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## Fate city council hears good news

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...gen, executive director of the Rockwall County Committee  
...s on Wheels program, addressed the Fate City Council on  
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...is to help seniors, the elderly and the disabled, living  
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...we are delivering 170 meals a day in Rockwall County  
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...ad the distinct privilege of representing the City of Fate for  
...y for Meals on Wheels," said Bill Broderick, mayor of the  
...It was very humbling and rewarding experience and I  
...ate what you do, Ms. Verhagen."  
...ill, representing the Fate Historical Committee, gave a  
...on the businesses that comprised Fate during the turn of  
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...lly registered \$1,000 from the city council to cover the  
...historical committee could obtain the status of a non-profit

no tax increase and will not have to use money from the previous year's general fund.  
The City of Fate purchases its water from the North Texas Municipal Water District and has been notified that there will be a 14 percent increase in the cost of purchasing water.  
The utility fund, which includes water, sewer, solid waste and recycling, is predicted to see a shortfall for this year of \$50,000 and approximately

\$300,000 for next year. The cost-share payments for sewer costs of more than \$150,000 for this year that the city received from the Woodcreek developer no longer will be received, adding to the shortfall.  
The good news is that with the new homes and businesses coming into Fate and revenues increasing over the next couple of years, the City Council is considering using some of the money from the utility fund to help ease the water and sewer increase to be passed onto the customers.



Margie Verhagen, executive director of the Rockwall County Committee on Aging/Meals on Wheels, shares fact and statistics regarding service to the elderly and disabled in Rockwall County. Verhagen made her presentation for members of the Fate City Council.  
Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

## Rockwall Council seeks applicants for Place 2

The Rockwall City Council is accepting applications from residents interested in serving in the Place 2 council position currently held by Mark Russo, according to a recent news release. Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Aug. 31.

Russo recently was elected as the Republican nominee for Rockwall County for the Precinct 3 justice of the peace post; therefore, he has submitted his resignation from the council effective Sept. 18.

According to the news release, the city charter provides that council vacancies are "filled by a majority vote of the remaining elected council members until the next municipal election," which is scheduled for May.

To be eligible, applicants must meet all of the qualifications defined in the city charter, according to the news release. Those qualifications include:

- Must be at least 21 years of age
- Must be a qualified voter
- Must have resided within the Rockwall city limits or a recently annexed territory for at least 12 months prior to the filing deadline
- Must not be in arrears in tax payments or other liabilities due to the city
- Can only file for one office or position at a time

Applications may be picked up at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or can be requested via email at jboyd@rockwall.com. Applications also are available online at rockwall.com/boards.

Completed applications must be submitted online or to the city secretary, Kristy Ashberry, at City Hall.

For more details, contact Ashberry at 972-771-7700 or the director of internal operations, Joey Boyd, at 972-772-6408.

## Hayes named finalist in TASA Teacher of Year program



...ody Hayes  
...Hayes, the Rockwall Independent School District's culinary arts instructor, has been named as one of three secondary state finalists in the Texas Association of School Administrators Teacher of the Year competition, according to a RISD news release.  
Hayes was named the district's Secondary Teacher of the Year in May. He advanced to the Region 10 level of the competition.  
On Aug. 14, he and the district's Elementary Teacher of the Year, Quinton, were recognized at a luncheon hosted by the Region 10 Education Service Center that serves North Texas school districts. At the luncheon, Hayes was selected as the Region 10 Secondary Teacher of the Year, becoming the first teacher in RISD history to advance to the state level of the competition.  
Hayes will be interviewed by an independent panel in Austin as a finalist in the state-level competition.  
The privilege of representing Rockwall ISD and Region 10 as their Teacher of the Year is a true blessing and something I didn't think would be open to me," said Hayes. "There are many deserving educators in our school district and region, and for me to be recognized in this exciting, humbling and definitely motivating. I look forward to being recognized in RISD and Region 10 as a state finalist in Austin."  
Hayes and one secondary teacher will be named Texas Teacher of the Year for 2013, during which time they will serve as ambassadors for public education and be recognized at a special ceremony in Austin.

## Whitmore breaks ground on facility expansion

The Whitmore Mfg. Co. conducted a groundbreaking ceremony last week to kick off construction of a 120,000-square-foot facility expansion on the north side of Justin Road, west of Industrial Boulevard and one mile north of Interstate 30.

The expansion will include a new corporate office area, production area for the Air Sentry division and additional warehouse space, according to a news release. Additionally, Whitmore recently acquired UK-based QHi Rail Ltd. and will manufacture rail lubrication equipment in Rockwall for the North American market under the name Whitmore Rail.

"We are very pleased to be investing in this expansion," said Jeff

Kilpatrick, president and CEO of the company. "Our Rockwall headquarters will be doubling in size to more than 200,000 (square feet) and we will be making improvements to our existing production and laboratory facilities as well."

Hill and Wilkinson, general contractors, began construction on the expansion following the groundbreaking. The project should be completed next summer.

The company is a leading producer of component protection technology.



## Heath Special Events Board presents funds from Heart of Heath 5K run/walk

On Aug. 21, the City of Heath's Special Events Board members presented \$6,634 raised through the Annual Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk in April to members of the Heath City Council. Participating in the presentation were, from the left, board members Joel Palin and Mary Luxton, Mayor Lorne Liechty, who accepted the contribution and a commemorative Heart of Heath T-shirt, Gayle Kuhrt, who chaired the event, Mike Rask, Harry Heinkle, Robyn Abramszyk, Carolyn Walters and Eliana McGrath. The Special Events Board also organized the city's annual Independence Day Parade and Popsicles at the Ballpark that preceded a ceremony recognizing the 2012 state 4-A Heath Hawks baseball championship team. The board now is working on the annual Holiday in the Park event, which is set for Nov. 30 in Towne Center Park. Watch for more details at heathtx.com.  
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## 2012 Rockwall County Football Preview ... B Section



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The Rockwall-Heath High School Highsteppers drill team members for 2012-2013 are, first row, left to right, Junior Lieutenant Victoria Carney, Lieutenant Anna DiGirolamo, First Lieutenant Kayla Bender, Captain Madison Mills, Lieutenant Kayla Stubbs, Junior Lieutenant Alissa Powell; second row, left to right, Hailee Bedford, Hannah Crocker, Alyssa Mastronardi, Megan Brand, Brooke Sands, Sarah Schneider, Shannon Lovelady, Mercedes Tobias, Jennifer Stubbs; third row, left to right, Christina White, Preyanka Mehta, Kaci Gonzales, Kareena Mehta, Aylana Alvarez, Kristen Bonsante, Allison Strother, Alyssa Veatch, Macy Christian, Patricia Barreras; and fourth row, from the left, Brittany Woodard, Yasmine Baker, Leslie Allen, Ashley Kumar, Shelby Carrell, Samantha Barnett, Lacey Smith, Vlada Filic and Madison Dale. Not pictured are Karla Alvarez and Courtney Yarbrough.

Photo by Cyndi Bender/Rockwall County News



Rockwall-Heath varsity cheerleaders for 2012-2013 season are (at back left to right) Mariah Rangel, Harley Hawk Mariah Pranschke, Hannah Hoover, Jacquelyn Doughty, Morgan Montgomery, McKenzie Seales and Makenzie Tomalin; second row, Kylie Reynolds, Madeline Ward, Bekah Alexander, Sarabeth Beauchamp, Natalie Minor, Monica Baldwin, Heidi Hawk Erin Wallis and Kaley Stewart; and, at front, head cheerleaders Kelsey Goodwin and McKenzie Edwards, Rebekah Gerritsen, Erin Iles, Emily Wade, Sarah Lopez and Amanda Zabolotny.

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Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Salinas Sr. will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 4, 2012. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Robertson to participate in Miss Texas USA pageant



Katie Robertson

Rockwall resident Katie Robertson, a 19-year-old graduate of Rockwall-Heath High and a Texas A&M University in College station, will participate in the Miss Texas USA Pageant, according to a release issued last week.

