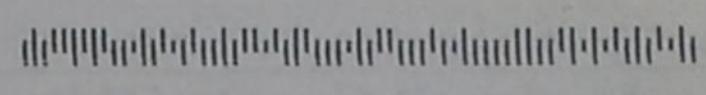


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RC Police investigating aggravated robbery

RC Police are investigating an aggravated robbery that occurred in the parking lot of the Roysse City Wal-Mart over the weekend, according to Roysse City Police Department news release.

Police officers were dispatched to the store regarding an aggravated robbery at about 10:45 p.m. on July 29. Responding units were notified by dispatch that the victim was a female who exited a gray SUV. The victim described the suspects as being a black male in his 20s and a black female possibly in her 30s, according to the release. The suspects approached the victim and asked her for money to purchase groceries.

The victim told the pair she did not have any cash, according to the

release. Both suspects grabbed the victim and forced her inside the SUV, where they displayed a handgun. The victim struggled and was able to exit the vehicle through a door on the opposite side.

The victim fled to another shopper in the parking lot, according to the release. The suspects stole the victim's vehicle and fled the scene.

A similar incident also was reported in a nearby neighborhood, according to the release. Officers searched the area for a possible victim and related suspects; however, none were located.

The investigation related to this incident is ongoing and officials ask all residents to report any information concerning the crime to the Roysse City Police Department at 972-636-9422 or 972-204-7001.

ISD's Duran finalizes board leadership training

ISD's Duran, a member of the Rockwall Independent School Board of Trustees, received the designation of Master Trustee following completion of Leadership TASB, a program sponsored by the Association of School Boards, according to information on the website.

During the fifth session, June 30 through July 1, school board members of the 2015-2016 Leadership TASB class made presentations on their findings following a yearlong period of research. Topics focused on employee retention, understanding statewide accountability,

successful early childhood education programs, focused community engagement, the role of the school board regarding advocacy, and statistical identification of real achievement gaps.

The Leadership TASB met in conjunction with the TASB's Summer Leadership Institute in Fort Worth, according to the information on the website. More than 1,000 new and veteran school leaders received training on effective board governance, heard keynote addresses from education experts and gleaned ideas from district showcases and networking opportunities.

RC to host 'Miracle on 34th Street' auditions in September

Rockwall Community Playhouse will conduct auditions for the production of "Miracle on 34th Street - The Play," a present-day retelling of the movie, on Sept. 24-25.

Auditions on Sept. 24 will begin at 1 p.m., while auditions on Sept. 25 will begin at 3 p.m. Audition dates are different than those publicized, according to a RCP news release issued this week.

- Sawyer (male or female, 40s to 50s) - A grinchy vocational counselor for Macy's who thinks Kringle is delusional and tries to get him locked up. Character role requiring great comic timing.
 - Bloomingdale (male or female, adult of any age) - Owner and manager of Bloomingdale's Department Store.
 - Judge Harper (male or female, adult of any age) - Presides over Kringle's competency hearing. Desires to offer fair judgment, but is concerned about political career. Judicial, likeable.
 - Finley (male or female, adult of any age) - Bailiff in Harper's court.
 - Mara (female, 30+) - Prosecuting attorney in Kringle's competency hearing. Somewhat jaded; sticks to the letter of the law.
 - Halloran (male or female, 25+) - Harper's political campaign manager.
 - Mara Jr. (female, 8-10) - Prosecuting attorney's child.
 - Ensemble (adults, teens and children, ages 10-99) - The ensemble is essential to this production and includes Bag Lady (at Thanksgiving Day Parade); Rich Person (at parade); Drunk Santa (at Macy's); Duncan (zookeeper); Al and Lou (postal workers); parents who visit Santa; pedestrians; photographers; courtroom crowd; parade workers; and carolers. Teens (double-cast with other roles) will perform as the elves, which are in every scene. They will guide the show, filling scene breaks, changing scenery, singing carols, etc. Children (ages 8-12) will fill roles as children who talk to Santa. All are in Act I, with the exception of one. Many of these children may appear as extras in other scenes.
- Those planning to audition should bring a headshot or copy of a recent photo and resume, if available. Adults and teens should prepare a one-minute monologue and be able to sing a single verse of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" or "Jingle Bells." (Although the production is not a musical, the ensemble may present carols during various transitions, according to the news release.) Children should be able to perform a one-minute monologue; memorization is not required, but recommended.

