN</p> <p>1 TXism: "does a cat have _____?" (yes)</p> <p>2 TXism: "_____ a rodeo clown"</p> <p>3 "_____ Chief" newspaper</p> <p>4 look quickly</p> <p>9 Newman of TX-based "Hud" (1963)</p> <p>10 TX Tommy Nobis' pro football team</p> <p>11 _____ River</p> <p>12 Mr. Houston district attorney</p> <p>14 TXism: "_____ loop man" (good roper)</p> <p>15 TXism: "_____ as a bug's ear"</p> <p>16 OK town</p> <p>18 rank of TX hero James Fannin (abbr.)</p> <p>20 _____ Leon, TX</p> <p>23 Jones' state before the Cowboys (abbr.)</p> <p>24 TXism: "_____ shooter" (small handgun)</p> <p>25 actress Thompson of "Primary Colors" with TX Larry Hagman</p> <p>26 bedroom storage</p> <p>27 "Bum" Phillips book: "He _____ Bum" (1979)</p> <p>32 first half of the Bible (abbr.)</p> <p>33 "good _____ boy"</p> <p>34 dir. to Denton from Azle</p> <p>36 TX McConaughy's "We _____ Marshall"</p> <p>37 this Cockrell was 1st female mayor of San Antonio</p> <p>38 "_____ ear and out the other"</p> <p>39 TXism: "bought a pig in _____"</p> <p>40 TXism: "_____ soul" (no one)</p> <p>41 before Exxon</p> <p>43 TX prison mafia: "La _____"</p> <p>45 TX "Eagle," Henley (init.)</p> <p>47 Hill Country hunting location: "_____ Ranch"</p> <p>48 dog command where some TXns ski in NM</p>
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Students have fundraisers for Children's Advocacy Center

Two area school groups recently conducted fundraising events benefiting the Children's Advocacy Center for Rockwall County. Students in the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Rockwall-Heath High School sold Mary Kay beauty products and made up of Jane (deceased) and Delores Cross Ball (Historical Museum). High school students during the crowds. et made up of Jane (deceased) and Delores Cross Ball (Historical Museum). Members of the CAC Task Force were on hand to receive the donations and talk about how their contributions will benefit others. "Helping kids - that's as good as it gets," Kenda Culpepper, Rockwall County district attorney, said. "Each of these student groups took time out of their busy schedules to give back to this community and to directly assist children who are in crisis. I enjoyed spending time with each of them to personally thank them for their hard work."

Locals named to Phi Kappa Phi

Six local residents were among students initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines, at Texas A&M University-Commerce, according to a university news release.

Honorees include Christopher Fulbright of Rockwall, Dhiraj Sharma of Royse City, Joshua Kilmer of Royse City, Vickie Smith of Royse City, Elizabeth Webb of Rockwall and Taelah Wooten of Rockwall. They were among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into the organization each year.

Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter, according to the release. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors with at least 72 semester hours are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees also may qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.



Doris-Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary fifth grade student Marcus Stencil captured second place with his poster in the state level of the Sons of the American Revolution poster contest. His poster, which portrayed George Washington's role in the American Revolution, earned a \$150 award from the state society of the SAR, a nonprofit local organization. Pictured above with the winner are Jill Baird, principal, and Gayle Kidd, fifth grade social studies teacher.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Right to liberty ... Part 2

At first glance it might appear there is no conflict between the right to life and liberty declared in the American Declaration of Independence and the right to liberty secured by our Lord Jesus Christ.

But a study of liberty in God's word reveals a distinct difference between the two. Once we clearly see the difference, it is easier to recognize which deserves priority attention.

Both relate to being liberated from bondage and abuses from more powerful entities. For years the American colonies lived peaceably as British subjects and were free to use local currency for exchange. Relations began to crumble after the King forced the colonies to use the centralized banking system, and made policy decisions that benefitted his tea companies. The colonials eventually Declared Independence based on a natural right to life and liberty. They fought and won the war. Yet, the war for liberty continues in America.

The liberty that is through Jesus Christ is from the bondage and abuses of the world and its god, Lucifer (the Devil). Hebrews 12:14-15 says, "... that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

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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;"

Proverbs 3:6

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Practicing for this weekend's Rockwall Community Playhouse presentation of *The Drowsy Chaperone*, are (from left) Rebecca Paige, Lon Barrera and Nick Reed. The musical comedy will open Fri. May 13 thru Sun. May 29, 2016. Friday and Saturday performances are 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees are 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org, by calling 972-722-3399, or at the box office 30 minutes prior to curtain. RCP is located at 609 E. Rusk, just 2 blocks off the Square in downtown Rockwall.