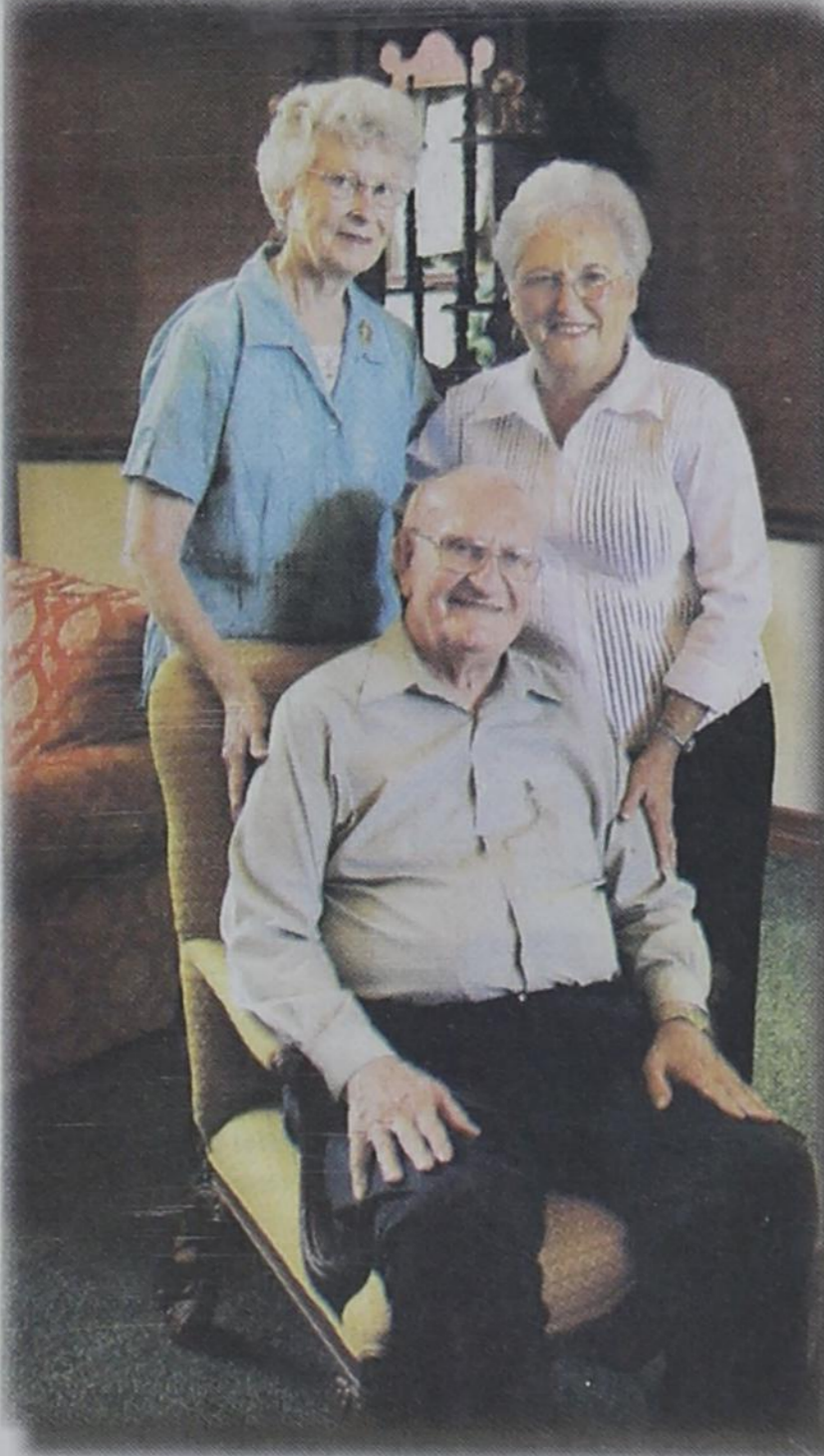
"I decided to enter the Miss Texas pageant mainly for the experience it will give me and hope for the scholarship prize I can apply toward my education," said the communications major. "The experience I will receive as a contestant, from on-camera to public speaking, will be invaluable for me in my communication degree and ultimately in my chosen career field."

The Miss Texas USA Pageant is the official state preliminary for the Miss USA and Miss America competitions.

The state event will be divided into three categories: personal interview, swimsuit and evening gown.

Judging is based on personality, intelligence, beauty, according to the pageant. "Taking risks and trying things we may not be used to with is scary," Robertson said. "Some of the greatest experiences come from those we would rather go out and try to succeed and fail than try to question 'what if?'"

The event is set for September 15 in Houston.



Weldon Collier, his sister Guyrene Randles and niece Carolyn Bryan

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Jake alive. After his death, she saw the billboard on the highway, looked  
up the information on the Internet and called me. We talked for over an  
hour. I began doing billboards after Jake's 20th birthday.

"The lady said she knew this child's life could not be summed up in the  
last five minutes of his life. The conversation was very redeeming and  
healing for me. The lady wanted to know who Jake really was.

"If the billboard saves one person's  
life by reminding them to buckle up  
their seatbelt, it is worth the cost and  
effort," Terri said. "Each billboard  
cost about \$1,800 a month and has  
been viewed of approximately 2.7  
million drivers. The billboards are  
made possible by donations from  
caring friends, companies, and even  
total strangers.

"I want everyone to know that he  
was a good kid, a really good kid.  
No, he was not a thug, drinking  
or on drugs. He had never gotten  
into trouble. He was a Christian,  
very active in his church and had  
friends who were supported his  
beliefs and way of life. He taught  
Sunday school his senior year in  
high school. Everyone loved him.  
He was such a sweet boy. He was a  
rule follower, always wanting to do  
the right thing.

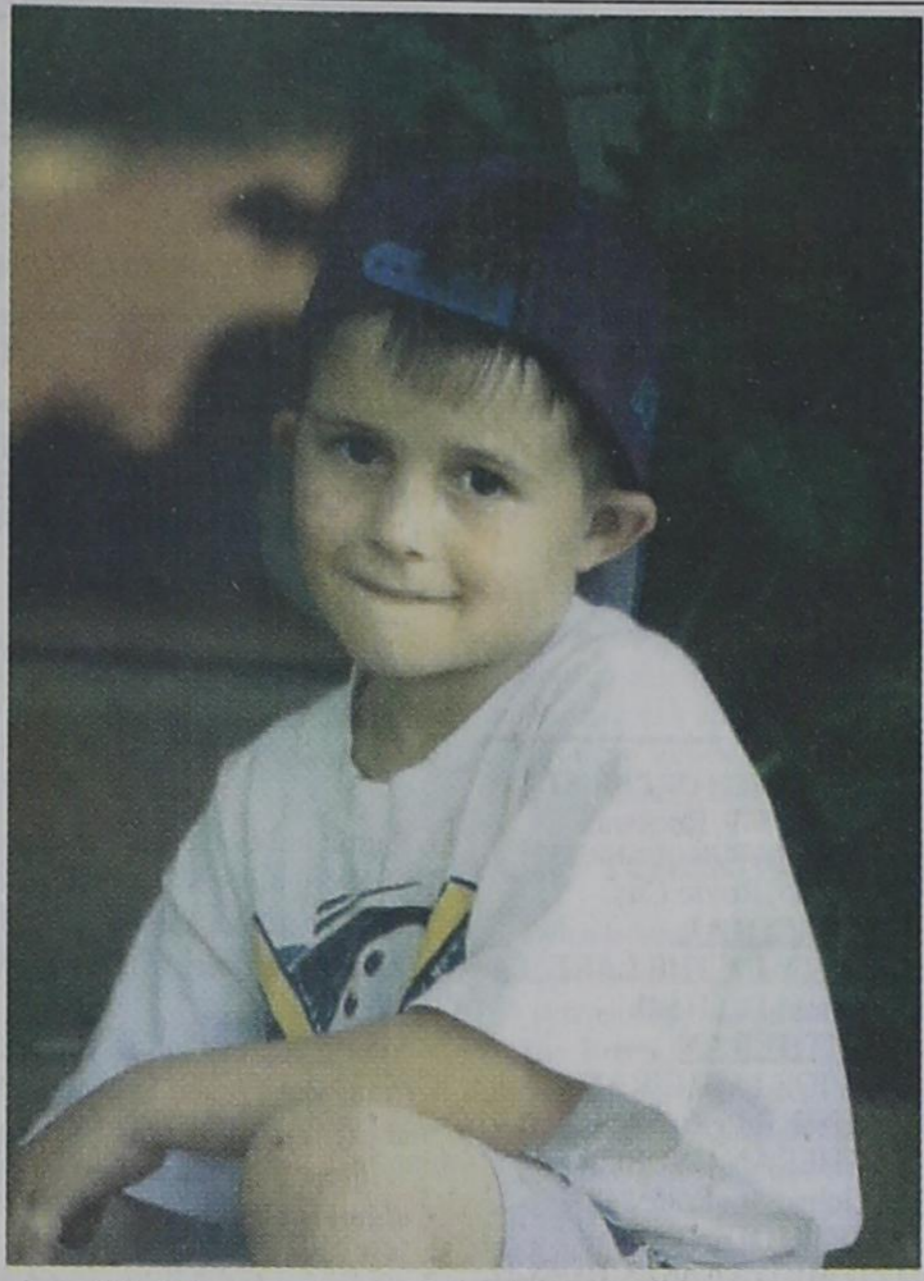
"My son loved babies. When both  
his brothers were born, Gage and Eli,  
he would sit for hours and just hold  
them. Everywhere he went, he was  
attracted to babies. His sweet nature  
could be seen in his interactions  
with other people.

"Jake loved Mexican food and  
cheesecake. He loved the Chicago  
Bears and music. His favorite color  
was red and he loved bright colors.  
Everyone always knew where Jake  
was because of his bright tennis

shoes. He had a thing for tennis shoes.

"His favorite movie without a doubt was 'Dazed and Confused,' which  
he watched 48 times," Terri said. "This was so strange. The movie is  
about cars, partying and growing up in the 1970s. Forty-eight times is not  
just a figure. Jake had an old paper sack and wrote down every time he  
watched the movie -- 48 times. After he died, I sat down and watched the  
movie simply because he loved it so much. This was a stupid boy movie.  
There was no rhyme or reason as to why he liked this movie so much,  
he just thought it was funny. He had memorized many of the lines and  
would go around the house reciting the parts and laughing. Just a stupid  
movie. His favorite quote from the movie was 'check ya later,' which his  
friends had made into a window sticker."

"Jake was a big hugger. He hugged everyone and if someone was  
not a hugger, they soon became one because of him. After his death it  
became sort of a tribute to him, grown men hugging, and to this day there  
are still lots of man hugs being passed around because of his affect on  
people like my husband and his friends," Terri said. "When Jake left his  
grandmother's house that day, no one ever thought that would be the last  
hug they ever had from him."



Jake Thompson, at age 6, loved to play soccer and was an avid sports fan. The young man, who lost his life in 2005 as the result of an automobile accident, now is the subject of a billboard on I-30.

Photo courtesy of Terri Hoover/  
Rockwall County News

Terri said she knows that nothing she could have done would have prevented Jake's death, but she has a message for parents: Don't try to be your child's friend. Be their parent. Set rules and limits and stick by them, for the sake of your child. It may save their life.