Director, Darlene Singleton, is seeking a "racially-diverse" cast of about 20 adults and children.

Character descriptions include:

- Kringle (male 55+) - Kind, generous man who believes he's the best. Must present as jolly and outgoing, but still personable. Firm, caring. Loves children. Director will consider actors with beards, but those with beards or who are willing to grow them will be preferred.
- Kringle's mother (female, late 40s to early 60s) - Kringle's mother. A kind, professional doctor who is Kringle's friend.
- Doris (male or female, late 20s to early 40s) - Doris is the most efficient and slightly batty assistant.
- Walker (female, 30 to early 40s) - A no-nonsense, intelligent woman who works for Mr. Macy. She is intelligent and single mother to Susan. She has a practical, realistic approach to life and parenting.
- Walker (female, 6-8) - A bright girl who is learning to be a realistic person like her mother. Must look young enough to be in Santa.
- Kringle's attorney (male, 35 to late 40s) - An idealistic attorney with a rosy outlook. Loves Doris and Susan and seeks to inspire her to temper her practicality and open her heart to love.
- Kringle's defense attorney; all-around good guy.
- Kringle's manager (male or female, adult of any age) - Owner and manager of Bloomingdale's Department Store.

Royse City ISD new student registration schedule slated

New students are encouraged to pre-enroll prior to the first day of the 2016-2017 school year on Monday, Aug. 22.

A child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 to enter kindergarten, according to information in the school district's back-to-school online newsletter. Pre-K students must be 4 by that date and meet eligibility requirements.

- Items needed for enrollment include proof of residence (a water or utility bill or a contract on a home with a closing date or a signed lease); an up-to-date immunization record; the student's Social Security card; an official birth certificate for the student; and a photo ID for the parent/guardian.
- New student enrollment dates are as follows:
- Davis Elementary - Aug. 9, 10 and 12, 9 a.m. to noon, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Aug. 11, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Aug. 15-17, 9 a.m. to noon, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Anita Scott Elementary - Aug. 8, 10 and 12, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Aug. 11, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 - W.R. Fort Elementary - Aug. 1-2, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Aug. 8, 9, 10 and 12, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Aug. 11, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 - Miss May Vernon Elementary - Aug. 9, 10 and 12, 9 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Aug. 11, noon to 7 p.m.
 - Cherry Intermediate - Aug. 2-3, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Herndon Intermediate - Aug. 8 and 10, 8 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Aug. 11, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Middle school - Aug. 8-12 by appointment only. Call 972-636-9544 to schedule an appointment.
 - High school - New student registration packets will be available at the front office of the school beginning Aug. 5. Official enrollment will begin Aug. 5 and will be by appointment only.
- All offices closed until 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18, for RCISD staff convocation.

Commissioners Court addresses transit system funding, pay plan

The Rockwall County Commissioners Court agreed on a change in funding for STAR Transit and approved a conceptual proposal for a new county pay plan at its July 26 meeting, according to a news release issued by the county.

STAR Transit is the regional public transportation system for all of Rockwall County. After losing state funding when the county went from rural to urban classification, STAR Transit asked for more money to subsidize the service. STAR currently operates five buses for eight hours a day, seven days a week. The cities of Rockwall, Fate and Roysse City also contribute funding for the service. Rockwall residents are considered the largest group in all county cities to use the service.

County officials, according to County Judge David Sweet, have met several times with City of Rockwall officials to reach an agreement on what each should pay.

Rockwall County, which was paying \$63,400 annually, will now pay \$55,200, the same amount as the city of Rockwall has agreed to pay. That, said Sweet, was an amount "Commissioners Court could live with."

Fate and Roysse City do not currently participate in the program, but will be asked to pay \$13,800 each.

Sweet said Heath and McClendon-Chisholm don't often use the service.

The drop in funding will result in a reduced level of service from STAR. Beginning in January 2017, STAR will provide three buses for nine hours a day.

STAR officials originally asked for \$204,000, but under the new agreement will receive \$138,000.

Commissioner Dennis Bailey requested information on ridership in 2017 to plan for the 2018 budget year.

