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Royse City Council Hwy. 66 workshop draws crowd, ends abruptly

...the mayor said. The audience sat in total shock, "What just happened?"

...were in attendance, many already worked up over

...workshop for the Royse City Council was scheduled

...City Hall to discuss Hwy. 66 reconstruction and

...second meeting was scheduled to follow at 7 p.m.

...agenda "to consider and act concerning an approval of a

...rdin. Hwy. 66 reconstruction alignment."

...ng was about to begin, those entering the Melody Room

...to sign in if they wished to speak before the council.

...speaker was Marilyn Jones, wife of Dr. Ron Jones. He has

...practiced in Royse City for 38 years. She reviewed a long

...ings they have done to support and improve the city and

noted the things they have spent their own money on to build or improve such as sidewalks, lights and benches. She spoke of how this change will affect the families who have lived here for generations.

"This will not only be a grievous error in justice but a slap in the face to those of us who live here," she said as she informed the council she had brought with her a petition of 250 signatures against doing anything to the downtown area. She said she had collected all the names within the last two weeks.

"If you take the Burton route, we will have to close our medical office and it will affect thousands of our patients. This council has the power to displace our office and close our doors. We ask that you abandon the project. We are against doing anything," Marilyn Jones said. Her comments were greeted by applause and comments of support.

At this point, the mayor informed the audience that "the studies and actual work on this project won't even begin until the year 2035. The

County of Rockwall has asked us to make a decision. So this is the dilemma this council is in tonight.

"Also, in order to speak before the council, the person wishing to speak must live in Royse City or own a business here," he said.

When he called the second person to speak, the woman said from her seat in the audience, "I don't live here or have a business here in Royse City, but I do come here to shop and eat. But I just found out that's not important."

When Lucille Bell came to the podium, she told of her parents and how Royse City had been her entire family's home. Now her children and grandchildren make their home in the city. She talked about how the town has changed and grown over the years.

Jim Hunt spoke briefly.

"Remember who brought you to the dance," he said. "Dr. Jones and his family and the Bells (Lucille and Councilman Bill Bell and their families) has brought this city to the dance."

"I she drive 37 miles from Lone Oak just for appointments with Dr. Jones," Kathy Bell said, "and I think that he is a real treasure to the city. You have a real, compassionate doctor who cares for so many patients."

Mary Johnson, a former Royse City Council member, also spoke. "Our hearts are in this situation and I know the council's are too," she said. "The city has a lot of time and money invested in Main Street and it is important to keep it untouched."

She discussed the Main Street Merchants Association of which 36 businesses are members and talked about how Main Street and Royse City were formed.

"I agree with what she was saying," City Councilman James Branch said. "This is a plan for the future, 2035, and we're dealing with a lot of historical things that have happened here in the past."

Johnson received applause and comments from the audience when she said, "I'm surprised that Main Street wasn't brought into the decision-making."

Dr. Ron Jones stood in the audience and described how much this project could affect his business and customers. His daughter also stood to speak. The mayor asked her to come forward to the microphone as the council could not hear her. She was angry, repeatedly telling the council that the city was taking away her, her children and her family's inheritance by destroying their business. She became so upset that the mayor eventually asked her to take her seat.

Branch spoke again. "Ultimately TxDOT will decide where this will go as it is a state highway," he said.

Councilman Bill Bell added, "The state will take the council's decision into consideration."

"We are a historic district, and I ask you to please listen to the people's voices," said Carol Burks. "Just listen to the people's voices."

Burks' comments were met by applause and more outbursts from the audience.

No one in the audience spoke in favor of the proposed changes.

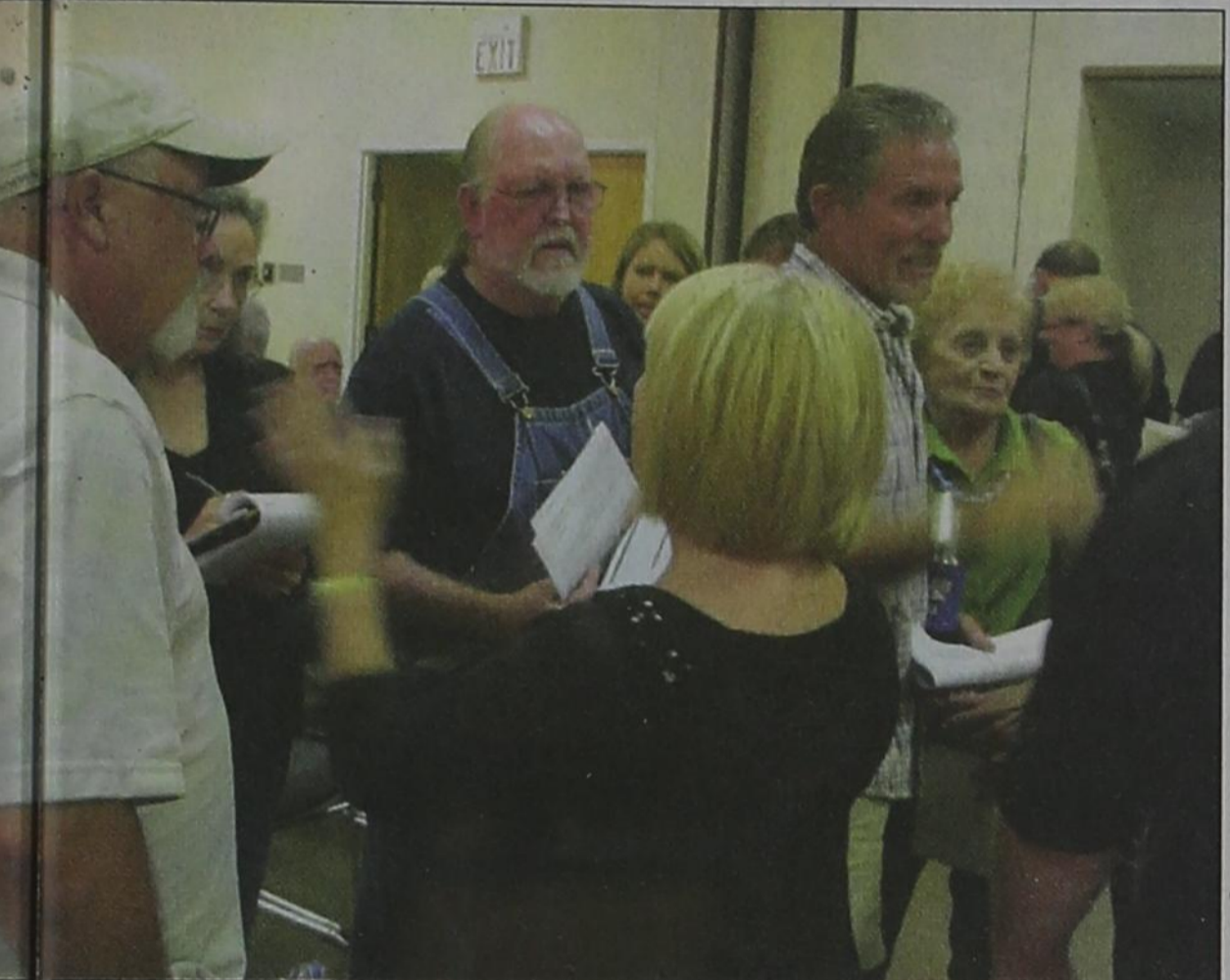
At 6:55 p.m. the mayor told the audience the council was taking a few minutes for a break and then would restart the meeting. At 7:10 p.m., the council members returned.

"I am going to call for a motion right now on one of the 11 choices we have to make," the mayor said.

No council member responded. The room was silent.

"OK, there's no action on this. Meeting adjourned," the mayor said, ending the meeting.

Once again, no decision has been made on the State Hwy. 66 reconstruction.



...citizens discuss the Royse City Council meeting's abrupt adjournment regarding the SH 66 reconstruction issue. This means that yet another meeting will have to be conducted to try to make a decision on the issue that will affect the city for years to come, even though the construction will not take place until the year 2035.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Rockwall hosts two new restaurants, nine to open soon

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Interstate 30. A collection of restaurants and other retail businesses will soon open near the intersection of State Highway 205 and Interstate 30 near Costco. The area is currently under construction.