To see Jake's site go to Clickit4Life.net! scroll down to 'In Memory of Jake Thompson.'

"I know it is an in-your-face message, but that is how you get young people's attention; otherwise, they don't think it will happen to them," Jake's mother said.

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### Thanks to Royse City Lions Club



Pictured above: Ted Bedsoe (Heart of Texas Home Health), Tom Nowakowski, Kathleen Tyre, Tammy Worsen (Royse City Health & Rehab Activity Director) and Tom Richmond.

Royse City Health and Rehabilitation Center thanks the Royse City Lion's Club for all the wonderful things they do for the facility and community. The Lion's Club has sponsored a "Christmas for the Troops" in conjunction with our bake sale to raise money to use for items boxed and sent to our troops. The Lion's Club, Royse City Health & Rehabilitation staff and residents put the boxes together. What a meaningful activity! The Lion's Club has also provided equipment which enabled our residents to enjoy a "Movie in the Park" atmosphere. Residents watched a movie outside while enjoying popcorn and a drink. It was like being at a Drive-In movie and brought back a lot of memories.

Most recently the members of the Royse City Lion's Club donated a magnifying projector to the Activity Department for the residents to enjoy. Your support to our facility and residents is amazing and we appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thank you so much!

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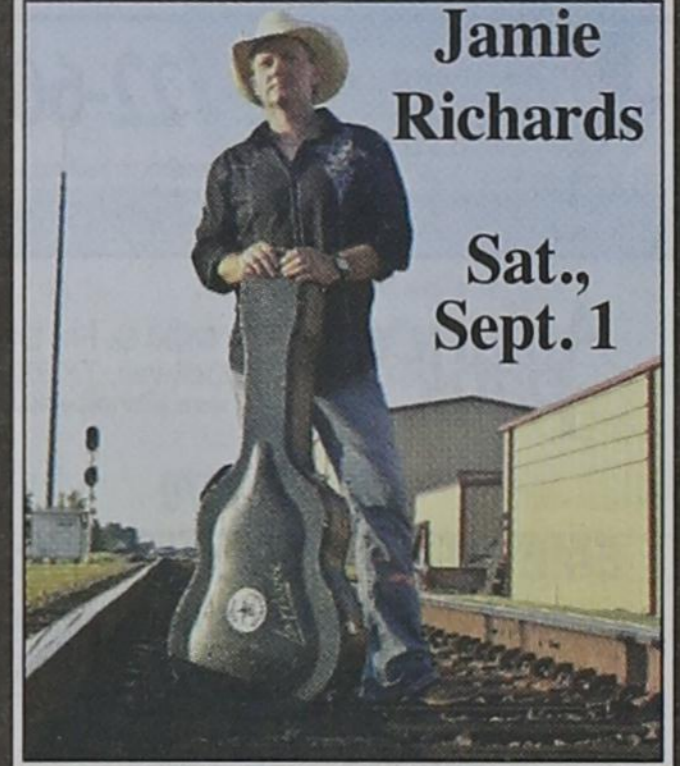
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# City of Heath Responds to West Nile Threat

by Edie Zimmerman

In response to recent West Nile mosquito problems, the City of Heath authorized a special trapping and testing program at its August 21 city council meeting.

The program includes trapping and testing protocol that will involve hiring a company to set five or six traps at likely locations across the city and test the trapped insects for the West Nile Virus. There is a 10 to 14 day interval to get results once samplings have been collected. All council members voiced strong support for taking these initial steps.

City Manager, Ed Thatcher committed to evaluating all city maintained grounds for any standing water conditions and to address accordingly. He stated his department would be considering public education and awareness avenues. It was suggested the city might potentially be able to influence an accommodation, such as a pick up and removal service with an existing vendor, to assist property owners in the elimination of debris, such as old tires, which are target rich mosquito breeding grounds.

Additional discussions are pending trapping and sampling results.

The city provided the following information to assist citizens in defense against the virus:

West Nile Virus is transmitted by mosquito bites. It was first reported in the United States in 1999 and in Texas in 2002.

Through August, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported 1,100 cases and 41 deaths nationwide. Of those, 586 cases and 21 deaths were in Texas. In stark contrast, Mississippi had the second highest number of cases, at 79. The only states with no confirmed cases are Hawaii, Alaska and Vermont.

Over half of Texas cases are in Dallas and Tarrant counties. A U. S. Geological Services map, of CDC reported cases, shows tiny Rockwall County completely surrounded by counties with confirmed cases.

Infected mosquitoes bite and transmit the virus to birds. The birds then develop amplified levels of the virus, infecting other biting mosquitoes, which in turn, infect yet more birds. This is referred to as a vector transmission method. It accounts for the significance that bird die-offs can have in predicting potential human outbreaks of West Nile Virus. In the U.S., robins and crows are particularly vulnerable.

The first line of defense is to eliminate, to the extent possible, the mosquito's breeding habitat. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Addressing standing water around your home or property is key to reducing your exposure to mosquito bites. Homeowners, business owners, schools, churches, local governments should consider anything in or on the property that could be a breeding site. Some examples are low lying areas with

poor drainage, clogged rain gutters, buckets, barrels, trash cans, flower pots, bird baths, tarps over boats or equipment, old tires, children's toys, etc.

Wear protective clothing outdoors, especially at dawn and dusk. Or avoid going outdoors. Use commercial insect spray repellents or consider one of many natural recommendations found with an internet search. Some include aloe vera, eucalyptus and tea tree oil.

If you can't eliminate all standing water sources, use a floating, sustained release larvicide, available at garden stores. They are pet safe when used according to directions and provide thirty days of effective protection.

Many area cities have initiated the overnight spraying or fogging of neighborhoods. The only mosquitoes that come in direct contact with the agent used. So it may be the least effective widespread chemical application in a residential area, it is controversial.

## Habitat for Humanity September 1 work plan

Yes, we will be working at 304 E Ross this Saturday and we are asking for lots of help at this home. Landscaping will be the top order of the day. Sod and plants will be delivered and completed by days end.

If we have enough help with the sod and plants, there are still a number of jobs in the home worked on including light fixtures, appliances and several other items.

Start time is 8am.

Be a Meal Provider for Our Volunteer Builders!

If you have a group that would like to provide lunch for our volunteer work crews, please email or click on the lunch list to sign up:

Be a Habitat Meal Provider

This is a great way for families, church groups, civic organizations, or businesses to participate if swinging a hammer is not convenient for you.

We could also use help in replenishing our supply of bottled water, sports drinks, and sodas for the RAHFH mission by helping with any of these items, please email volunteer.coordinator@yahoo.com

## Rockwall County Library announces special event

August 27, 2012

The Incredible Bubble Show at the Rockwall County Library  
Come and enjoy The Incredible Bubble Show Family Night

Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 7 p.m.

The Incredible Bubble Show is a high energy soap bubble program for kids of all ages. So Linda Berman transforms children's natural fascination with soap bubbles into a unique interactive experience.

The show includes bubble basics, hand-blown bubbles, bouncing bubbles, bubbles with bubbles of all sizes including a volunteer inside a giant soap bubble force field! The program will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room. Don't miss out on the excitement!

### Basic Computing, 1 and 2

We will be teaching a Basics 1 class, and a Basics 2 class, for those who wish to learn how to use a computer. We will complete a Mousercise program and learn about the structure of PCs and peripherals.

We will meet in the second floor Tech Lab on Thursday, September 6 from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

Basics 2 class will be held on Thursday, October 4, from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Call 972-204-7777 for more information.

### NEW NON-RESIDENT LIBRARY FEE

Beginning October 1, 2012, the Rockwall County Library will charge an annual library fee for non-resident households for those not living in Rockwall County. An individual computer use only card will be \$10 per year.

## NOTICE OF MEETING FOR ADOPTION OF PROPOSED TAX RATE CITY OF McLENDON-CHISHOLM, TEXAS

The City Council of the City of McLendon-Chisholm will hold a meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at City Hall, 1248 S. Hwy 205, McLendon-Chisholm, Texas, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for 2011. The proposed tax rate is \$0.0975 per \$100 valuation.

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 AND PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to TEX. LOCAL GOV'T CODE ANN. § 102.006(a)  
CITY OF McLENDON-CHISHOLM, TEXAS  
1248 STATE HIGHWAY 205  
McLENDON-CHISHOLM, TEXAS 75032  
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The City Council of the City of McLendon-Chisholm will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, the 11th day of September, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 1248 State Highway 205, McLendon-Chisholm, Texas 75032, for consideration of the Proposed Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

A copy of the Proposed Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 will be available for review prior to the hearing in the office of the City Secretary.

### LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF TEXAS

#### COUNTY OF ROCKWALL - Draft # 2 Budget

In compliance with Chapters 111.006, 111.007 and 111.0075 of the Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court of Rockwall County, Texas does hereby give notice that a public hearing on the proposed FY2013 County Budget will be held on the 11th day of September 2012, in the Commissioners Courtroom on the third floor of the Historic Courthouse, 101 E. Rusk St., Rockwall, Texas at 8:00 a.m.

In compliance with Chapter 152.013 of the Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court of Rockwall County gives notice that the following salary / compensation amounts are proposed for Elected Officials of Rockwall County. The proposed increases in salaries and allowances shown below, if approved, will become effective October 1, 2012.