Commissioner David Magness said officials would learn from those that STAR serves in 2017 regarding the service provided.

A new pay plan developed by the county Benefits Committee for the 2017 fiscal year was approved by the court "conceptually." The Performance Pay Plan, a plan that includes salary increases based on merit, will not be voted on for adoption until commissioners know it will work. The plan will not include appointed and elected officials.

As of Jan. 1, the county will operate an in-house janitorial service instead of renewing a contract for the job. Commissioner Lee Gilbert said the change would cost an additional \$50,000 and questioned if the county could "get the services we're missing now." It was decided that with an in-house service, all work needed could be completed and janitors would be available for quick cleanups during business hours.

Commissioners also adopted a relocation plan for county offices and storage space designed for the former Whitmore building.

Sweet said county officials will discuss space plans "for many more years."

The in-house project should be completed in September. It will be paid for with money from the county's contingency fund.

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Farmers Market open through September

The Farmers Market offered from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays on the square in Rockwall will be open through September. For more details visit rockwallfarmersmarket.org.

Democratic Men's Group to meet Aug. 6

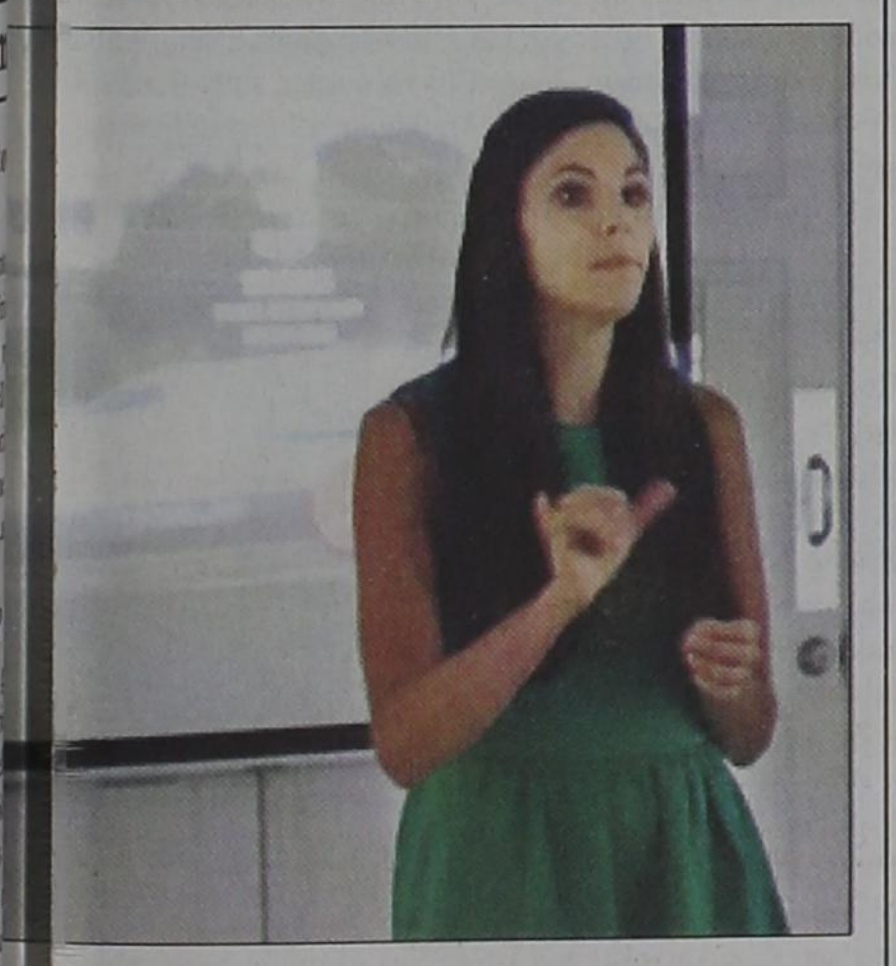
The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will conduct its next luncheon at noon on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Johnny Carino's, 819 E. I-30, Rockwall. The group meets for lunch on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the direction of Texas and Rockwall County are welcomed. Guest speaker for this month will be David Smith, a longtime activist in Rockwall political and community affairs.