Restaurants that have already claimed a spot in that strip center include Raising Cane's, a chain known for their chicken strip dinners, Luby's Cafeteria, Rosa's Café, a one-owner chain Mexican restaurant, and Fuddrucker's, which specializes in hamburgers.

Ground has yet to be broken, at the corner of FM 740 and Summer Lee Drive for the home of the newest Dunkin' Donuts location.

With over 3,100 stores in over 30 countries outside of the U.S., Dunkin' has decided to land in our hometown to grow their business that is already a household name.

It is with bittersweet sentiments that Denny's opens on Interstate 30 in the former site of Burger King that recently closed.

Londoner's Pub and Grill, the eatery serves authentic British food

such as fish and chips, along with American food. It will be located at the former site of El Coyote Rojo on North Fannin Street.

Recently, long time resident of Rockwall, Arby's closed, and fast food seafood joint, Long John Silver's will replace it.

Brookshire's food store will close its doors permanently by the end of the month and while there has been interest in the realty, nothing has been confirmed to replace the long standing grocery store's place, President and CEO of the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation, Sheri Franza confirmed.

"Rockwall's continued growth and expected growth has been phenomenal and as more businesses and families move to town, we need to be have the types of retail, restaurants and amenities here in our city and there is no reason for anyone to have to leave Rockwall unless they absolutely want to because we have it all here," Franza said.



Members of the Royse City Council listen intently as a citizen speaks regarding the reconstruction of SH 66. The council is in a difficult situation, trying to make a decision on something that will not even take place until the year 2035.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Kathy Darst earns ribbons in State Fair competition

Local artist Kathy Cornelius Darst has been notified that both of her entries in the State Fair of Texas art competition were tapped to receive first-place ribbons.

Darst's first entry, a portrait, is a painting of her father, lifetime Rockwall resident Clifford Cornelius.

"This was a painting of love," she said in a news release issued last week. "After my father passed away, I channeled my feeling of grief into creating a painting that represented his life. I can almost hear his voice when I look at this painting."

The second entry is a still life. "Still life has always been my favorite medium to paint," Darst said. "I have done several paintings of fruit, but I am exceptionally fond of these apples." Darst, a fifth generation Rockwall resident, has been painting since she was old enough to hold a crayon.

Over the last 10 years she has entered nine paintings in the State Fair's artistic competition. With those entries she has brought home five first place ribbons and four honorable mention awards. This marks the first year that she has entered to paintings in two different categories and won first place with both.

The State Fair, conducted annually in Dallas, will run Sept. 27 through Oct. 20. Darst's paintings will be on display with the fair's other artwork in the Arts Building.

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GS recruitment event scheduled

The last of four Girl Scout Recruitment Night events will be conducted in Royse City. All girls in kindergarten through 12th grade and their parents/guardians are invited to attend from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 12 at the First United Methodist Church, Royse City. Registration fee is \$15; financial aid is available. For more details contact Ami Crouch at 972-415-3095 or at acrouch@marykay.com.

Youth gun safety focus of CARGO Gun Club

The CARGO (Citizens Association for Responsible Gun Ownership) Rockwall Gun Club meets the second Thursday of each month at Soulman's Bar-B-Q in Rockwall. This month's focus will be youth gun safety; the event will run from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sept. 12 meeting. Children and grandchildren are invited to attend to learn gun safety techniques from Clint Brown, a Rockwall County game warden; Todd Williams, a 4-H representative; and David Stroud, president, TSRA. Certified concealed handgun license instructor Jack Sekunik will moderate the discussion. There are no fees or membership dues.

Girl Scouts plan Family Fish Day

Local Girl Scouts will host a Family Fish Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 14 at Harry Myers Park (second entrance, small pond by ball fields). Participants are invited to come see what Girl Scouts are about while fishing with their families. Girls who sign up for Girl Scouts will fish for free (registration cost is \$15; financial assistance is available). Activity and info booths will be set up; crafts and food will be available while supplies last. Prizes for Longest Fish, Smallest and Heaviest, as well as Most Fish Caught, will be awarded. Cost will be \$5 per fisher-person or \$15 per family (up to six); participants should bring their own rods, reels and tackle. For info visit gsnetx.org.



Kathy Cornelius Darst of Rockwall captured first place wins in the Portrait and Still Life art competition of the upcoming State Fair of Texas with the paintings pictured above. The portrait is her father the late Clifford Cornelius.

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by Brittany Williams
Who would have thought that the little girl running around barefoot on a white rock driveway playing the day away was a city girl stuck in the country?
No one. Not even she knew.
Home-schooled until fourth grade, I had no idea that the city was calling me.
At that point it was more of a whisper so quiet that I didn't hear it.
Didn't hear it until I was 16.

The day we moved, I was taken to school from one house and brought back to another with a mere 14 miles separating the two. That two months shy of 10 years ago now and I couldn't imagine still living anywhere else.

From a city of about 300 to one that about 5,000 have filed into.



Doris Cullins Lake-Pointe Elementary fourth grade teacher, Tammy Kea (back, left) received a classroom set of iPads. Mrs. Kea applied and was chosen by a district committee to be a "Launchpad Classroom" in which she will design project based learning opportunities for her students. Kea is shown with her students.

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I feel so much more at home.
But here's the thing. Watching businesses pop up me, yes.
But, it's a bittersweet thing, you see.
As the saying goes, where one door closes, another opens. It's not like an old song you can rediscover, Burge have to deal. I can't just drive down I-30 and jump in and try the new burger with french fries on it. No I want to. I can't. It's not coming back.

(The fact that I don't eat red meat and haven't had a 17 is really insignificant for this example.)
In the past few weeks, I have seen businesses that built all those years ago close. Places that I have met. Call it a sign of the times, call it what you will, but it goes.
Excitement is the word though looking ahead to the town.

If I'm being completely honest, I have not been found out we were getting a Freebirds.
Now, that, my friends, is excitement and you can bank.
You know, that new bank they just built in town? They even have a drive-through.



AMICA, a nonprofit group of 40 women, tradition of supporting Helping Hands and its local residents in times of crisis. AMICA's recent to Helping Hands will be used to purchase school children of families in need. Pictured above are AMI Candy Lee and philanthropy chair T.J. Mayes p donation to Sherry Hamm, emergency assistance Helping Hands.

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Mercier DeCuir (left) with her daughter Shannon DeCuir

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Cruisin' Jude fun set Sat

Cruisin' for St. Jude's is one event organized to Children's Rese will be hosted by Renegades Sept. Club in Forney.

The event gi opportunity to p Chris Woods of Terrell, Dustin Wilford of Quinlan and Tennessee; her grandparents, Darlene of Ben Wheeler, Cathy Pettit of and numerous aunts, uncles, Dave Thomas Ba from noon to 2 p the live auction.

St. Jude's is one premier centers f 2013, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel. and other catastro at her side.

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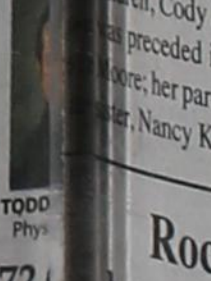
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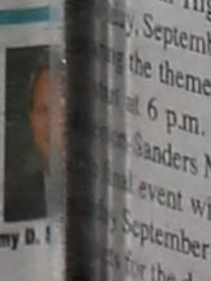
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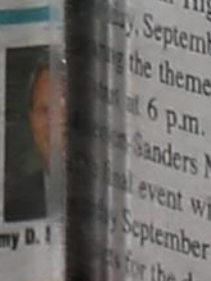
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Carolyn Graham B...
services for Carolyn
Bosworth, 83, of Dallas
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the First United Methodist
of Health, 140 Smirl Drive,
Rev. Dean Libby officiating.
will take place at a later date
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Rest Haven Funeral Home-
Chapel is in charge of
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and crossword puzzles.
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Carolyn Graham Bosworth



Services for Carolyn Bosworth, 83, of Dallas, were conducted at 1 p.m. Sept. 14, at the First United Methodist Church, 140 Smirl Drive, Rockwall. Dean Libby officiating. The service will take place at a later date at the Rest Haven Cemetery in Lincoln, Texas. Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

She was born Sept. 13, 1929, in Lincoln, Texas, to the late Joseph Carl and Lottie Mae Bosworth. She learned to read in school and service to the community. She was a compassionate and professional caregiver. She was a member of the American Red Cross. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Heath, Texas. She was married to Richard Bosworth Sr., a career U.S. Air Force pilot, following his retirement from the Air Force, the family as where he began a second career in the legal profession. She worked once the couple's children were old enough to take care of themselves. She volunteered in the church and in the various organizations where they lived. She had a special fondness for Meals on Wheels in Heath, as well as crafting at the church. She enjoyed the Sherman and enjoyed yard work, sports (especially golf), crossword puzzles.