Elected Officials Longevity	FY2012	FY2013 (Proposed)	Proposed Increase
Commissioner Precinct 1 - Longevity Pay	2,520	2,700	180
Commissioner Precinct 4 - Longevity Pay	960	1,080	120
County Sheriff - Longevity Pay	1,800	1,980	180
Constable Precinct 4 - Longevity Pay	1,980	2,160	180
District Clerk - Longevity Pay	3,420	3,600	180

Elected Officials - New Positions	FY2012	FY2013 (Proposed)	Proposed Increase
Constable Precinct 1	-	38,732	38,732
Constable Precinct 2	-	38,732	38,732
Justice of the Peace Precinct 3	-	40,500	40,500
Justice of the Peace Precinct 4	-	40,500	40,500

#### Explanatory Notes:

1. Compensation increases for FY 2013 are the result of service longevity or are attributable to offices added pursuant to state mandates.
2. Compensation for the 4 New Positions listed are for January 2013-September 2013 only.
3. The Sheriff and Constables are each provided a County vehicle.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Rockwall Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:30 pm, September 17, 2012 in Room 600, Administration/Education Center

1050 Williams Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.43	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	4.43	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service	20.47	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	7.36	% increase	or		% (decrease)

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 7,045,369,055	\$ 7,128,706,750
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 111,536,525	\$ 117,032,370
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 5,854,015,697	\$ 5,928,760,237
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 108,821,664	\$ 115,154,500

- \* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
- \*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
- \*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 346,168,257

\* Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.43000 *	\$ 1.47000	\$ 6,203	\$ 2,756
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.04331	\$ 0.48265 *	\$ 1.52597	\$ 6,168	\$ 2,767
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.43000 *	\$ 1.47000	\$ 6,107	\$ 2,601

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 223,517	\$ 223,267
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 208,381	\$ 208,163
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.47	\$ 1.47
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 3,063	\$ 3,060
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (3)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.5226. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.5226.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 37,861,627
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 16,305,614

# Rockwall County News Briefs

## Volunteer tutors needed

Interested in helping adults obtain their GED certificates are in math, language arts, social studies or science classes every week. Classes are conducted at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, in Rockwall from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Tutors may choose the subject/level to work with individual students in tutoring. Volunteers are needed for both. For more information or to volunteer, call the Rockwall County Library at 972-204-7705.

## Up Your Pit (Bull) event set Aug. 31

Rockwall County Animal Awareness will host the annual surgical hospital event for pit bulls and other breeds on Aug. 31 at the Harry Myers Community Center at 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, in Rockwall. Funded by PetSmart Charities, the event will allow owners to have their pits spayed/neutered for \$20, which includes a vaccine, nail clip and Capstar for fleas. Appointments are 12-35. For more information visit [spayneuternet.org](http://spayneuternet.org).

## First Parent Orientation event

Rockwall ISD will host its Parent Orientation Night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 4 at the school, according to the school's website. Parents are invited to meet the children's teachers and learn more about the school.

## Public Lunch Bunch sets meeting

The County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 13 at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, which includes a beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. No reservations are necessary. The gathering is open to all area Republicans. Call Dalton Kennimer at 972-636-4034.

## Rockwall Preschool Assoc. to meet

The Rockwall Preschool Association will kick off its new year at 9 a.m. on Sept. 10 at the Free Methodist Church, 315 Dalton Road, Rockwall. The calendar runs September through May; new members are welcome. General monthly meetings are at 9 a.m. on the first of each month at the Free Methodist Church. For more information visit [rockwallpreschoolassociation.com](http://rockwallpreschoolassociation.com).

## Splash Day

Rockwall Parks & Recreation will host its annual Splash Day from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sept. 8. For more details, call the office at 972-740-7400.

## PTA Meeting

The Rockwall Elementary PTA will hold its monthly meeting on Sept. 11 at the school from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. For more information, call the school at 972-204-7705.

## Library Association event

The Rockwall Public Library will host a Ladies Luncheon beginning at 7 a.m. on Sept. 11. The event will feature a presentation by the Rockwall County and City of Rockwall. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call the library at 972-771-9514.

## Duck Regatta

The Rockwall Duck Regatta on Sept. 22, will be a fun event for two days. The boys & girls regatta will be held at the Rockwall County and City of Rockwall. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call the regatta office at 972-771-9514.

## Earn degree

Rockwall College of Art and Design is offering a new degree program in graphic design. For more information, call the college at 972-771-9514.

## Christin accepted to HSU

Christin Heath, a Rockwall resident, has been accepted to attend Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, Scotland. For more information, call the university at 972-771-9514.

## Check out our subscriber award

Rockwall County News is proud to announce our subscriber award. For more information, call the news office at 972-771-9514.

# Rockwall County Entertainment

## Orchestra concert set Sept. 1

The Greater Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra Concert is set for Sept. 1 at The Harbor Bandshell. Rockwall MusicFest invites the community to attend this free performance. For more details visit [rockwallmusicfest.com](http://rockwallmusicfest.com).

## UNT Lab Band to perform

The UNT One O'Clock Lab Band, under the direction of Grammy-nominated composer and associate professor of jazz studies at the University of North Texas, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at the RHS Performing Arts Center, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall. The band has six Grammy nominations and is noted for its musicianship and tight ensemble performance. Tickets cost \$65 for concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$25 for individual performance ticket. For more details visit [rockwallmusicfest.com](http://rockwallmusicfest.com).

## Side Street Strutters scheduled

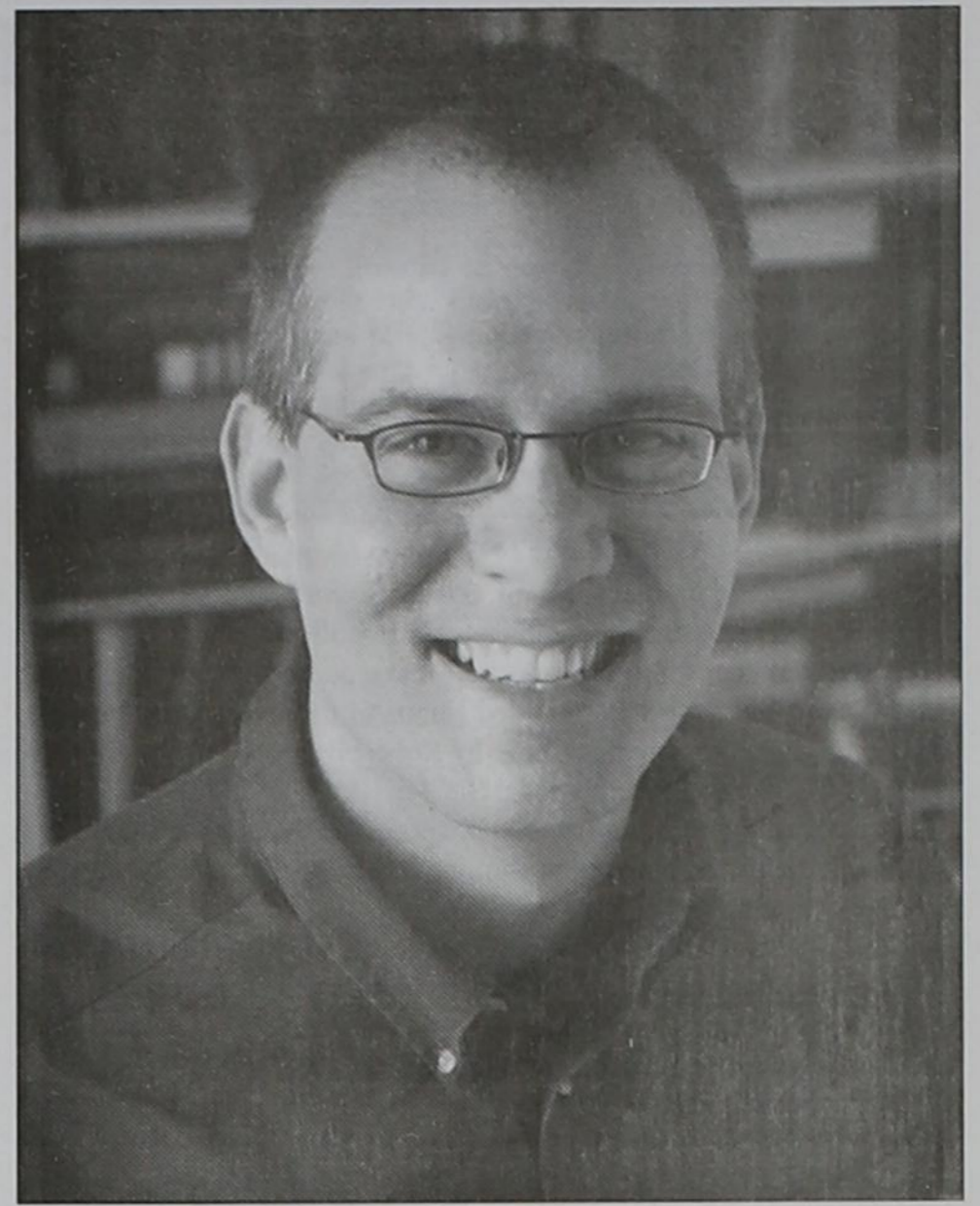
The Side Street Strutters will present a musical evening showcasing the vocal stylings of Meloney Collins beginning at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at the RHS Performing Arts Center, 1201 T.L. Townsend Dr., Rockwall. The program, Shiny Stockings, will include an extensive repertoire, colorful costumes, tap dancing and 26 years of musicianship. Tickets cost \$65 for concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$25 for individual performance ticket. For more details visit [rockwallmusicfest.com](http://rockwallmusicfest.com).

## LPMC recognized for patient safety

The Rowlett-based Lake Pointe Medical Center recently received an A hospital safety score from The Leapfrog Group, an independent national nonprofit operated by employers and other large purchasers of health benefits.