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Rockwall Police Department

Monthly Activity Report
March-2016

ACTIVITY	CURRENT MONTH MARCH	PREVIOUS MONTH FEBRUARY	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD % CHANGE
PART I OFFENSES					
Homicide / Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Sexual Assault	0	1	4	3	33.33%
Robbery	0	1	1	4	-75.00%
Aggravated Assault	3	4	9	9	0.00%
Burglary	6	8	18	7	157.14%
Larceny	57	45	163	115	41.74%
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	4	10	9	11.11%
TOTAL PART I	70	63	205	147	39.46%
TOTAL PART II	150	167	430	378	13.76%
TOTAL OFFENSES	220	230	635	525	20.95%
ADDITIONAL STATISTICS					
FAMILY VIOLENCE	13	11	39	41	-4.88%
D.W.I.	16	18	51	40	27.50%
TEEN CURFEW	2	0	5	1	400.00%
ARRESTS					
FELONY	15	31	70	52	34.62%
MISDEMEANOR	77	86	249	185	34.59%
WARRANT ARREST	51	53	142	87	63.22%
JUVENILE	1	2	4	3	33.33%
TOTAL ARRESTS	144	172	465	327	42.20%
DISPATCH					
CALLS FOR SERVICE	1350	1335	4101	4064	0.91%
ACCIDENTS					
INJURY	16	10	37	26	42.31%
(INJURIES)	23	11	50	35	42.86%
NON-INJURY	46	61	158	167	-5.39%
FATALITY	0	0	0	0	0.00%
(FATALITIES)	0	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL	62	71	195	193	1.04%
FALSE ALARMS					
RESIDENT ALARMS	71	56	177	171	3.51%
BUSINESS ALARMS	108	92	312	326	-4.29%
TOTAL FALSE ALARMS	179	148	489	497	-1.61%
Estimated Lost Hours	118.14	97.68	322.74	328.02	-1.61%
Estimated Cost	\$2,810.30	\$2,323.60	\$7,677.30	\$7,802.90	-1.61%
ROCKWALL NARCOTICS UNIT					
Number of Cases	4				
Arrests	2				
Arrest Warrants	0				
Search Warrants	0				
Seized					
Marijuana	1 ounce				
Methamphetamine	35 kilograms				
Heroin	28 grams				
Money	\$4,428.00				

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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 vaccinations are available at reduced prices from 10 a.m. to noon; check for specials at spayneuternet.org. Services available throughout the Metroplex: the Clinic in Crandall, the Hope Mobile or via transport, depending on location. For an appointment or information call 972-472-3500 or 817-423-5500. Spaces fill quickly. Be sure dogs' collars cannot be slipped and cats are in secure carriers. Promoted by Rockwall PAWS.

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. RISD librarians are partnering with the Rockwall ISD Nutrition Department and Rockwall County librarians to make books accessible to local children who may not have books in their homes or access to the library during the summer months. Librarians will be in the cafeteria at Dobbs Elementary and Rochell Elementary with a cart of books and an activity from 11:3 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday from June 15 through July 27.

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.

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24 Hour Help Line for substance & mental health counseling. 800-662-4357.

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Everyone is invited to attend the "SAVING AMERICA THROUGH PRAYER" event, on the second Sunday of each month, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Heritage Christian Academy - 1408 S. Goliad St., Rockwall, Texas. The free event will include guest speakers. This is not church affiliated, and is open to everyone interested. For more information contact Mike Kennedy (972) 998-2680 or Kenneth Shores (214) 334-1206 or Jerry Minx (972) 896-7081

Help Wanted

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Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Rockwall County Commissioners Court invites on-line bids to purchase surplus equipment/furnishings/vehicles/books/scrap materials, etc. Equipment/Furnishings to be sold include but is not limited to the following: miscellaneous scrap materials, computers and computer related equipment, miscellaneous vehicle parts and equipment. Vehicles to be sold include the following: '03 Chevrolet Impala, '08 Ford Crown Victoria, '09 Dodge Charger, '09 Ford Crown Victoria, '10 Dodge Charger. All equipment/furnishings/vehicles, etc. will be sold "AS IS" with no warranty written or implied.