She is survived by her sons, Rick Bosworth of Dallas, Brian Bosworth of Melissa, of Decatur and Greg Bosworth of Dallas; her daughter, Melissa, of Decatur and Greg Bosworth of Dallas; her son, John, Ala.; a brother, Glenn Graham, and his wife, Top, of Rockwall; and her grandchildren, Megan Hughes and her husband, Greg Bosworth of Decatur.

She preceded in death by her husband, one sister and two

Bernice Buena Cole



Services for Bernice Buena Cole, 83, were conducted at 11 a.m. Sept. 11, 2013, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel, 140 Smirl Drive, Rockwall. The service followed in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She was born Sept. 7, 1928, in Chicago, Illinois, to the late Hazel Dole and her husband, William high school in 1945. She attended Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Okla. She was married to Ray Cole in 1953. They lived in their family in Arkansas City, Kansas. She relocated to Rockwall following her husband's death.

She worked in the labs at ADM until her retirement in 1993. An active member of the Church of Nazarene in Arkansas City and Mesquite, she enjoyed the garden and flowers. She enjoyed reading and working on crossword puzzles.

She is survived by her brother, Dwight Dole; her sister, Elizabeth Dole; her daughter, Cheri Cross of Rockwall; her son, Ron Cole of Rockwall; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one brother,

Reanon Nicole Hopson



Services for Reanon Nicole Hopson, 34, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sept. 12, 2013, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel, 140 Smirl Drive, Rockwall. A graveside service will be held at the family cemetery.

She was born Sept. 6, 1979, in Tyler, Texas, to the late William and Elaine Hopson.

She is survived by her son, Jacek Hopson of New Braunfels; her daughter, Bobbie and Corey Smith of Rockwall; and her brothers, Walt and Elaine Wheeler; her sister, Rebecca Smith of Greenville; her mother, Mrs. Woods of Terrell, Dustin Parsons of Rockwall, Eric and Dawn of Quinlan and Tennessee Colony and Justin Hayes of Rockwall; her grandparents, Darlene Alexander of Rockwall, Joy and Ken Wheeler, Cathy Pettit of Greenville and Glen Pettit of Rockwall; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She preceded in death by her grandfather, Harold Wofford.

Peggy Fellers Moore



Services for Peggy Fellers Moore, 83, were conducted at 1 p.m. Sept. 12, 2013, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel, 140 Smirl Drive, Rockwall. The service followed in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel.

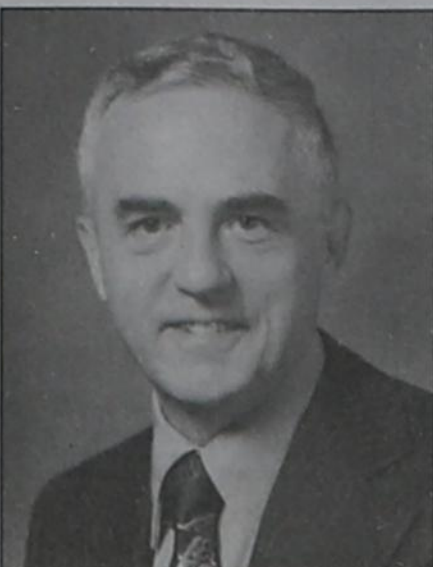
She was born Aug. 29 in Rockwall with her side. She was married to William Moore on the morning of July 1, 1928, in the Gainesville area. She lived most of her adult life in Rockwall, Texas. She was a founding member of the Leavelle Zoological Society, an avid gardener and a prize-winning gardener. She enjoyed fishing and games and working on her garden.

She had a vacation home in Clouderoff, N.M., was her sanctuary and where she spent much of her time watching the wildlife there and at her home in Rockwall. She enjoyed when enjoying time with her family.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Margaret Ann and Ray Moore of Heath; her son, Rick Moore and partner, John Dornheim of Rockwall; her sisters, Vicki Fellers and Judy Lawler of Lubbock; her daughter, Marsha Rodgers and her husband, Ron, of Rockwall; her son, Cody and Hannah Johnson, also of Frisco; and her great-grandson, Cody and Hannah Johnson, also of Frisco.

She preceded in death by her husbands, Aubrey Hardin and M.L. Moore; her parents, William Roy Fellers and Anna Aughtry Fellers; and her sister, Nancy Kay Smith.

John Joseph Westrich



Services for John Joseph Westrich, 88, of Rockwall were conducted at 11 a.m. Sept. 11, 2013, in the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Rockwall with the Rev. George Monaghan officiating. A graveside service was conducted at 2 p.m. in the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Sept. 2.

Born June 30, 1925, in Chicago, Ill., to John William and Lillian (Wurm) Westrich, he graduated from Northwestern University and earned his Certificate in Accounting from Wharton School of Finance. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked for the U.S. Department of Labor as an auditor and was a member of the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Rockwall.

Survivors include his wife, Nadene (Hultgren) Westrich of Rockwall; a son, John Raymond Westrich, and his wife, Julie, of Rockwall; a daughter, Carol Hagan, and husband, Don, of Gladstone, Mo.; his grandchildren, Ben, Katie and Elizabeth Hagan and Alex, Anne Marie and Allison Westrich; a brother, Roy Westrich; a brother-in-law, Bill Miller; a niece, Sharon Potacki, and her husband, Mike; and other family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Dolores and Evelyn.

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CASA to host fish fry Sept. 14

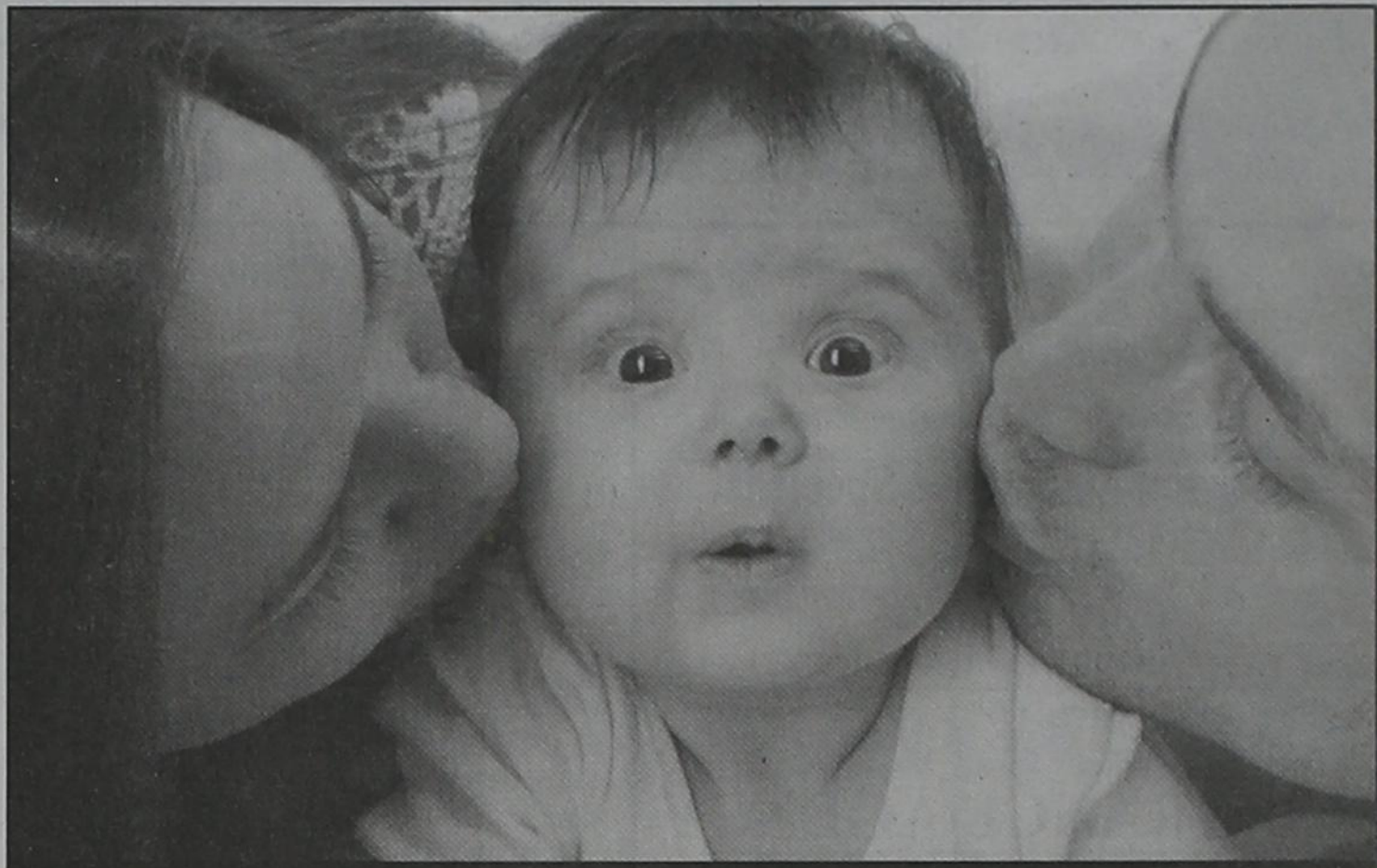
Lone Star CASA will host a fish fry beginning at 5 p.m. Sept. 14 at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Community at FM 1641 and I-20. Fried fish, hushpuppies, French fries, sides and desserts will be served until 8 p.m. Advance tickets are available by calling 972-772-5858. For more information about Lone Star CASA, visit lonestarcasa.org.