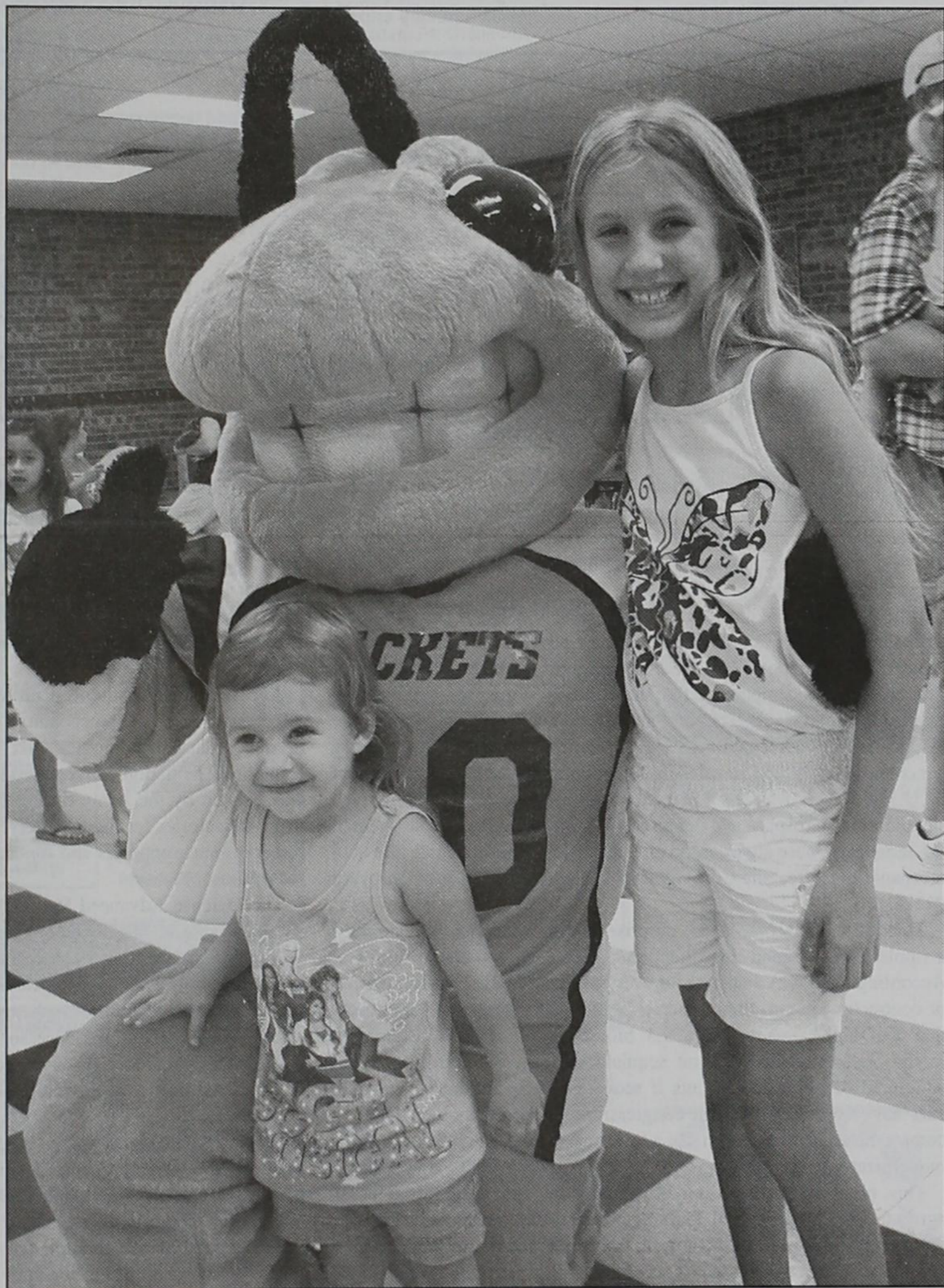
The center's score, according to a news release, was determined by The Leapfrog Group's Blue Ribbon Expert Panel using available data on patient injuries, medical and medication errors, and infections.

"Lake Pointe's biggest priority is the care and safety of our patients," said J. Eric Evans, chief executive officer of LPMC. "We are proud of the recognition we have received from The Leapfrog Group and it provides yet one more accolade to celebrate this year during Lake Pointe's 25th anniversary. We look forward to continuing our tradition of performance leadership for the next 25 years and beyond to ensure our community has easy access to safe and high quality healthcare."



The First United Methodist Church of Rockwall will host its Wesley Arts speaker series with Dr. Mark Chancey, chair of the Religious Studies Department at Southern Methodist University, beginning at 7 p.m. Sept. 20. Chancey will speak on "The Bones of Jesus: Jewish Burial Customs, Ossuaries & Fantastic Archaeology," followed by a brief question-and-answer session. Chancey attended the University of Georgia where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees and Duke University, where he received his Ph.D. in New Testament and early Judaism. His research interests range from the historical Jesus, archaeology and the Bible, and the political and social history of Roman-period Palestine to church-state issues and religion and contemporary public education. He is the author of two books, "The Myth of a Gentile Galilee" and "Greco-Roman Culture and the Galilee of Jesus" and the co-author of "Alexander to Constantine: Archaeology of the Land of the Bible." The public is invited to participate. Tickets cost \$5 and may be purchased in advance at the church office, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, or at the door. Complimentary childcare will be provided with advance reservations - 972-771-5500.

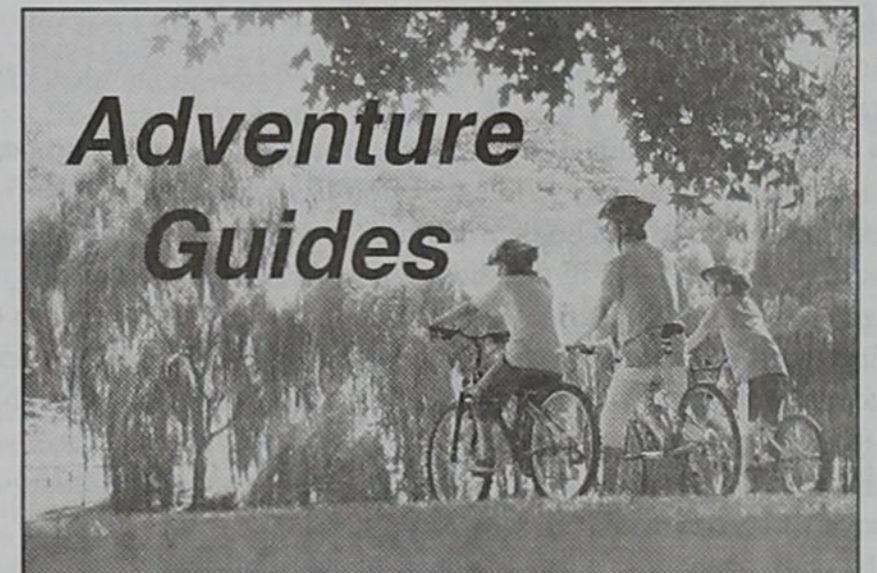
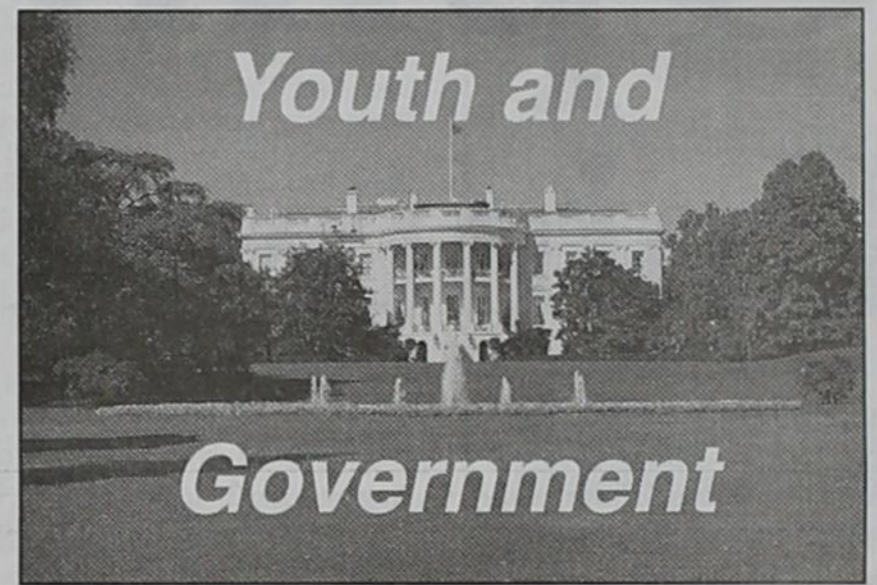
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Dobbs fifth grade student Autumn Potts and her younger sister, Emily, are shown being greeted by the Rockwall High mascot, a.k.a. Amber Britton, at Friday's Rockwall Independent School District Pop-in Night. In preparation for the new school year, students were encouraged to visit their area schools to meet their teachers and drop off school supplies.

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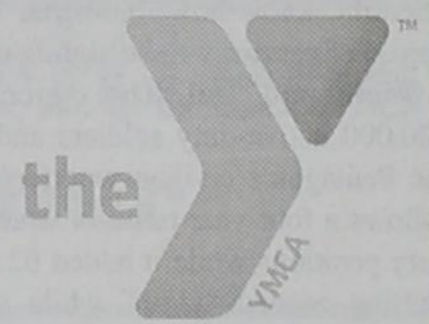
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# Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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## Virtue and the "Common Good"

I am no expert in the fields of Social Science and Public Policy. However, current issues in our society and political discourse on these issues and the decision each of us will make on election day reminded me of a National Best Seller entitled *Habits of the Heart, Individualism and Commitment in American Life*, by Robert Bellah. My focus for this article is Chapter 10, "The National Society". In it the author reminds us of a basic warning from one of the Founding Fathers as our Constitution was being crafted, and how this warning has been challenged by events in American history.