KIDFISH planned in Roysse City

City Lake Park in Roysse City will be the site of the Aug. 7 KIDFISH fishing tournament, according to the Roysse City Chamber's Facebook page. The event will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will be free to all participants. The KIDFISH Foundation is a youth outreach program devoted to educating and providing outdoor enthusiasts with the fishing equipment they need. Participants must be 16 or younger. Winners of each age group will receive trophies and are entered in the KIDFISH Classic Tournament. A limited number of poles and bait will be available, so get there early.

ARC blood drive set at local bookstore

An American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled to run from (Continued on Page 2)



Rebecca Cowle, outreach manager for Texas Central, addressed members of the Rockwall Democratic Party on Saturday, July 16, in Rockwall. Cowle talked about the proposed high-speed "bullet train" that the state of Texas investors is working to make a reality. The train would travel at speeds of up to 205 mph, making it possible to travel from Dallas to Houston in less than 90 minutes. The first of its kind in the Western Hemisphere, the train could carry about 400 passengers and become a reality by late 2021 or early 2022, Cowle said. Its construction could employ as many as 40,000 and its completion another 1,000, adding billions to the economy. Although no government grants or subsidies are being sought to underwrite the project, special interest groups are gearing up to oppose the project.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Bill Edwards

Services for Bill Edwards, 97, of Roysse City were conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2016, in the First United Methodist Church in Roysse City with the Rev. Dan Bruce officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements. He died July 30.



Born March 16, 1919, in East St. Louis, Illinois, to Boydel Joseph Edwards and Fay Vance Hanson Baker, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He served with the 99th Infantry Division, also known as the Checkerboard Infantry Division, during the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded a Purple Heart.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanne Edwards of Roysse City; his children, Lynn Jones and husband, Bud, of Andrews, Ginny Parker and husband, Ronnie, of Whitesboro and Julie Stacha of Lamesa, stepdaughter Sharon Hegi, and her husband, John, of Lamesa, Carla Fleckerstein and her husband, Joe, of Seldovia, Alaska, Harlan Miller and his wife, Crista, of Rockville, Indiana, Eric Wayne Miller of Boise, Idaho, and Beth Anne Curry and her husband, Rex, of Idaho; a sister, Marian Fox of Phoenix, Arizona; and 14 grandchildren, Kim, Ashley, Lindsey, Paul, Shannon, Pamela, Austin, John, Tom, Darla, Clinton, Angi, Hill and Carl; and many great-grandchildren and great-grand-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Faydell Johnson.

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noon to 6 p.m. Aug. 7 at the Half Price Books, 959 I-30, Rockwall. Donors of all blood types are needed to help restock the shelves. The Red Cross is thanking those who come in to donate blood or platelets through Aug. 31 by emailing them a \$5 Amazon.com gift card claim code. To schedule an appointment to donate, use the free Blood Donor app (redcrossblood.org/bloodapp), visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donation appointments and completion of a RapidPass (redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) online health history questionnaire are encouraged to help reduce wait times.

Gospel quartet to perform at FUMC

At 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7, at the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, a gospel harmony quartet, Spiritual 4-Cast of Rockwall, will perform in the Open Door contemporary worship space. The public is invited. The event is being sponsored by the FUMC active seniors group, the Sailsetters. No advance tickets will be required, but a donation basket will be passed around.

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A.R. (Auby) Henson

Services for A.R. (Auby) Henson, 91, of Sunnyvale were conducted on Thursday, July 21, 2016, at Hurst's Fielder-Baker Funeral Home in Farmersville.

He died at his home Monday morning, July 18, after having fallen from a ladder in his barn in March, which caused a steady decline in his health.

Born Nov. 15, 1924, in Josephine in Collin County to Johnnie Emerine Heavin and Thomas Lester Henson, he was the fifth of six children and the last surviving sibling. He was a Christian and was raised in the Methodist church.

A 1941 graduate of Farmersville High, he and his best friend ran a Texaco service station on the town square. He was a volunteer fireman, school bus driver and semi-pro baseball player/shortstop on Farmersville's Rambler baseball team.

A member of the Army Air Corp (Air Force), he reached the rank of sergeant. He was assigned to the 491st Bomber Division based in England. He flew 12 missions over enemy territory and the Battle of Germany in the European theater over Germany and Austria as a B24 nose gunner. He flew his last mission over Bertsgarten, Germany, on April 25, 1945, that led to VE Day just 14 days later.