Additional information may be obtained from the Rockwall County Auditor's office located at 1111 Yellow Jacket Lane, Ste 202, Rockwall, Texas 75087 or by calling Allana Mitchell at (972) 204-6050. The above items will be available for inspection by appointment only. To make an appointment, please call Allana Mitchell in the County Auditor's office at (972)204-6050.

Bidding will take place via the internet by logging on to www.govdeals.com. New bidders must register online to bid. Search by zip code 75087, then click on Rockwall County, TX. Bids must be submitted on or before Friday, June 10, 2016 at the specific times designated on the Govdeals website.

Rockwall County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT
Rockwall County, Texas
Lisa Constant Wylie
Rockwall County Auditor

Public Notice

As of May 24, 2016, the cities of Royse City, Fate, McLendon-Chisholm, Heath, Rockwall and their respective representatives have continued to not publish each required notice in the *Rockwall County News*.

The City of Royse City has not published each required notice since year 2002.
The City of Heath has not published each required notice since October 2008.
The City of Fate has not published each required notice since October 2012.
The City of McLendon-Chisholm has not published each required notice since October 28, 2014.
The City of Rockwall has not published each required notice since December 1, 2014.

By the above referenced negligence, the right of the people to be duly notified of each city action in accordance with state law, may be found to have been impaired on multiple counts.

Each representative responsible for selecting a newspaper in accordance with state law may be found to have committed statutory violations on multiple counts. Each representative responsible for releasing tax revenues, as payment for services that cannot legally be offered, may be found to have defrauded the tax-paying Body Politic of each respective municipal corporation, on multiple counts.

All of the referenced municipalities have been provided legal proof that the *Rockwall County News* meets the statutory criteria established under Texas Government Code Sections 2051.044, 2051.045, 2051.046 and 2051.048 (b) and (c), as a newspaper of general circulation, for publication of each required notice in accordance with state law.

Texas Government Code Section 2051.049

The governmental entity or representative required to publish a notice in a newspaper shall select, in accordance with this subchapter, one or more newspapers to publish the notice.

Texas Government Code Section 2051.044

(a) The newspaper in which a notice is published must:
(1) devote not less than 25 percent of its total column lineage to general interest items;
(2) be published at least once each week;
(3) be entered as second-class postal matter in the county where published; and
(4) have been published regularly and continuously for at least 12 months before the governmental entity or representative publishes notice.

(b) A weekly newspaper has been published regularly and continuously under Subsection (a) if the newspaper omits not more than two issues in the 12-month period.

(c) This section does not apply to the publication of a notice to which Section 2051.0441 applies.

Texas Government Code Section 2051.048

(a) This section applies only to a political subdivision other than a county or a conservation and reclamation district under Section 2051.047.

(b) A notice of a political subdivision shall be published in a newspaper that is published in the political subdivision and that will publish the notice at or below the legal rate.

(c) If no newspaper published in the political subdivision will publish the notice at or below the legal rate, the political subdivision shall publish the notice in a newspaper that:

(1) is published in the county in which the political subdivision is located; and
(2) will charge the legal rate or a lower rate.

(d) If no newspaper published in the county in which the political subdivision is located will publish the notice at or below the legal rate, the political subdivision shall post the notice at the door of the county courthouse of the county in which the political subdivision is located.

Texas Government Code Section 2051.045 The legal rate for publication of a notice in a newspaper is the newspaper's lowest published rate for classified advertising.

Since June of 2008, the Rockwall County News has:

1. Been published in an office located at 107 E. Bourn Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087;
2. Maintained a USPS Periodical Matter Permit #2495 (Formerly known as Second Class Permit), in the Rockwall post office; and
3. Continued to a propose lowest legal rate which is the same as the newspaper's classified advertising rate

Opinions

Government interventionism created Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump

by Richard M. Ebeling

Future Freedom Foundation (fff.org)

America and Europe, and, indeed, other parts of the world are going through major political, economic and cultural crises. In the U.S., some social critics consider the likely Democratic and Republican candidates for president to be among the most corrupt, power lusting and personally offensive that have ever run for that high office.

In Europe, the Social Democratic and moderately Conservative political parties that have ruled over the countries of Western and Central Europe for decades now seem to be under attack by nationalist and explicitly anti-freedom parties whose leaders have growing public support.