According to Bellah, the chief architect and joint author of the Constitution, James Madison warned in *The Federalist* papers that "the public good, the real welfare of the great body of the people, is the supreme object to be pursued; and that no form of government whatever has any other value than as it may be fitted for the attainment of this object." (Federalist No.45) Madison, along with Hamilton, Jefferson and Adams were students of the Enlightenment philosopher Montesquieu who believed that the *virtuous citizen* is one who understood that personal welfare is dependent on general welfare, and that a Republic was a self-regulating political society formed in the belief that one's own good was identified with the common good. This identification with the common good was known at the time of the Founding Fathers as "civic virtue." I will refer to this again.

The founders did not expect the common good to happen unaided. Their belief was that virtuous citizens would choose men of vision and civic virtue who would reach office at the national level. These officials would place the public good above their own, or their local region's special advantage. Such was the virtuous vision of the founders who wanted to develop an effective, democratic civic spirit in a commercial republic.

Ironically, the American dream of a democratic republic guided by public virtue and proven wisdom was overrun after the Revolution by the drive for individual success. Americans turned to private advancement and local economic growth and to politicians who accommodated special

interests rather than the Founders ideals of civic virtue. The Founders intention to develop an effective, democratic civic spirit in a commercial republic has not been resolved.

Bellah writes that throughout American history six distinct visions of the public good have arisen in pairs to shape national consciousness in difficult times. Each pair addressed a societal issue and the pairs created tensions in our society.

After World War I the issue was "how and on what terms would we shape the emerging industrial order into a viable and morally decent society?" The Establishment vision attempted to answer by enabling industrial and financial interests to establish a network of private universities, hospitals, museums, symphony orchestras, schools, churches, clubs and associations and research institutions run by the private sector. Private institutions are a legacy of the Establishment vision. In other nations, these establishments for the common good were run by government.

The Populist vision arose as "the great democratize," insisting on the incompleteness of a republic that excluded any of its members from full citizenship". Populism sought to expand government power over economic life for the common good.

The issue after the Great Depression was a dislocation of the corporate economy. Both Neocapitalism and Welfare Liberalism agreed that the primary end of modern society is to provide physical security and material well-being for citizens and to encourage individual choice. They differed on how it is to be achieved. Roosevelt and Reagan set the course for these opposing views that continue to play out in our politics today.

The last two attempts to try to solve the problems of our society were the Economic Democracy of Felix Rohatyn which arose in the 1970s. He helped rescue New York City from bankruptcy and theorized in the 1980s that the US would only be competitive in an international economy by committing to institutions that would take charge of the economy. Institutions like banks, bondholders, and those operating outside of ordinary legislative channels. He argued that this kind of growth could not be achieved by the kinds of politics characteristic of congressional politics. I ask, could this theory be the origins of the deregulations of the banks and bond markets that brought us to our knees?

The opposing view to the Economic Democracy of the 1970s and 1980s and beyond was the vision of an Administered Society. In such a society, economic development in international markets linked private groups, business and labor, with governmental agencies.

Both proponents present their visions as efforts to incorporate and transcend contending interests, and thus present themselves as reformers, yet both lack a moral basis for their political purposes. One tightens the hold of corporate business on our collective life. One attempts to bring corporate economy under democratic control.

Today, we still have a tension between private interest and public good. The Establishment and Populist visions are the opposing views in the continuing argument about the shape of our society. Tension between public and private good in a free republic presents the ordinary citizen

with an imperative. For our democratic republic to need to cultivate "civic virtue" in order to manage the understanding is slipping away. When we use the word "civic" the very meaning of citizenship escapes us.

If the economy is the only thing that holds us together as a citizen of the republic is swallowed up in the "the economy". The survival of a free people depends on the revival of and the political expression of that virtue.

Bella asks, are we "we the people?" Or, are we "we the people?" We might put the question another way is the candidate who gets my vote in service to "special interests" or the common good of a democratic republic? Chaplain Judith Matherne, MPS, BCC, Rockwall, Texas

## Is the pollwatcher really "crazy"?

Recently it has been reported in several publications by officials Julie Zurek, Rich Krause and Stephanie Galambos to have violated Texas election law in the May 12th Heath. The election code that the Secretary of State, Director of Keith Ingram stated these three city officials violated in §§ 61.001(b),(c). The content of this code is easy to understand looking up.

Ms. Zurek, one of the confirmed violators, has been publicly referring to the Official Pollwatcher as being "crazy". Ms. Zurek is not fact and it is NOT acceptable for an elected official to publicly label a person as "crazy" in an attempt to label a character or to attempt to distract from the facts. The same elected official has violated State election law as another confirmed violator, has been publicly quoted as election complaints as "frivolous". This also is not fact of State has found the violations of law to be valid based on supporting evidence. Further, according to eyewitness evidence, the public excuses Zurek and Krause have given presence in the voting area are not only inaccurate, they are untrue. The numerous violations of our election laws by officials and the supporting evidence thereof ARE facts.

The City of Heath has turned into a magic show of light. The City has not built any water tower without having a lawsuit. There are lawsuits now pending on the botched Terry Priddy also on the improper out-of-county publication of Health's In addition, there are official complaints of election violation confirmed the by the Secretary of State) pending with County Grand Jury. And, currently facing the citizens of new City Budget which is due to be approved in September, are millions of tax dollars at stake and the City seems unwilling to clearly explain where all the dollars are spent. We are all in this together. We are all paying the bills. Concerned Citizen of Heath, Tina Winnett

# Opinions Unintended consequences ...

by Mackenzie Eaglen

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In recent years, Washington's budget axe has fallen disproportionately on the military community. While the effort has been billed as a patriotic act of debt reduction and burden sharing, the military and taxpayers end up holding the short end of the stick. The Obama administration's latest budget request for 2013 asks for spending increases of \$1.5 trillion and tax increases of \$1.9 trillion, for a total of roughly \$400 billion in deficit reduction over the next decade. Any budget is more than a set of numbers; it is a vivid articulation of priorities. Unfortunately, this budget increases funding to all other government agencies, leaving only the military and taxpayers to get by with less.

The consequences of these ongoing defense budget cuts are already being felt in communities nationwide – among public and private manufacturing workers, in small businesses and veteran-owned companies. Worse yet, these reductions weaken our national security.

Americans tend to support cutting the defense budget until they need it. This time, however, the nation may find that some long-held capabilities, scientific know-how, industrial base infrastructure, retention and the appeal of service will be significantly compromised.

**Tooth and Tail.** The current budget calls for separating nearly 100,000 active-duty soldiers and Marines from service, while leaving the Pentagon's civilian workforce of 750,000 mostly untouched. This follows a four-year trend in which the administration cut 15,000 active duty positions while it added 62,000 civilians to the DoD bureaucracy. Cutting needed "tooth" while adding expensive "tail" is the wrong approach.

When the United States cashed in on a flawed peace dividend at the end of the Cold War by dramatically reducing the size of the military, veterans at least found a more welcoming commercial economy to absorb the change. During the rise of the digital age, jobs multiplied quickly, and by the end of the 1990s, the national unemployment rate was near a half-century low at 4 percent.

Today's economy, encumbered by unsustainable federal fiscal policies, is different. In May 2012, when the jobless rate for all veterans was 7.8 percent, veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan faced an unemployment rate of 12.7 percent. Young veterans 18 to 24 confronted the biggest hurdle, with an unemployment rate over 30 percent, according to the congressional Joint Economic Committee. If those currently serving continue to face difficulty gaining civilian employment upon leaving the service, budget cuts could cause requests for unemployment benefits to spike, flying in the face of the debt reduction that is supposedly forcing these savings in the first place.

Unit and equipment cuts will also lead to additional reductions. Cutting active-duty troops will not only diminish the Army's vehicle modernization plans but lead to the restructuring of brigade combat teams. The early retirement of ships and aircraft, coupled with insufficient new construction plans to replace aging assets, is already leading to unit decommissionings. The Air Force, for example, is retiring much of its A-10 Warthog fighter fleet. The proposed elimination of 21 A-10s at one unit in Michigan would lead to almost 600 jobs lost.

Early retirements and units standing down make installations and communities more vulnerable in a future round of base closures. Although the Pentagon's latest proposal is on hold by Congress, military communities may not escape damage. With less fanfare and debate than a new round of closings, bases may face effective closure when the units that call them home simply disappear. Additionally, Pentagon leaders have indicated that they will not wait on congressional approval to begin base realignment and reductions; instead, they will use executive authority whenever possible – starting now.

One example is the Air National Guard, which is absorbing 55 percent of the Air Force's aircraft reductions under current budget plans. This is

already leading to unit deactivations and closures in Michigan, Louisiana and Oklahoma. And the Army is reducing its public workforce at some depots due to fewer orders and demand. This backdoor downsizing is just as damaging to communities and families as a round of specifically targeted base closures.

**Ripple Effect.** The direct and indirect impact of budget cuts on local communities is far more extensive than advertised. The Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) recently released a comprehensive report that analyzed the impact of the shipbuilding, aerospace and defense industries on the wider U.S. economy. The report found that 3.5 million employees are associated with the defense business. The industry generated \$324 billion in sales in 2010 and accounted for 2.23 percent of U.S. GDP, as well as 7 percent of all exports. Furthermore, each shipbuilding, aerospace and defense job produces 2.36 jobs elsewhere in the economy. These are often private-sector jobs – for example, the auto mechanic or coffee shop owner who is supported mostly by shipyard workers.