Program to offer insight into dementia

The Virtual Dementia Tour, "Your Window Into Their World," will be offered Sept. 17 at the Arbor House, 5250 Medical Drive, Rockwall. The program, sponsored by Area Agency on Aging of North Central Texas and Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County, is designed for family caregivers, professionals and anyone who works with older adults. It will provide insight into the "realities of living with dementia while experiencing the overwhelming effect of trying to perform everyday tasks for a person living with memory loss" and will take participants from the beginning to late stages of the disease process. Tours will run every 15 minutes from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. by reservation only. To make a reservation, call 469-338-0204.

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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Rockwall County Consolidated Municipal Utility District No. 1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2013, on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, at 4:45 p.m., at the Hampton Inn, 1549 Laguna Drive, Rockwall, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR: Bobby Jackson, B.F. Turner, Randy Roland and Paul Wilson
AGAINST: None
PRESENT and not Voting: None
ABSENT: Jo Carol McCormick

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.70/\$100	\$0.65/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$.05/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		
Average appraised value	\$188,917	\$188,310
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizens or disabled persons exemptions)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Average taxable value	\$188,917	\$188,310
Tax on average residence homestead	\$1,322.42	\$1,224.02
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		-\$98.40
and percentage of increase (+/-)		-7.40%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Rockwall High School Homecoming events planned

Rockwall High School homecoming festivities is set to begin on September 18 with the annual Homecoming Parade. The theme, "Back Down Broncos," the homecoming parade will start at 6 p.m. in the Dobbs Elementary parking lot and end at Sanders Memorial Stadium. The homecoming dance at SouthFork Ranch, on September 21 from 8 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. The cost of the dance are \$25 for RHS students and \$35 for non-RHS students. A school bus will be available to transport students to and from the dance. The cost of the bus is \$5.00 for students and \$10.00 for non-students. For more information, call 972-771-9034.

Cruisin' Jude festival set Sept. 13

Cruisin' for St. Jude's event organized by the Children's Research Center will be hosted by the Rockwall Renegades Sept. 13 at the Forney Club in Forney, Texas. The event provides an opportunity for motorcycle riders and non-riders to enjoy vendors, live music, raffle and 50/50. The event will run from noon to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00. Registration will be at the River Club in Forney.

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In Her Shoes 5k fundraiser planned

On Sept. 28, Women in Need will host its third annual In Her Shoes 5k fundraising event designed to bring awareness to the issues and complexities associated with domestic violence.

The event will be professionally timed and awards will be given to top finishers in several age categories.

The race is open to all ages and fitness levels.

Start and finish lines will be at the Harry Meyers Spray Park Pavilion, Rockwall.

In the past five years, domestic violence incidents in the area have almost doubled, according to a Women in Need news release, and the need for victim support services has increased as a result. Women in Need provides services such as emergency shelter, legal advocacy, a 24-hour crisis hotline and education, as well as a prevention and education program in local middle and high schools.

During the past year, Women in Need has reached more than 1,500 students through its teen dating violence awareness program, which helps students identify healthy vs. unhealthy dating behaviors, in Rockwall and Hunt counties.

For more details or to register visit inhershoes5k.com. To donate a raffle prize, purchase a vendor booth or find out how businesses or organizations can partner with the agency contact Cheryl Bahm at 972-772-3000 or win.education@sbcglobal.net.



Carrington's single to be featured in film

Rockwall's Amber Carrington, who captured national attention with her involvement in last season's NBC television show "The Voice," will see her country-inspired single "Gypsy Boots" included in the soundtrack of an upcoming independent feature film.

The Texas-based film, "Beyond the Farthest Star," will be released Oct. 18 by Pathlight Entertainment and will feature Renee O'Connor, Todd Terry, Barry Corbin, Billy McNamara, Andrew Pine, Cherami Leigh and Lou Beatty Jr. The film will open in five Dallas-area theaters — in Mesquite, Greenville, East Plano, West Plano and Grapevine — as well as in Houston, San Antonio and other Texas communities.

It is described as an independent, faith-based film shot in North Texas.

Advance tickets to the midnight openings can be reserved at seatzy.com/star. Ticket availability will be limited according to the size of the theater, according to the Pathlight news release.

The film's trailer can be viewed on its website, beyondthefartheststar.com.

Let the peace from God rule in your hearts also you are called in one body ... Colossians 3:15

Blessing of the Animals Adoption set for October

Blessing of the Animals & Pet Adoption is scheduled for October 4 from 4-6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall.

The church is located on 602 White Hills, just off Ridge Road and Interstate 30 behind the water tower.

Everyone is invited to bring their pets on leashes, in an aquarium, cage or trailer any time between 4 and 6 p.m. Rockwall Pets will hold an adopt-a-pet at the church and will be accepting donations of premium pet food, unused pet medications, as well as monetary donations.

Pastor Cheryl Taylor stated, "As a pet-lover who has been blessed by so many wonderful animal companions in my life, I am excited to celebrate the amazing gift of love that God gives us in this blessing as a chance to make the connection between love and the pets we are called to love -- and who bring into our lives. This is an event for and a service to the city. Everyone and their dog (or cat, or lizard) is welcome."



Pastor Taylor with her dog

Taylor to be feted Sunday

The First Christian Church, Rockwall, will celebrate of ministry" of the church's senior music director and Taylor.

During her tenure, Taylor has either served as organist or director of hand bell choir director. At times, she served in both capacities simultaneously.

"We have all come to love and appreciate Betty's contribution to our worship experience," said the Rev. Mark Taylor, pastor of the church. "She is by far the most collaborative musician with whom I've ever had the pleasure of serving."

Friends of Taylor and church members are invited to a 7 a.m. service to celebrate Taylor's ongoing ministry. A reception will follow the service.

The church is located at 3375 Ridge Road, 1.4 mile south of Interstate 30. For more details, call 972-771-5526.

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Lakeside AMBUCS celebrate Charter Night in Rockwall

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Lakeside AMBUCS (American Business Clubs) celebrated its Charter Night at Shenanigans in Rockwall. The meeting, hosted by the AMBUCS, was to instruct the new members of Lakeside to conduct their meetings. First things new members learn is that they always open and the pledge to the U.S. flag. According to their website, is "a charitable service with a goal of creating mobility and independence for abilities." Provides therapeutic Amtrykes for children, adults and disabilities. These Amtrykes provide movement, exercise, litigation and freedom and are built specifically to meet the individual. Give between 75 and 100 Amtrykes every year and have 996. Lakeside AMBUCS helps people with disabilities is to provide or therapists. More than \$250,000 is given annually for these scholarships. The Mesquite AMBUCS web site, "through the National Endowment Program, scholarships are awarded to students entering into the physical, or occupational therapy each pathology programs."