In other parts of the world, governments are increasingly restricting freedom of speech, freedom of the press, arresting real and potential political opponents, including those who are peacefully protesting about the business of dissent, and centralizing power and control even further in hands of ruling politicians and bureaucrats.

Supposed Reasons for Political Anger and Resentment

The crises, especially in the United States and Europe are starting to be explained for the reason that there has not been any major or dramatic economic cataclysm to explain why it is happening. Many emphasize the severity of the 2008-2009 financial crisis and recession. They emphasize the disruptive effects of globalization over the last two decades. And particularly in Europe, the recent wave of mass

migration from the Middle East and North Africa is argued to be the source of these "reactionary" political currents.

But the fact is, no matter how negative the affects of the 2008-2009 economic downturn and its lingering residues in the form of high unemployment (in Europe) and sluggish economic growth (in both the U.S. and in the European Union), its impact and severity in no way matches the depth or duration or trauma of the Great Depression of the 1930s on the people of the industrial world of that time.

Globalization has, no doubt, put pressure on a number of existing industries and occupations in America and the EU as countries that were long defined as the underdeveloped "Third World" have been rising out of poverty and finding their market niches in the post-Soviet world economy of the last quarter century. But at the same time, the growth and intensification of the global division of labor has expanded world production, widened the variety and availability of a large number of goods and services, and made many goods and services far less expensive to buy while at the same time significantly improving their qualities and features.

Americans, certainly, are far more used to waves of immigration than their European counterparts. But the anti-immigrant sentiments often seem equally pronounced in both these parts of the world. However, the fact also is that when markets have been generally open and competitive, including the market for labor, immigrants have not only merged into the host populations within one or two generations,

but have noticeably assisted in raising the standards of living for all in these societies, as they provide more hands to do more productive work, again, to the benefit of the large majority.

The Selling of the Interventionist-Welfare State

What, then, accounts for this anger, hostility and rejection of the existing order of things on both sides of the Atlantic? And why the appeal and attractiveness of leaders and political movements that are often classified as xenophobic, protectionist, authoritarian, and nationalistic?

I would like to suggest that what we are witnessing is the failure and crisis of the interventionist-welfare state – the regulating and redistributing political system – in the widest meaning of this concept and its public policy manifestations.

The interventionist-welfare state was "sold" to the citizens of the United States and the people of Europe based on the idea that it represented a "middle way" between unrestricted and unbridled capitalism and the alternative of rigid and potentially dictatorial comprehensive socialist central planning. The interventionist-welfare state would combine the best and most desirable features of both "capitalism" and "socialism," without the unwanted characteristics of either.

The unhampered free market economy, it was argued, leads to exploitation of workers and consumers for the benefit of a handful of wealthy members of society. That is, the socialist critique of free market capitalism was accepted and endorsed. On the other hand, experience seemed to suggest, especially after the observed of "excesses" in the Soviet Union and other communist regimes, that a fully socialist system of government control and central planning led to loss of personal freedom and sluggish economic growth and opportunity. That is, the pro-market criticisms of economic collectivism were partly, if grudgingly, accepted as a potential danger.

Thus, the case was made for that "third way" that would bridle and harness the "excesses" of the market economy through networks of government regulations and prohibitions on private enterprise, and with fiscal policies to redistribute wealth that would narrow egregious inequalities in wealth and opportunity while also funding the costs of the government supplied "social safety nets." At the same time, civil liberties would be secured through preservation of "democratic" politics to assure continuing accountability of elected officials to the wishes and will of the citizenry.

This conception of the politically managed market combined with democratic decision-making became not only the ideal and practical institutional setting in which human everyday life now was confined and carried on, it slowly came to be accepted and defined as the meaning and definition of a free society and a capitalist economic system.

As a consequence, if doubts, fears, disagreements or anger about the outcomes of this system emerged among the citizenry they now identified the system's failures with "capitalism" and "democracy." Thus, there are those on the political "left" whose frustrations take the form of beliefs and demands that "capitalism" must be controlled and taxed even more because clearly "free markets" have "failed." And there are those on the political "the right," with resentments against representative government as a rigged system benefitting the "insiders" at the expense of the rest of society. And there are shared elements of both these frustrations and resentments – anger at exploiting "capitalism" and resentments with rigged "democracy" – among people all along this traditional notion of the political spectrum.