Thus, it should come as no surprise that defense cuts will produce a ripple effect beyond this direct and often highly skilled workforce. According to an AIA analysis, for every primary defense manufacturing or contractor job cut, three other U.S. jobs will be lost. AIA estimates that DoD has already cut \$19.3 billion from weapons acquisition in the president's budget, and acquisition budgets could take on an additional \$25.7 billion in cuts if sequestration – automatic spending cuts that became law when the congressional "supercommittee" failed to compromise – stands, leading to a total cut of \$45 billion from military modernization programs.

This number, however, might actually be low. Sequestration, as currently constructed, will feature uniform 10 percent reductions at the program, project and activity levels across the entire DoD budget. However, it is unlikely that sequestration in its current form will be implemented. Instead, the administration has the authority to – and will surely – exempt military personnel from January's automatic cuts. While this is the right policy to pursue, the impact on the military's anemic modernization plans will deepen, and equipment programs that are needed to protect those in uniform and play a large role in our economy will take a bigger hit. Take, for example, the Army's only facility left for building and integrating tanks, in Lima, Ohio, for which the Pentagon has proposed a temporary shutdown. This could lead to roughly 1,000 direct layoffs and incalculable costs to restart the line. The House and Senate have intervened to try to avert the layoffs, but as of now the fate of the plant remains up in the air.

For each dollar that DoD does not spend on military equipment, an additional \$2.64 is lost in the general economy. This means that workers who are furloughed or laid off from a cargo aircraft production line, for instance, will not go to the food truck near the plant for lunch or buy that cellphone for their son or daughter at Christmas. The result is that over 1 million full-time, year-round jobs will be lost if sequestration is not reversed. This blind budget-cutting scenario would raise the national unemployment rate by 0.6 percentage points and cut U.S. GDP by about \$86.5 billion – canceling out nearly 25 percent of expected growth for 2013.

In other words, the country will save roughly \$99 billion by reducing the defense budget in fiscal 2013 in the name of debt reduction but will see its GDP fall by close to the same amount as a direct consequence. This is not a sound approach to balancing the federal checkbook, particularly when our military and its equipment are needed to meet current national security objectives.

The Center for Security Policy has created a database that details the national, state, city and county impact of defense budget cuts and the businesses affected. The database breaks out categories such as veteran- and minority-owned businesses, as well as small and local businesses. In 2011, DoD had more than 62,000 individual contracts with veteran-owned businesses, over 40 percent of which were contracts with service-disabled individuals. Under the current budget request, these businesses face nearly \$1.6 billion in lost revenue. And if sequestration remains law, they could face over \$3 billion in losses.

More broadly, DoD has more than 73,000 individual contracts with

small businesses, which stand to lose more than \$5 billion if sequestration is not addressed. These cuts will fall disproportionately on many U.S. states. As AIA notes, California, Virginia, Texas, Florida, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Arizona and Missouri account for 58.5 percent of job and income losses. They face 588,700 lost jobs and \$34.7 billion in depleted state revenue. If current law is not changed to turn off these automatic additional budget cuts.

**Arrested Development.** Cutting defense spending will affect other areas of the economy. The Pentagon has played a critical role in the development of the Internet and in funding the design and deployment of one of the world's largest computer networks, ARPANET. At first, ARPANET computers at universities such as UCLA and Stanford, after its development, its successor helped create a global network by forming the most extensive collection of knowledge in history, enabling communication, commerce and collaboration across continents.

Similarly, DoD space-based satellite navigation systems form the basis for the modern Global Positioning System (GPS), used in many U.S. cars and smartphones. Developed in the early 1970s, navigation exponentially advanced military navigation and then rose to a new sector of the economy dedicated to navigating technologies. Police can track stolen phones, tourists can find unfamiliar cities, and fishermen can navigate perilous waters. The Pentagon investment in a long-shot program.

As the defense budget's top line falls, so too will the projects that allow for needed cutting-edge research and development. Less research, development, testing and experimentation will mean innovation and fewer opportunities for enterprising individuals. Without the Pentagon's work to develop cutting-edge technologies, Pierre Omidyar could not have started eBay. The entire world – and the world – would look quite different absent decades of work begun by the U.S. military.

Unfortunately, while it is impossible to predict which defense projects will shape the future, advanced weapons development already and will continue to be the favored casualty of further cuts. Projects as directed energy lasers and materials that harden faster than steel have real and vital national security implications, but they will day reap benefits in the wider economy. There is no way to know how many jobs the next military innovation will create or how many negatively affected by programs that never see the light of day.

The nation's checkbook cannot be balanced wholly on the backs of our military, yet Washington is increasingly turning to a short-term money to solve the nation's looming fiscal crisis. If defense cuts are mandated by law stand, the fragile economy will worsen. Up to 1 million jobs could be lost, and countless veteran-owned businesses will be adversely affected. Many innovative new projects may never be pursued, and the world will be poorer for it.

Defense is the first responsibility of government – and the first in turn, has a responsibility to support its defenders. As we focus on strengthening the economy, they would do well to focus on how defense budget cuts – often portrayed as necessary federal spending in line – can have a devastating impact on the economy they are supposedly designed to bolster.

Mackenzie Eaglen is a resident fellow at the Marilyn Waite Security Studies at the American Enterprise Institute.



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The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Determine Heirship and for Letters of Independent Administration in this estate on August 20, 2012, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs of Ayuz Ayub, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

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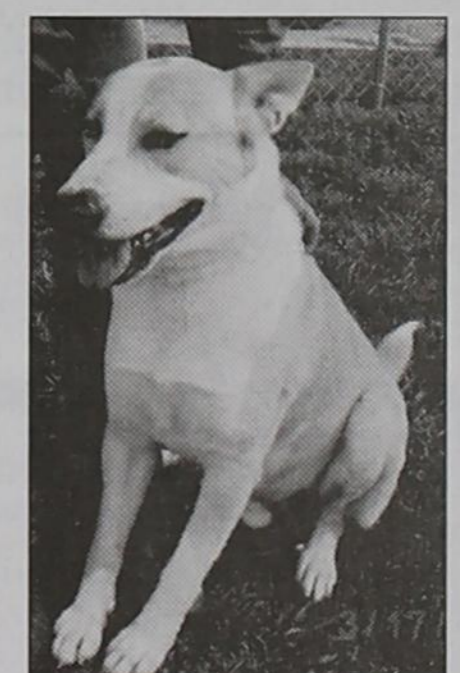


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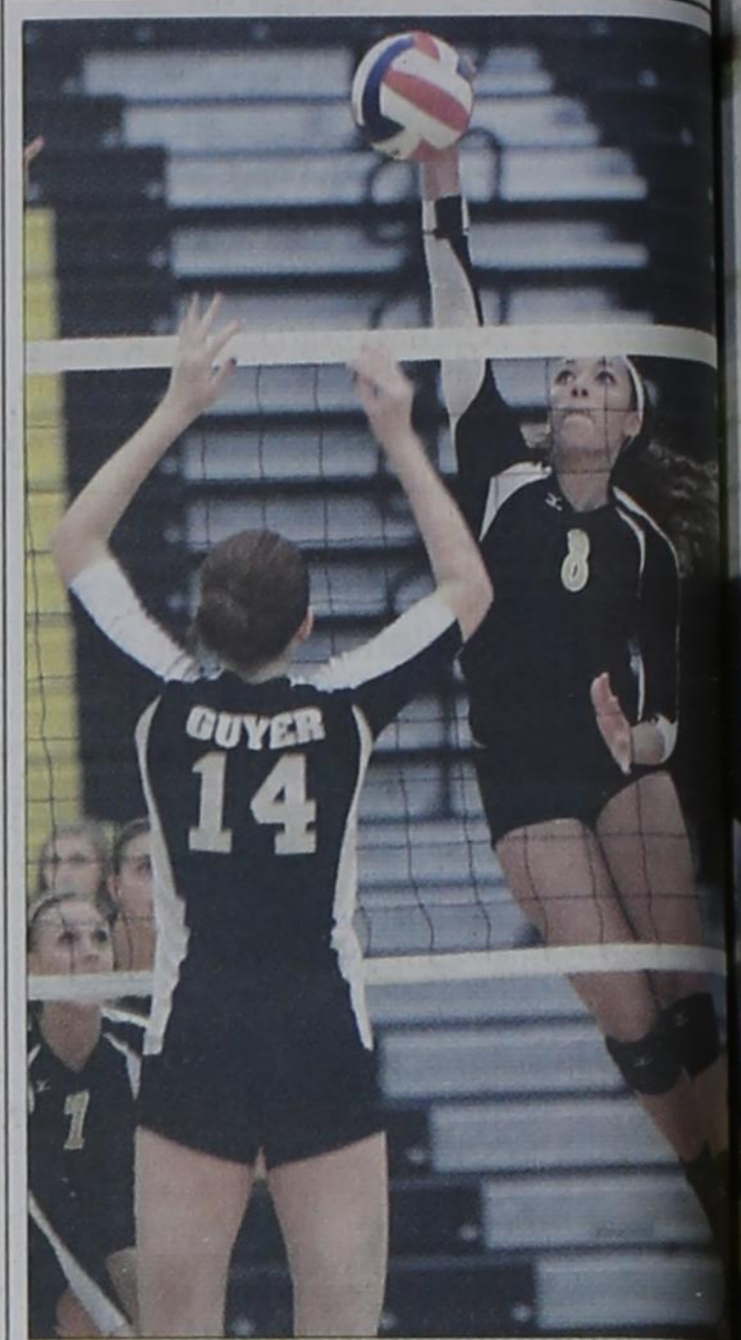
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# Rockwall County Sports