The Mesquite AMBUCS BIG Hat Club has awarded more than \$130,000 in scholarships since 1995. These \$4,000 scholarships are awarded annually to three Mesquite Independent School District graduates who are going into the physical therapy or speech pathology fields of study.

AMBUCS is a National Business Club founded in 1922. According to the Mesquite AMBUCS president Mike Oswalt, the Mesquite AMBUCS was chartered in 1984. Their goal besides providing the Amtrykes is to do projects that provide financial support for scholarships. They conduct fundraisers and Mesquite's biggest fundraisers are the pancake breakfasts and golf tournaments.

One of their main fundraisers has been conducted for the last 19 years at Buffalo Creek Golf Club in Rockwall. Oswalt said the Mesquite club also builds ramps for the disabled and helps families out at Christmas time and with other hardships.

Since the Mesquite AMBUCS have been in existence for 29 years, the Lakeside Club was started to incorporate a younger group of members. The current national president, Jack Ballware, came from Kalamazoo, Mich., to be present at the charter meeting. The aim of the new charter was to begin with 40 new members.

There were 60 people in attendance including guests. The expectation is that Lakeside will establish its own identity and fundraisers.

The next meeting of the Lakeside AMBUCS will be on Sept. 27 at the

Texas Land and Cattle Steak House at 4881 Bass Pro Drive, Garland, near Lake Ray Hubbard.

Those interested in finding out more about the Mesquite or Lakeside AMBUCS or to donate to the scholarship fund or the Amtrykes, contact the Lakeside president, Pete Nielson, at 972-978-212 or Oswalt at 972-285-7900.



Jenna Bailey tries out the one of the new Amtrykes at the Bass Pro Shop in Garland where a fundraiser was conducted recently by the Lakeside AMBUCS. She liked it so much that paperwork was completed and within a month Jenna had her own AMTRYKE. Her father, Mark Bailey, left, and club member Don Riggs look on as Jenna takes a spin.
 Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall City Council adopts budget, tax rate

The City Council adopted a budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year on Sept. 3, according to a news release from the City. The budget did not increase the tax rate this year. This decision is based on a tax rate of 50.25 cents per \$100 valuation, current rate property owners pay now.

Highlights of this year's budget are the funding of four new full-time positions in the fire department, two new school resource officers and 11 dispatchers.

20 positions were a result of the Rockwall Independent School District requesting additional officers to work in their elementary schools. The school district will pay 75 percent of the salary and benefits. When school is not in session, the officers are assigned to other divisions of the department.

On Oct. 1, the Rockwall Police Department also will begin to provide service from Fate, this budget addresses the need to provide that service and promotes regional cooperation with other public safety agencies. The City of Fate will fund the new positions.

The budget also funds water and wastewater system maintenance and the upcoming year and assumes a 10 percent increase in utility rates. The proposal will be presented to the City Council later this year. The costs associated with the increase will be impacted by rising expenses the city is incurring for water, which are related to capital improvements in the Texas Municipal Water District in response to regulatory requirements, the zebra mussel issue, and the drought. The NTMWD also operates the city's wastewater treatment plants and those costs continue to increase as well.

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Fate's Breakfast with the Mayor set

A breakfast with the Mayor will run from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Sept. 10 at the Community Center, 104 South W.E. Crawford, in Fate. A light breakfast snack will be served.

CASA to participate in Donor Bridge

North Texas Giving Day, and Lone Star CASA will be participating in the Leaderboard during the give-a-thon, which runs from 7 a.m. to midnight. North Texas Giving Day is an annual event that focuses on increasing the visibility of and funding agencies that serve North Texas. To help Lone Star CASA with abused and neglected children, go to donorbridgetx.com for more information and look for the agency's name.

Artisan Fine Arts Festival slated

The Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts will host The Harbor Arts Festival Sept. 21. Works from some of North Texas' finest artists will be featured in the daylong event. Items include sculpture, glass, leather, paint, drawing, wood, fiber, metal, ceramics, metalwork, photography, mixed media, printmaking, and more. Live entertainment also will be featured. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Alliance. A limited number of artist spots are available. For more details visit rockwallarts.org.

HSAA Soccer fundraiser scheduled

School Athletic Association/HSSA Soccer program will be fundraising garage sale to run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 15 at High School, 3300 Potteet Drive, Mesquite. Clothing, appliances, furniture, games, book and other items will be offered. Proceeds will be used for national expenses, registration, uniforms and more.

Democrats to meet Sept. 21

The photo ID law will be discussed at the September meeting of the County Democratic Party. Participants also will review the proposed to be voted on in the November constitutional amendment meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Sept. 21 at the Harry Myers Center, 815 E. Washington. A continental breakfast will be served.

Silent No More vigil set Sept. 27

The Silent No More vigil, Silent No More, will honor victims and celebrate the lives of those who have been killed by domestic violence beginning at 7 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Rockwall Community Center, 950 T.L. Townsend Drive. The vigil will include stories and testimonials from women who have broken the cycle of living violence-free lives. Rockwall County district attorney Culpepper will provide a brief overview of what the county is doing to combat the issue of domestic violence. Participation will be free and open to the public.

Aspansians Arts & Crafts Fair set Sept. 28

The Aspansians Arts & Crafts Fair will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 28 at downtown Rockwall square. More than 200 vendors are expected to participate in the event, which will feature everything from gifts to food, fine art, handmade items and vintage décor. Proceeds will provide scholarships to area high school seniors and fund table causes. For more details visit aspansians.com.

Senior Health Fair planned at The Center

The Senior Health Fair open to individuals ages 55 and older will be held at The Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 2. Organized by the Parks & Rec Center, the event will include a variety of vendors including health care providers, doctors, retirement community and much more. A continental breakfast also will be offered. For more details call 972-771-7740 or visit thecenter.com/parks.

Rib Rub Run & Roll set in Rockwall

The annual Rib Rub Run & Roll will be conducted on the Rockwall Square on Oct. 5. The day will begin with a 5k/10k runs at 7:30 a.m., followed by the People's Choice Competition for wings. Samples of competitors' barbecues, sanctioned by the National Barbecue Cookers Association, will be available as live entertainment throughout the day. A car show also will be conducted, and live music will run from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. For more details visit mainstreet.rockwall.com.

compliance requirements, the zebra mussel issue, and the drought. The NTMWD also operates the city's wastewater treatment plants and those costs continue to increase as well.

Sales tax revenue exceeded expectations this year, which is allowing the city to fund a number of capital items that are one-time expenses with general fund reserves instead of issuing short-term debt. The majority of these expenditures will address individual department's aging fleet and other items needed to continue providing services to the citizens of Rockwall.

"Funding of public safety has been a top priority of the council and this budget achieves our goals for this year," said Mayor David Sweet, according to the news release. "The budget also addresses roadway maintenance, police and fire equipment, parks and recreation needs, technology needs, and pays this year's debt payment for new roads and the downtown improvements approved in the 2012 bond election."

"The City Council recognized that it had to conservatively forecast sales tax revenue coupled with steady growth in property values over the last few years during uncertain economic times. By doing so, the city is now in the position to use several funding options to provide services and programs to its citizens without putting the additional burden on the tax payers."

The new budget goes into effect on Oct. 1.

Rockwall plans repairs to Glenn Avenue

The City of Rockwall has contracted with Reynolds Asphalt to make pavement repairs to Glenn Avenue from South Alamo Road to Ridge Road (FM 740), according to a city news release.

The repairs will be made in four phases. The first phase of the improvements will consist of prepping the site along with pulverizing the existing asphalt and street base. The second phase will consist of base stabilization, compaction and final grading. The third phase will be to allow for a cure time of approximately seven days for the cement stabilized base to gain sufficient strength prior to placing asphalt. The final phase of construction will consist of laying the asphalt.

The base work, which consists of the first three phases, began Monday and will run through Sept. 19.

City officials said they plan to keep the roadway open to traffic as much as possible during the repair process; however, drivers should expect possible delays.