But whether citizens view themselves as being politically on "the left" or "the right," the source of their angers and resentments all really have their origin and cause, as I've suggested, in the failures in the "third way" of the interventionist-welfare state.

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15. Stacey Klutz will serve as instructor. Auditions/registration will begin at 9 a.m. on July 5. Tuition costs \$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.

Rockwall County Entertainment

Live music events offered weekly in downtown R'wall

Downtown Rockwall's newest public space, San Jacinto Plaza, will play host to weekly musical events scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings from May through September. Performances will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Café-style tables and chairs, as well as seat walls, are available in the space. Guests are welcome to bring lawn chairs, food and beverages, according to information on the City of Rockwall's website. Visit rockwall.com/mainstreet/events, asp for a list of upcoming bands.

'Drowsy Chaperone' slated at RCP

"The Drowsy Chaperone" will be staged at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk, on May 27-29. Friday and Saturday performances will be at 8 p.m., Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org, by calling 972-722-3399 or at the box office a half-hour prior to showtime.

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Time – a moment in

by Bill Pertler

Slices of Life

My husband and I have always tried to make our family a priority. One aspect of parenting we can agree on. Still, after years of planning kid-friendly vacations, chaperoning field trips to the zoo or museum, warming the bleachers at youth sporting events and attending school holiday concerts, I have the nagging feeling I could have (or should have) done more. I wanted to do more. But then I got tired. Or with each rising and setting of the sun they grew a day and I just ran out of time.

Now there's a four-letter word that's working against us. It's "time," really.

When they are 2, it seems never-ending. When they are 12, it feels like you've still got lots of time. And then suddenly they are 18 or 20 or whatever it is that makes them adults – and it has ended: the time of "Go Dog Go" or the magic of the Tooth Fairy or accompanying them to the restaurant restroom or myriad responsibilities of adulthood.

Thinking back on it all, there never was enough time. My husband and I did our best, but there is always more you can do. More parenting to be had. And while we appreciated memorizing the lyrics of "Toy Story" when we were watching it for the 137th time, we embraced our breathlessness as we ran behind the wobbly tricycle the day we took the training wheels off, each one clicked by and was done almost before it began because that was the nature of time.

That's the thing. There are no do-overs with parenthood. You only have right here, right now. You do the best you can with what you have that day – that moment – and you hope it is good enough, because you never quite know for sure. So the guilt seeps in sometimes. Okay, oftentimes.

Adding to this are the parent comparison charts. Everyone seems to be able to do so much – and to post it on social media immediately. I'm glad I didn't have to keep up with Facebook when my kids were young.

This week I'm anticipating high school graduation and sighing a lot. My son came home last week with his cap and gown. (Sigh.) And his final yearbook. (Sigh.) He attended his senior banquet. (Sigh.) He is finishing up his last tennis season. (Sigh.) The senior slide show is this week. (Sigh.) Graduation is on Friday. (Deep sigh.)

He is my third. You'd expect it might get easier with practice, but it doesn't. Or maybe I'm simply a slow learner. Someone asked me if I thought I'd cry on Friday. The answer is yes; I'll probably cry. I know I'll cry.

But we call those happy tears. Bittersweet tears that come when the privilege of experiencing a certain moment in time causes your eyes to water uncontrollably.

I will cry. But I will also relish the moment for what it is. I will hug my graduate. I will congratulate others I've known since they were in diapers. I will take pictures and post them on Facebook.

And I will bring Kleenex. Lots and lots of Kleenex.

Stay safe from Zika, other mosquito-borne diseases

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologists are advising Texans on how to protect themselves from the mosquito-borne diseases that spread Zika and other diseases.

"The ongoing outbreak of the Zika virus has spread throughout South America, Central America and the Caribbean," said Molly Swiger, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Stephenville. "The fear this virus will have on the United States are not entirely known, but experts are concerned about the possibilities."

According to health officials, more than 350 travel-associated cases of Zika have been confirmed in the U.S., with 27 to date being in Texas. All of these cases occurred when the affected individual traveled to an endemic location and was bitten by an infected mosquito.

"The primary means of contracting Zika virus is through the bite of an infected mosquito, but it can also be transmitted sexually through semen," Swiger noted.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officially named Zika virus as the cause of the increased cases of microcephaly in newborns that have been occurring in Brazil and other countries since fall 2015.