Lady Bulldogs' celebrating after a point against Frisco Wakeland. From left to right: Kyla Simmons, Ania Philo, Schelly Stone, Mikinzi Shanks, and Sara Verhagen. Entering at left is teammate Kyla Simmons.  
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Ania Philo hits the ball against a Denton GUYER during the Lewisville Tournament held August 23-24.  
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Lady Jackets' Rebecca Floyd (2) and Lindsey Wheeler (1) stretch to stop a hit by Michele Maxwell (3) Saturday August 25, during the Allen Texas Championship tournament at Allen High School. Assisting at back is Katherine Jowers (5).  
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**Friday, Aug. 31** – Varsity football: home vs. Cedar Park Summit Christian Academy, Cain Middle School, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 4** – Varsity volleyball: home vs. Denton Selwyn, Forney Sports Center, 6 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 6** – Varsity volleyball: home vs. Lucas Christian, Forney Sports Center, 6 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 7** – Varsity football: home vs. Azle Christian School, Cain Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

### Heritage Christian Academy Eagles

**Friday, Aug. 31** – Varsity football: home vs. Ladonia Fannindel, Hobart Wisdom Field, 7:30 p.m.

Varsity volleyball: at Dallas Christian Academy Tournament

**Saturday, Sept. 1** – Varsity volleyball: at Dallas Christian Academy Tournament

**Tuesday, Sept. 4** – Volleyball: at Fruitvale, Middle School B 4 p.m., Middle School A 5 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 6** – Volleyball: at DeSoto Canterbury Episcopal, Middle School B 4 p.m., Middle School A 5 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Football: home vs. Crowley Nazarene Christian Academy, RISE, middle school 5 p.m. and JV 7 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 7** – Varsity football: at Crowley Nazarene Christian Academy, 7:30 p.m.

Middle School A volleyball: at Fulton Tournament

**Saturday, Sept. 8** – Middle School A volleyball: at Fulton Tournament

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors

**Friday, Aug. 31** – Varsity volleyball: at Fort Worth Lake Country Christian School Tournament

**Saturday, Sept. 1** – Varsity volleyball: at Fort Worth Lake Country Christian School Tournament

**Thursday, Sept. 6** – Varsity and junior high volleyball: vs. Tyler Kings Christian

**Friday, Sept. 7** – Varsity football: home vs. Chico, Rockwall High School, 7:30 p.m.

### Rockwall Yellowjackets

**Friday, Aug. 31** – Varsity tennis: at Arlington Martin, 4 p.m.

Varsity football: home vs. West Mesquite, Heritage Honor Before Victory Classic, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Varsity volleyball: at Pearland Volleyball Classic

**Saturday, Sept. 1** – Cross country: at Plano ISD Invitational

Varsity volleyball: at Pearland Volleyball Classic

**Tuesday, Sept. 4** – JV1 tennis: home vs. Longview, Rockwall Tennis Facility, 3:45 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 6** – Freshman football: home vs. Rowlett, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, B 5:30 p.m. and A 7 p.m.

JV football: at Rowlett, White 5:30 p.m. and Orange 7 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 7** – Varsity tennis: at Texarkana Team Tournament, 8 a.m.

Volleyball: home vs. Longview, JV and freshman 5:30 p.m. and varsity 6:30 p.m.

Varsity football: home vs. Rowlett, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 8** – Varsity tennis: at Texarkana Team Tournament, 8 a.m.

Cross country: at North Mesquite Stampede, Samuel Farm

### Rockwall-Heath Hawks

**Friday, Aug. 31** – Freshman football: home vs. Garland Naaman Forest, Rockwall-Heath High School, Red 5:30 p.m. and Black 7 p.m.

JV and freshman A volleyball: at Richardson Berkner, 5:30 p.m.

JV Black football: at Garland Naaman Forest, 7 p.m.

Varsity volleyball: at Frisco ISD Varsity Tournament

**Saturday, Sept. 1** – Cross country: at Plano ISD Invitational

Varsity volleyball: at Frisco ISD Varsity Tournament

**Tuesday, Sept. 4** – Volleyball: at Royse City, 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 6** – Red football: home vs. Rowlett, 5:30 p.m.

JV Black football: at North Garland, 5:30 p.m.

JV Red football: Christian Academy, 5:30 p.m.

Freshman Black vs. South Garland, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 7** – at South Garland, 7:30 p.m.

Varsity football: at Stallion Stampede, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 8** – JV volleyball: at Stallion Stampede, 7:30 p.m.

Varsity volleyball: at Stallion Stampede, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 31** – at Forney, City Ball, 7 p.m.

Varsity volleyball: at City Tournament

**Tuesday, Sept. 4** – home vs. Rockwall, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 7 – home vs. North Forney Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Cain Middle School

Thursday, Sept. 6 – volleyball: at Wylie, 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 7 – volleyball: at Wylie, 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m.

Utley Middle School

Thursday, Sept. 6 – volleyball: home vs. Allen, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m.

8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball: Ereckson, C 5:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Williams Middle School

Thursday, Sept. 6 – volleyball: home vs. Sloan Creek, C 5:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball: Sloan Creek, C 5:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.



Lady Jackets' Senior Rebecca Floyd (2) sets for a strike by Junior Jacqueline Ullmann (17, at back) Saturday August 25, during the Allen Texas Championship tournament at Allen High School.  
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Lady Jackets' Sophomore Kelsey Gaertner hits the ball away from a McKinney defender Saturday August 25, during the Allen Texas Consolation Championship match at Allen High School. Ready to assist Alex Villarreal (3). At back is Head Coach Damon Wilson.  
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Hawks' sophomore Haley Coleman strikes at the Bishop Lynch defense Saturday August 25, during the Allen Texas Championship tournament at Erickson Middle School in Allen. Ready to assist Claire Carpenter (7), Paige Parent (3) and Regina Tillis (14).  
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Lady Hawks' Rose (1) and Kaiely Peters (5) block a Bishop Lynch attack for the Lady Hawks, Saturday August 25, during the Allen Texas Championship tournament at Erickson Middle School.  
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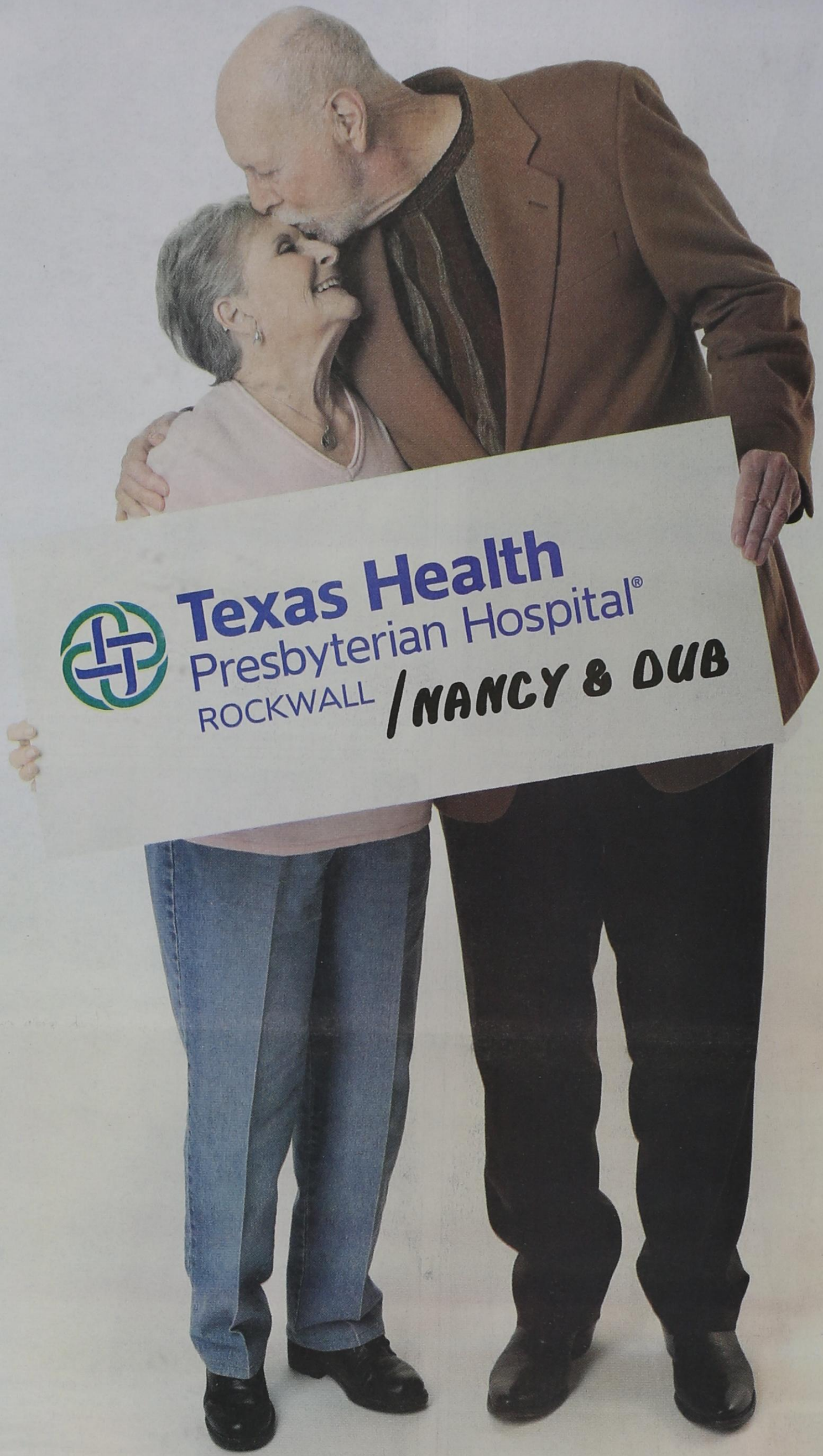
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