The asphalt is scheduled to be placed on or around Sept. 20, weather permitting. The road also will remain open to traffic during the asphalt laying process.

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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Rockwall County Municipal Utility District No. 6 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2013, on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, at 6:15 p.m., at the Hampton Inn, 1549 Laguna Drive, Rockwall, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR: Jill Thrasher, Kevin Tucker, Chris Smith and Sherry Skinner
AGAINST: None
PRESENT and not Voting: None
ABSENT: Nancy Jones

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.75/\$100	\$0.75/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		
Average appraised value	\$131,660	\$131,660
General exemptions available		
(excluding senior citizens or disabled persons exemptions)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Average taxable value	\$131,660	\$131,660
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 987.45	\$ 987.45
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		+/- \$0 +/- 0%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Repairs slated for East Washington

The City of Rockwall has contracted with Reynolds Asphalt to make pavement repairs to East Washington Street, according to a city news release.

Repairs will be made from Clark Street to the east side of Harry Myers Park in four phases.

The first phase of improvements will consist of prepping the site along with pulverizing the existing asphalt and street base. The second phase will consist of base stabilization, compaction and final grading. The third phase will allow for a minimum cure time of at least seven days for the cement stabilization base to gain sufficient strength prior to placing the asphalt. The final phase will involve laying the asphalt.

The base work, which involves the first three phases, is scheduled to begin today and run through Sept. 24. City officials plan to leave the roadway open to traffic as much as possible during the process; however, drivers may experience temporary delays, according to the news release.

The asphalt will be placed sometime around Sept. 26, weather permitting.

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The U.S. Constitution and the right to vote addressed

The Constitution of the United States of America addresses the right of citizens of the United States to vote. The precise language of right to vote is used four times. The Constitution makes no mention of the citizen's privilege to vote. The framers knew that some actions might "abridge" a right without "denying" it altogether. The language of the constitution takes this into consideration when it states that "the citizen's right to vote shall not be abridged or denied. Whatever the status of the right, as a right, that right is strictly protected from any kind of limit.

The Fifteenth Amendment

Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

The Nineteenth Amendment

Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Twenty-fourth Amendment

Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote in any primary or other election for President or Vice President, for electors for President or Vice President, or for Senators or Representatives in Congress, shall not be denied by abridgement by the United States or any State by reason of failure to pay poll tax or other tax.

Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

The Twenty-sixth Amendment

Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.

Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Over the years courts and citizens have come to regard voting

as a "privilege" of citizenship granted to some but "privilege" has been made dependent on literacy or lack of a community or ability to prove identity or lack of a... The Supreme Court took a narrow view when it... to vote in quotes -- as if it were somehow questionable to other rights. However, in the actual language of the the right of citizens of the United States to vote is strongly by the text, not once but four times. Attempts to abridge citizen's right to vote through the use of restrictive laws contrary to the Constitution of the United States of A Congress has the power to enforce each article.

Texas as spent over \$2 million of our money to put Photo ID Law, which attempts to take away citizens right order to reduce "voter fraud." Attorney General Gregg there have been 62 cases of fraudulent election voting in years (2002-July 2012). Of the 62 cases, forty were done in ballots. This new law will have no effect on mail-in those who vote by mail do not need to show Photo ID.

This law disenfranchises approximately 600,000 people of these are poor people, students, elderly, black and Americans that traditionally vote as Democrats. These figures reported by Cornell University, Rice University and other universities and also the media as "a law in search of a... Followers of the Constitution will be doing everything to protect and enable citizens to exercise their protected guaranteed by the Constitution.

Judith Matherne

Opinions

TGIF: The Cynical U.S. Policy on Chemical Weapons

by Sheldon Richman
Future Freedom Foundation
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"I didn't set a red line. The world set a red line."

That was President Obama's response this week to those who believe he wants to attack Syria in order to defend his own credibility. Secretary of State John Kerry said the same thing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. They were referring to the 88-year-old Geneva Protocol (Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare) and the 20-year-old Chemical Weapons Convention (Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction).

Although 189 nations, including the United States, are parties to the CWC, it doesn't follow that the United States has been anointed to enforce it. In fact, U.S. action against Syria would in itself violate international law, which permits the use of force by one government against another only in self-defense or as part of a UN-authorized action. Neither applies in this case. (There are libertarian grounds against war even when the UN has authorized it.)

Because the gruesome images of children and other noncombatants killed and wounded allegedly by Bashar al-Assad's chemical weapons constitute a powerful part of Obama's appeal for public support for his missile strike (or more), it pays to take a close look at the U.S. record on chemical weapons.

Fortunately, Stephen Zunes, a professor of politics and international studies at the University of San Francisco, where he chairs the program in Middle Eastern Studies, has done this. The record isn't pretty.

Before looking at Zunes's findings, let us note that while Syria is not a party to the CWC, neither are U.S. allies Egypt and Israel, which receive billions of dollars each year in military equipment. (Unlike Egypt, Israel signed the convention in 1993, but it has not been ratified by the Knesset, which means that Israel is not a party to it.) Israel, like Egypt, is considered to have stockpiles of chemical weapons; it also has biological and nuclear weapons. Indeed, Israel is a nuclear monopolist in the Middle East — a fact usually left unmentioned in reports on Iran's alleged nuclear-weapons program. Moreover, unlike Iran, Israel is not a party to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Syria's chemical arsenal and Israel's nuclear arsenal are linked, according to the Washington Post's Fact Checker, Glenn Kessler, in "History Lesson: When the United States Looked the Other Way on Chemical Weapons":

Syria's chemical weapons stockpile results from a never-acknowledged gentleman's agreement in the Middle East that as long as Israel had nuclear weapons, Syria's pursuit of chemical weapons would not attract much public acknowledgement or criticism. (The Fact Checker, when serving as The Washington Post's diplomatic

correspondent, learned of this secret arrangement from Middle Eastern and Western diplomats, but it was never officially confirmed.) These are the sorts of trade-offs that happen often in diplomacy. After all, Israel's nuclear stockpile has never been officially acknowledged, and Syria in the 1980s and 1990s was often supportive of U.S. interests in the region, even nearly reaching a peace deal with Israel.

U.S. presidents have not always been as vigilant about the use of chemical weapons as Obama is today. Saddam Hussein gassed and killed tens of thousands of Iranians during Iraq's war against Iran in the 1980s. Kessler writes,

As documented in 2002 by Washington Post reporter Michael Dobbs, the Reagan administration knew full well it was selling materials to Iraq that was [sic] being used for the manufacture of chemical weapons, and that Iraq was using such weapons [against Iran], but U.S. officials were more concerned about whether Iran would win rather than how Iraq might eke out a victory. Dobbs noted that Iraq's chemical weapons' use was "hardly a secret...."

In 1988, Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein ordered chemical weapons attacks against Kurdish resistance forces, but the relationship with Iraq at the time was deemed too important to rupture over the matter. The United States did not even impose sanctions.

Of course, Barack Obama was not president in the 1980s, but that does not keep the world from seeing the hypocrisy in his position on Syria.

The Post report supports Zunes's conclusion in his May 2 article, "The U.S. and Chemical Weapons: No Leg to Stand On," that "U.S. policy regarding chemical weapons has been so inconsistent and politicized that the United States is in no position to take leadership in response to any use of such weaponry by Syria." Zunes points out a glaring example of this inconsistency:

Never has Congress or any administration of either party called on Israel or Egypt to disarm their chemical weapons arsenals, much less threatened sanctions for having failed to do so. U.S. policy, therefore, appears to be that while it is legitimate for its allies Israel and Egypt to refuse to ratify this important arms control convention, Syria needed to be singled out for punishment for its refusal.

Bear in mind that during the June 1967 war, Israel wrested the Golan Heights from Syria and annexed them in 1981, building settlements in contravention of international law, which forbids acquiring territory via war. While the border between Syria and Israel has been stable all these years, Syria aspires to recover the lost territory and has been willing to negotiate with Israel. "In 2007," Zunes writes, "the United States successfully pressured Israel to reject peace overtures from the Syrian government in which the Syrians offered to recognize Israel and agree to strict security guarantees in return for a complete Israeli withdrawal from occupied Syrian territory." Today, Israel's chief American lobby, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, is actively promoting an American war against Syria (and Iran).