"Microcephaly is a condition affecting unborn children where the baby's head is much smaller than expected," said Swiger, who recently coordinated the North Texas Mosquito Education Conference in Grapevine and is conducting workshops throughout the region.

"This occurs due to the decreased development of the baby's brain while infected with the virus. Microcephaly can occur under various conditions but a significant increase of cases has been seen in Texas since fall of 2015 and new cases are now being reported in Oklahoma."

Swiger said the CDC is instructing pregnant women or women who plan to become pregnant to not travel to endemic outbreak areas at this time. The CDC's website also has tips for men who plan to visit endemic areas at nc.cdc.gov/travel/page/zika-travel.

"As of now, Zika is not here in the Texas mosquito populations, but the future holds for Zika in the U.S. is not entirely known," Swiger said.

"Previous diseases have entered the U.S. by means of travelers bringing them in, but have failed to infect the local mosquito populations long term," she said.

"The Aedes aegypti mosquito is the main vector of the Zika virus, as well as dengue and chikungunya," said Molly Keck, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Bexar County. Keck recently presented mosquito education programs in Bexar, Comal and Atascosa counties.

"Health professionals have established a strong connection between the Zika virus and Guillain-Barré syndrome and

microcephaly, as well as an autoimmune disease with neurological symptoms similar to multiple sclerosis," Keck said. "And while media reports tend to emphasize the risk to pregnant women, the virus holds potential dangers for people of all ages."

Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Brownsville have been identified by the National Center for Atmospheric Research as some of the highest-risk cities in Texas for Zika. According to public health officials, if it does enter Texas it will likely begin as small "pockets" of locally acquired human cases that are the result of infected travelers returning from countries where the disease is endemic.

"Currently the chances are slim for anyone in Texas to get a disease such as Zika or chikungunya, but there is a possibility these could become endemic through transmission by the Aedes aegypti, which is prevalent in this state," Keck said.

She explained chikungunya was recently brought to the U.S. by travelers returning from places where the disease is endemic. Its symptoms include fever and joint pain, headache, muscle pain and swelling.

Keck also noted the hundreds of cases of another mosquito-borne disease – West Nile virus – in Texas during recent years. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2013 there were 183 human cases of West Nile in Texas. In 2014, there were 379 cases, and in 2015 there were 252 cases.

"The common denominator in each of these diseases is there is a mosquito vector that transmits them," she said.

Both Keck and Swiger said the best means to defend against any mosquito-borne illness is to eliminate the vector or, if that is not possible, to defend against it using what they call the "four Ds."

The Ds are to dress in long, loose-fitting, light-colored pants and shirts; drain any standing water from containers, ponds, tires, gutters, etc. around the home; reduce outdoor activity during dusk and dawn; and defend using a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or CDC-approved insect repellent.

Keck recommended homeowners "attack the mosquitoes at the larval stage" by removing standing water and using mosquito dunks in areas where they might breed.

"Homeowners should apply their efforts to draining and removing the items that might make for a good mosquito breeding ground and/or putting mosquito dunks into any pools of standing or stagnant water," she said. "A mosquito dunk is a small, brown donut-looking object that floats on water and slowly dissolves, releasing a bacterium that kills mosquito larvae."

Keck said generally it's a waste of time, money and effort for the average homeowner to try and control mosquitoes at the adult stage.

"The best you can do when they're at the adult stage is try to avoid them. If that's not practical, be sure to wear a good repellent when outdoors."

Hawks falls short in battle of rallies against Poteet

The Rockwall-Heath Hawks (Overall, 22-13) met Mesquite Poteet for the Region 2 6A Quarterfinals May 19 and 20, 2016.

Poteet will advance to the semifinals round against Lufkin, after defeating the Hawks 5-2 and 6-5. The winner of the semifinals will meet the winner between Wylie and Whitehouse for the Region 2 championship.

Originally scheduled for Sunnyvale, inclement weather forced game one to be played at Prosper.

Hawks Corbin Tatom pitched six innings with 19 first pitch strikes and 1 strike out.

In game 2, Kaden Krowka threw 106 pitches into the sixth inning, logging six strike-outs and 22 first strike pitches.

Poteet's Ryan Boaz threw 103 pitches with 2 strike-outs and 12 first pitch strikes before being replaced during the fifth inning.

Poteet logged two errors resulting in runs, while the Hawks finished game 2 with no errors.

Poteet recorded 2 runs during the first inning, 2 base hits and RBIs, with bases loaded.