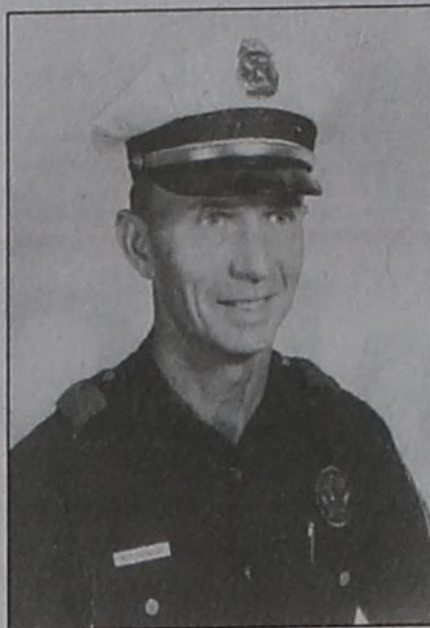
He was a Dallas Police sergeant, serving from 1955 until 1978. He also was director of security for Trammell Crow Co. in charge of the Dallas Market Center for 20 years, retiring in 1983.

He married Dorothy Frances Evans on Sept. 12, 1950.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Dorothy Henson of Sunnyvale; his son, Gill Henson, and his wife, Louise, of Rockwall; his son, Monty Henson of Crowley; his daughter, Melanie Bolin, and her husband, Rick, of Sunnyvale; and his daughter, Kim Henson of Mesquite; his granddaughters, Paige Toberny and her husband, Trevor, of Mesquite, Holly Henson of Dallas and Blair Bolin Cullen and her husband, Lucas, of Mesquite; his grandsons, Cheyenne and Maverick Harper of Stephenville; and great-granddaughters, Shane and River Cullen and Kessler Toberny of Mesquite and Lively Smith of Dallas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings and his in-laws.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the Assist the Officer Foundation (Dallas Police), 1412 Griffin St. East, Dallas, TX 75215, 214-747-6839 or atodallas.org.



Michael Duane Lucas

A celebration of life service for Michael Duane Lucas, 50, of Valley Mills will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2016, at the Lake Shore Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor John Rambeau officiating.

The family has requested that those attending the service wear maroon and white to honor him.

He died Thursday, July 28, at his home with his family and friends by his side.

Born Dec. 11, 1965, in Waco to Morris "Luke" and DeDe (Siegle) Lucas, he graduated from Morris Hill High School in 1984 and then met the love of his life, Alicia P. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's in civil engineering. He and Alicia married on Aug. 18, 1990.

He started his own business, Aqua-Terra Engineering, while in Rockwall. He served as president of the Rockwall Rotary serving on the City of Rockwall Planning & Zoning Commission and volunteered for numerous organizations.

He was an avid outdoorsman who cherished his connection to nature through hiking, skiing, boating and camping. He traveled the world, especially places like Mt. Rainier and Maui, also enjoyed special fishing and NASCAR outings with his father.

Everyone who knew him knew he loved the Texas A&M Ag Center and "sweet pea," Alexa Lucas; his parents; his sister, Shawna and her husband, Chad; his niece, Bailey Norris; his nephews, Latino and Tristan Latino; his mother-in-law, Vera Alvena P. his brothers-in-law, Stephen Pocock and Terry Trull; his sis-

ter, Neva Casey; numerous other friends; and his beloved pet dog, Law. He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Nicholas P. Honorary pallbearers will be Rob Meyer, John Landers, Martelli and John Ivie.

The family would like to thank Dr. Sumit Subudhi and Dr. Chakmakjian for their care and Dr. Donny Stewart for his above and beyond care and support.

Memorial contributions may be made to gofundme.com/education.

Thoughts and memories may be shared at lakeshorefh.com.

Pamela 'Annette' Manning

Graveside services for Pamela "Annette" Manning, 54, of Heath, formerly of Greenville, were conducted at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2016, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died July 29.

Born Jan. 21, 1962, in Collin County to Ronald Raymond Manning and Frances Aldean Davis, she will be remembered for being full of life and happiness. Her infectious smile brought an abundance of joy to her family and those around her.

She loved Jesus and shared Him with others. She loved to pray often could be found talking to God in prayer.