The U.S. record on chemical weapons is poor in other respects.

Zunes reports that the administration of George W. Bush forced the removal of the respected director general of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), which enforces the Chemical Weapons Convention, Brazilian diplomat José Bustani:

[B]y 2002, the United States began raising objections to Bustani's insistence that the OPCW inspect U.S. chemical weapons facilities with the same vigor it does for other signatories. More critically, the United States was concerned about Bustani's efforts to get Iraq to sign the convention and open their facilities to surprise inspections as is done with other signatories. If Iraq did so, and the OPCW failed to locate evidence of chemical weapons that Washington claimed Saddam Hussein's regime possessed, it would severely weaken American claims that Iraq was developing chemical weapons.

Zunes's article also discusses the Reagan administration's provision of thiodiglycol, which is used to make mustard gas, and other chemical precursors to

Iraq's Saddam Hussein:

The March 1988 massacre in the northern Iraqi city of Halabja, where Saddam's forces murdered up to 5,000 Kurdish civilians, was downplayed by the Reagan administration with some officials even falsely claiming that Iran was responsible. The United States continued sending aid to Iraq after the regime's use of poison gas was confirmed.

From the mainstream media's reporting on the Middle East, one would never know that, as Zunes writes, "Syria has joined all other Arab states in calling for... a 'weapons of mass destruction free zone' for the entire Middle East. In December 2002, the UN Security Council introduced a resolution reiterating from 12 years earlier, but the resolution was tabled as a result of a threatened U.S. veto."

The implications are shocking in light of the current situation in Syria.

A case can be made, then, that had the United States followed a policy that addressed the proliferation of non-conventional weapons through region-wide disarmament rather than trying to disarm Syria, the Syrian regime would have rid itself of its chemical weapons some years earlier along with Israel and Egypt, and the alleged use of such ordnance — which is now propelling the Syrian civil war — States to increase its involvement in that country's civil war have never become an issue.

Clearly we have what Zunes calls "a longstanding hostility by the United States towards international efforts to disarm chemical weapons through a universal disarmament regime." Washington uses the alleged threat from chemical weapons to excuse to target specific countries whose governments are hostile to U.S. political and economic interests."

We're witnessing the latest episode in that longstanding hostility.

9/11 related scientific research and professional websites

For all who are interested in studying and learning about the events that occurred on September 11, 2001, we include the list of scientific research published in journals, and professional websites in various fields cited in David Ray Griffin's book "The 9/11 Commission Report: A Critical Review" (2004) and "When State Crimes Against Democracy Collide: The World Trade Center Catastrophe," by Steven E. Jones, Kevin R. Ryan, Anthony F. Szamboti, and James R. Legge, published in 2008 in the Open Civil Engineering Journal.

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Legal Notice
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Request for Qualifications/Information
Consultant Services – Assistance with
Retail Electric Provider Procurement
RFQ 14-09-01

Qualifications/Information received until 2:00 PM October 2, 2013

The Rockwall Independent School District is receiving sealed qualification/information statements for consulting services for the District for assistance in the selection of a Retail Electric Provider. Information/Qualification forms should be in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Director of Purchasing and marked with the RFQ number and name of respondent. Qualification Statements will be received until 2:00 PM on October 2, 2013 at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087 at which time said Information/Qualification responses will be publicly opened but not read. The District reserves the right to reject any and all qualification statements and to waive any irregularities, technicalities or informalities in any qualification statements or the RFQ process.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed
Constitutional Amendments
Special Election November 5, 2013

Proposition Number 1
(HJR 62)

HJR 62 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide by statute for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed in action, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried. An eligible spouse who later qualifies a different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead could be authorized by statute to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation in the same amount received for the first qualifying homestead during the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States who is killed in action."

Proposition Number 2
(HJR 79)

HJR 79 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the constitutional provision requiring the creation of a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is in operation. No new loans have been made from the fund by the board in more than 25 years, and the board currently has no appointees and receives no program funding.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational."

Proposition Number 3
(HJR 133)

HJR 133 would authorize local political subdivisions to extend the length of time that aircraft

parts could remain temporarily in this state before being subject to ad valorem taxation. Under current law, merchandise, wares, and goods (including aircraft parts) may remain in this state temporarily for up to 175 days before being subject to ad valorem taxation; the proposed amendment would permit taxing entities to extend the exemption up to 730 days after the date that a person acquired or imported aircraft parts in the state.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption."

Proposition Number 4
(HJR 24)

HJR 24 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran at no cost to the veteran by a charitable organization.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization."

Proposition Number 5
(SJR 18)

SJR 18 would amend the definition of "reverse mortgage" to authorize the making of reverse mortgage loans for the purchase of homestead property in addition to the current

legal uses of those loans, and would give lenders recourse against borrowers who fail to timely occupy the homestead properties purchased with such loans. SJR 18 would also add to the definition of "reverse mortgage" an extension of credit that is not closed before the 12th day after the lender provides to the prospective borrower a written notice summarizing risks and conditions of a reverse mortgage. The language of the required notice is prescribed in the resolution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan."

Proposition Number 6
(SJR 1)

SJR 1 would create the State Water Implementation Fund as a special fund inside the state treasury and outside the General Revenue Fund. Money in the fund would be administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and would be used to implement the state water plan, as adopted by general law, by TWDB.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources."

Proposition Number 7
(HJR 87)

HJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow home-rule municipalities to adopt charter provisions authorizing the filling of vacancies in the governing body by appointment, but only when the remainder of the vacant term is less than 12 months. Under current law, municipal voters may adopt terms of office for municipal officers longer than two years, but upon approving longer terms of office, any resulting vacancies in office must be filled by special election. The proposed amendment would provide an option

by Larry Bump

In the first half of Friday night's football game, Crowley Nazarene Christian Academy's Luke Tate pulled Nazarene within 6 points less than a minute before Heritage Christian Academy.

Then, after Tate's third touchdown pulled Nazarene within 6 points less than a minute before Heritage Christian Academy. The key play was the last in the second quarter.

After Tate's third touchdown, just 45 seconds remained until halftime. Two plays put the ball yard line.

Running back Colin Westmoreland took a direct snap and pitched the ball back to quarterback He started to run up the middle, then broke to his right for a 42-yard touchdown. Freshman Phil fourth of six successful 2-point conversion kicks ended the first half 32-18.

"That's a play we run a lot," said HCA head coach Robert Huckabee. "It's one play, but the different options. If we read it right, we can score. The touchdown where Colin threw to Fielder the third quarter) was the same play but it went a different way.

"We call it Scramble. The way they were playing defense, it was there for us."

The Eagles received the second-half kickoff and scored three plays later. Before the quarter ended ran for two of his three touchdowns and passed to Whittington for a TD to extend the lead to 54-18 finished with 17 carries for a game-high 122 yards.

Tate, who gained 112 yards in the first half, carried only once in the second.

"We got them behind," Huckabee explained. "We knew we were going to move the ball on the The Heritage victory evened each team's record at 1-1.

Huckabee explained, "We settled in and played better on both sides of the ball. Our young player experience on the fly."

for home-rule municipalities to fill short-term vacancies through appointment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less."

Proposition Number 8
(HJR 147 and SJR 54)

HJR 147 would repeal the Texas Constitution's maximum tax rate for a Hidalgo County hospital district; the maximum rate is currently set at 10 cents per \$100 valuation. This rate is higher than the maximum tax rate allowable for hospital districts in all other counties in the State (75 cents per \$100 valuation). The repeal of the constitutional cap would authorize hospital district tax rates in Hidalgo County equal to the hospital district tax rate laws applicable to all other Texas counties.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County."