During the third inning, Poteet got a home run with 1 RBI, pushing the lead to 0-4.

With no outs in the fourth inning, Rockwall-Heath's Clay Sherman got a base hit RBI sending Cole Stilwell home for the Hawks first run.

The Hawks rallied to a 5-4 lead during the fifth inning, forcing Poteet to replace Boaz with Jacob Deegan on the mound.

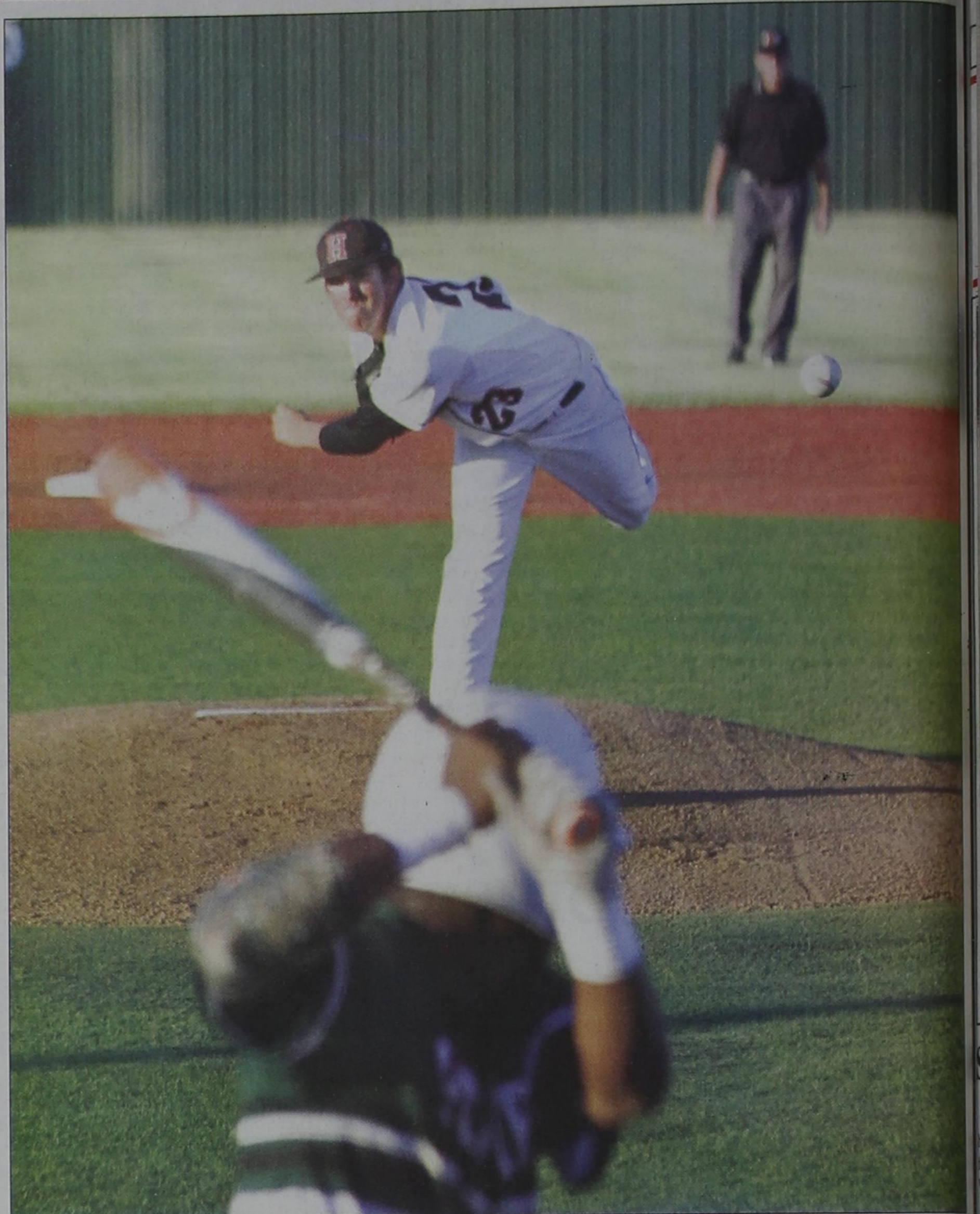
With 2 outs and bases loaded, Sherman nailed a base hit to center field sending Canaan Smith and Tatom home pushing closer with a score of 3-4.