Proposition Number 9
(SJR 42)

SJR 42 would expand the potential sanctions that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct can issue following a formal proceeding. This constitutional amendment would allow the Commission to issue an order of public admonition, warning, reprimand, or a requirement to obtain additional training or education in addition to the Commission's current authority to issue a public censure or recommend removal or retirement of a judge.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

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HCA, ranked sixth in TAPPS 6-Man 1, should get additional Friday in its 7:30 p.m. game at second-ranked Abilene School. The home team is a 45-point favorite, according to com.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Nazarene	6	12	6	14
Heritage		8	24	22

Heritage – Casey Risinger 13 pass from Ben Migneault (Phil kick)

Nazarene – Luke Tate 1 run (run failed)

Heritage – Colin Westmoreland 6 run (Hawthorne kick)

Nazarene – Tate 9 run (kick wide left)

Heritage – Westmoreland 50 run (Hawthorne kick)

Nazarene – Tate 3 run (kick wide left)

Heritage – Migneault 42 run (Hawthorne kick)

Heritage – Wyatt French 22 run (Hawthorne kick)

Heritage – Fielder Whittington 31 pass from Westmoreland (Phil kick)

Heritage – Westmoreland 3 run (kick wide left)

Nazarene – Alex Coffey 19 interception return (kick blocked)

Nazarene – DeVonte Henderson 9 run (kick blocked)

Nazarene – Mike Duffy 10 run (Coffey kick)

	Nazarene	Heritage
1st downs	10	9
Rushes-yds.	31-242	34-237
Comp-Att-Int	5-14-4	3-5-1
Passing yds.	43	53
Penalties-yds.	5-46	4-41
Punts-avg.	0-0-0	2-32.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	1-0

Individual statistics
Passing – Crowley Nazarene Christian Academy: Seth H 4-30, Daniel Flynn 1-2-0-13; Heritage: Ben Migneault 2-4 Westmoreland 1-1-0-31.

Receiving – Crowley Nazarene Christian Academy: DeVonte 2-24, Rowdy Westbrook 1-13, Daniel Flynn 1-8, Mike Duffy 1-1; Heritage: Fielder Whittington 1-31, Casey Risinger 2-22.

Rushing – Crowley Nazarene Christian Academy: Luke Daniel Flynn 6-54, DeVonte Henderson 5-40, Mike Duffy 1-minus 1; Heritage: Colin Westmoreland 17-122, Ben Migneault 5-43, Dylan Wells, 3-14, Travis Cooper 1-4, 1-1, Kenneth Fleetwood 3-minus 3, Team 1-minus 2.

Butler qualifies for U.S. Open swimming

Jared Butler of the Rockwall Aquatic Center of Excellence qualified for the 2014 U.S. Open Championships in the 200-meter individual with a time of 2 minutes, 6.49 seconds at last month's USA Junior National Championships in Irvine, Calif.

Butler's personal-best time came as he placed 19th among competitors in the preliminaries. That also qualified him for in which he placed 23rd in 2:07.49.

At the Junior Nationals, he also competed against more swimmers in the 200-meter backstroke. Butler posted another best of 2:07.37 to place 57th.

Said RACE coach Neil Walker, a former Olympic swimmer, "It's a lot of fun watching Jared's progress this spring and summer. He works and long hours at the pool paid off. Junior Nationals is a swimming competition for 18-and-under swimmers from coast to coast."

"Jared is getting noticed by some of top swimming universities in the country. It will be exciting to watch Jared's senior year at Heritage."

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Local TTU alumni plan Sept. 27 golf tournament

The Rockwall Chapter Texas Tech Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament will begin at noon Sept. 27 at the Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club. Proceeds from the event will fund the Tommy Hooper Texas Tech Memorial Scholarship Fund, which since 2005 has awarded approximately \$140,000 to graduating Rockwall High and Rockwall-Heath High School seniors planning to attend Tech. To register, visit rockwallredriders.com or contact Margie Hooper at 214-808-3166.

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Win moves Fulton up to 2nd in state

Fulton's football game against Savoy Friday was supposed to be a walkover. As expected, Savoy, a public school 6-man 1 team, was the point favorite by sixmanfootball.com (63-14). But Fulton was the winning team. By a combined score of 123-22, the Falcons moved up ranking in TAPPS 6-Man II. More important, they picked up extra points toward a wildcard because they defeated a larger school. Thus, Fulton

could lose its district title to Longview Trinity School of Texas and still reach the postseason. The only team ranked ahead of the Falcons is nemesis Wichita Falls Notre Dame Catholic High School, which has a history of knocking Fulton out of the playoffs. The Falcons are scheduled to travel to Wichita Falls for Friday's 7:30 p.m. game - but this one is against 13th-ranked Wichita Christian (1-1). Sixmanfootball.com has Fulton as a 45-point favorite.



Senior, Todd Treadway dodges Savoy tacklers Friday September 7 at Cain Middle School football field with the blocking crew. Photo by: Mothy W. Burnett/Rockwall County News

City Comes Up Short against North Forney 30-16

September 6, 2013-- Despite the best efforts of senior Jackson Watts, Roysse City came up short in their bid for the district title against North Forney. North Forney improves to 1-1 on the season while Roysse City remains 0-2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Roysse City	0	14	0	2	16
North Forney	10	0	20	0	30

North Forney: 44 yard Field Goal by Hunter McClain
 North Forney: 28 yard TD Run by Armani Watts (Hunter McClain PAT)
 Roysse City: 82 yard TD pass from Jackson Watts to Alex Crayton (Blaine Hickman PAT)
 Roysse City: 20 yard TD Pass from Jackson Watts to Jake Glisch (Blaine Hickman PAT)
 North Forney 47 yard TD Pass from Hunter Herndon to Tyrone Morgan (Hunter McClain PAT)
 North Forney: 25 yard interception return for a TD by Armani Watts (Hunter McClain PAT)
 North Forney: 13 yard TD pass from Hunter Herndon to Armani Watts (PAT Blocked)
 Roysse City: Safety—Ball was centered over the North Forney punter's head and he kicked the ball out of the end zone

	Roysse City	North Forney
Rushing	193	177
Passing	186	124
Total	379	301
Turnovers	4	2

Individual Leaders
 Rushing: Roysse City: Jackson Watts 23 carries for 91 yards. North Forney Armani Watts 6 carries for 97 yards and 1 TD
 Passing: Roysse City: Jackson Watts 9 of 21 for 186 yards with 2 TD's and 3 interceptions NF: Hunter Herndon 7 of 13 for 124 yards with 2 TD's and 1 interception
 Receiving: Roysse City: Jake Glisch 4 receptions for 60 yards and 1 TD and Alex Crayton 1 reception for 82 yards and 1 TD. North Forney: Tyrone Morgan 2 receptions for 55 yards and 1 TD and Armani Watts 2 receptions for 48 yards and 1 TD.

Cross-Country results update
Plano Invitational (men)
 Justin Tokuz (RHS) 3rd place (16:54.5).
 Spencer McKee (RHS) 33rd place (18:13.4).
 Sam Fox (RHS), 43, (18:36.1)
 Miguel Lopez (RHHS), 47, (18:46).
 Jonathan Clem (RHS), 51, (19:00).

Watts completed 9 of 21 passes for 186 yards with 2 TD's and 3 interceptions. He also rushed 23 times for 91 yards. North Forney improves to 1-1 on the season while Roysse City remains 0-2. Before half time, Roysse City got their explosive passing game going. Watts threw touchdown passes covering 82 and 20 yards and Jake Glisch respectively to help the Bulldogs take a 10-0 lead at half time. Crayton's touchdown catch was his only game while Glisch had 4 receptions for 60 yards and 1 TD. Ramsey rushed 12 times for 29 yards and Jared Loftis rushed 12 times for 29 yards in the game. North Forney outscored Roysse City 20-2 in the second half. There were two main reasons why Roysse City lost this game. First, the offense was unable to get into a rhythm and the other was North Forney's senior star Armani Watts. Roysse City had four turnovers in this game (3 interceptions and 1 fumble). Armani Watts rushed 6 times for 97 yards and 2 passes for 48 yards and 1 TD and he also intercepted a pass from Westwood. North Forney improved to 1-1 on the season while Roysse City remains 0-2. The game was a defensive struggle for the first three quarters, but in the fourth quarter, North Forney's defense broke down. North Forney's defense was unable to stop Roysse City's offense from scoring. North Forney's defense was unable to stop Roysse City's offense from scoring. North Forney's defense was unable to stop Roysse City's offense from scoring.

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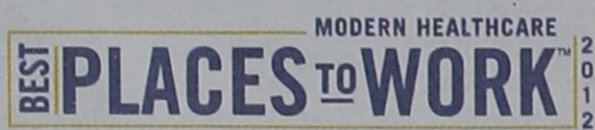
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