Next, Luke Marek got a base hit and 1 RBI off a Poteet wide throw to first base, for a 4-4 tie game.

Cody Cleveland stepped up for a bunt along the first base line, which Poteet answered with another wide throw to first base allowing Sherman to score for the 5-4 lead.

During the sixth inning, Chandler Mauldin replaced Tatom on the mound, who was then replaced by Sam Bridges for a couple of pitches, before returning to finish the game.

The top of the sixth inning included a Poteet base hit with RBI, and another RBI on a catch for an out for the winning run.



Rockwall-Heath Hawks Pitcher Kaden Krowka (23) unleashes the ball against a Mesquite Poteet batter during the second inning of game 2 of the Region 2 Quarterfinals, Fri. May 20, 2016, at Sunnyvale High School. Following rallies by both teams, Poteet finished with a 5-6 win.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

5A All District softball announced

Softball players from Rockwall-Heath and Roysie City high schools received All District honors for the 2016 season.

Macy Wilson (Sr) of Rockwall-Heath was named Defensive Most Valuable Player.

Lady Hawks Cami Duffey (Jr) earned the Pitcher of the Year award.

Roysie City Lady Bulldogs Karis Hessert (So) was named Utility of the Year.

Earning Honorable Mention were Nicole Wilson of Rockwall-Heath and Shelby Byrne of Roysie City.

Earning Academic All District were:

Rockwall-Heath - Ally Brandvold (Sr), Emily Clark (Jr), Duffy, Katie Huffman (So), Madison Leggett (Jr), Dezyrae Nantz (Sr), Katherine Phillips (Sr), Abigail Renteria (Fr), Jordan Strange (So), Wilson, Nicole Wilson (Sr);

Roysie City - Mattie Atkins (So), Shelby Byrne (Sr), and Kaitlyn Johnson.

1st Team All District

Rockwall-Heath
Catcher - Brandvold.
Infield - Leggett and Clark.
Outfield - Huffman.

Roysie City
Infield - Hestert and Lexi Ruff (Sr).
Outfield - Atkins.

2nd Team All District

Rockwall-Heath
Infield - Renteria and Strange.
Roysie City
Infield - Taylor Sutton (Sr).
Outfield - Johnson.

Area highlights

North Forney Catcher Marilyn Rizzato (Sr) was named District MVP.

Forney third base Jaycee McIntyre (Sr) was named Offensive MVP.

North Forney Freshman Caleigh Cross was named Newcomer of the Year.

North Forney Senior Morgan McCullum earned 1st Team All District for infield.

Forney's Kamryn Wells (Jr) was named 1st Team for infield.

Area Academic All District

North Forney - Amber Busby (Jr), Kerbee Hedenreich (So), Alexa Enriquez (Jr), Rizzato, Alexis Watson (Sr).

Forney - Meagan Amrhein (Sr), Allyson Gafford (Sr), Brooke Lee (Sr), McIntyre, Sidney Stewart (Sr), Jennifer McElroy (Jr), Makensie Miller (Jr), Cassidy Schubert (Jr), Wells, Samantha Coker (So), Brittany Lee (So), Tatum Stover (So), Bailey Beal (So) and Cross.

Rockwall County Sports Notes

2016 Caddyshack Golf Tourney planned

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce will host its 2016 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 1 p.m. shotgun start is planned. Contact the chamber to register; call

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Rockwall Soroptimists Susan Reeves, right, and Sandy Hansen, left, recently presented Roysie City senior Veronica Conteras with the Susan Faulkner Memorial Scholarship at the high school's awards assembly. Conteras plans to major in medical radiologic technology. The Soroptimists will raise money for future scholarships and other community needs at the organization's Rockwall Country Fair from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, at the Rockwall County Courthouse. The club's mission is to improve the lives of women and children in the community and throughout the world.

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An abundance of children at the splash pool enjoyed the various water activities during the Rockwall Founders Day Festival at Harry Myers Park. The event, which ran from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 21, offered an array of activities, games and events including Living History exhibits on blacksmithing, spinning, chuck wagon with Dutch oven cooking, butter churning, the making of rag dolls, and a scavenger hunt. There was a large assortment of vendor's booths and a wide variety of food vendors. "Little farmers" could plant the cotton patch and receive a "deed" to their plot for a \$1 donation. Various bands provided live entertainment.

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