She never met a stranger and wanted to kiss everyone's hand in greeting. She loved animals and enjoyed playing with her dolls.

Survivors include her mother; her siblings, Lorene Rousar Kirkwood, Royal Kirkwood, Oranda Daniels, Michael M. Rhonda Eddins and her husband, Mike, Brian Manning and his Diane, Charlie Talley and her husband, David, and Charles and his wife, Katie; and numerous nieces and nephews, along with host of relatives.

Louis Saldana

Graveside services for Louis Saldana, 74, of Roysse City were conducted at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2016, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died July 26. Born April 15, 1942, in Ames, Iowa, to Octavio Saldana and (Gallegos) Saldana, he was a member of the Lakeshore Church of Rockwall and was an evangelist who ministered to many.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Saldana, of Roysse City; his sons, Louis Miler and his wife, Barbara, of Michigan, David and his wife, Sandy, of Jackson, Mississippi, Robert Ainsworth and his wife, Cyndie, of Roysse City and Michael Ainsworth and his wife, Christiane, of Roysse City; his daughter, Dana Walker and her husband, DeWayne, of Roysse City; his sister, Judy Benavides and her husband, Fabian, of Lansing, Michigan; 12 grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Robert 'Bob' Winfield Scott

Graveside services for Robert "Bob" Winfield Scott, 78, of Rockwall, previously of Amarillo, will be conducted at 11:15 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 1, 2016, in the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery with Pastor Rick Donoho officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He died July 22.

Born May 9, 1938, to Winfield William Scott and Vera (Gover) Scott in Worcester, Massachusetts, he grew up in Massachusetts, and served in the U.S. Air Force. He was an engineer at Pantex in Amarillo and later worked in the construction industry for many years.

He had been a resident of Rockwall since 2005. He and Carol were members of the Our Lady of the Lake Church in Rockwall. He collected Lionel trains and loved his cars. He enjoyed traveling to Las Vegas, often vacationing with his wife. He loved his family and was blessed to have been a move closer and live near his sons and grandchildren for the past years.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 58 years, Carol Scott; his Mike Scott and his wife, Dorothy, and Keith Scott; his grandchildren, Shelly Nonus and her husband, Drew, and Abby Scott; siblings, Ilic and her husband, Zoran, Kathy Oslar and her husband, Bob Jack Scott and his wife, Roseanne; a niece and nephews, Lori Madison Ilic, Ryan Ilic and Lindsey Keys and her husband, and a host of other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; in parents-in-law, and Johnie Rucker; his brother-in-law, Vern Rucker; a nephew, Rucker; and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Rucker.

As an alternative to flowers, the family has suggested memorials may be made in his name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or stjude.org the donor's favorite charity.

RHHS back-to-school information outlined

Back-to-school information for students at Rockwall-Heath High School now is available online at rockwallisd.com/heath/2016/07/18/back-to-school-information-2016-2017.

Information available online includes:

- Back-to-school forms
- Information for new students
- School supply lists
- School hours
- School calendar for 2016-2017
- Immunization requirements & opportunities
- Nutrition information
- School map, attendance zones
- School directory

Information on Meet the Teacher and Open House nights will be posted in coming weeks, according to the website.

The first day of classes for the coming school year is Aug. 22.

County library to offer Microsoft Office classes

The Rockwall County Library will offer another series of Microsoft Office classes in coming weeks.

Classes are scheduled for September, October and November. Based on feedback from previous classes, the content and scheduling of classes has been revised, according to a news release from the library.

Classes will be divided into two parts on different days. For the best overall experience, participants are urged to sign up for both parts of the class, according to the news release.

Classes are scheduled as follows:

- Basic Word, parts 1 and 2 - Sept. 6 & 8, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Basic Excel, parts 1 and 2 - Sept. 13 & 15, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Basic Word, parts 1 and 2 - Oct. 3 & 5, 10:30 a.m. to noon
- Basic Excel, parts 1 and 2 - Oct. 24 & 26, 10:30 a.m. to noon
- Basic Word, parts 1 and 2 - Nov. 1 & 3, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Basic Excel, parts 1 and 2 - Nov. 8 & 10, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Register for classes at the Adult Service Desk at the Rockwall County Library. Sign-ups begin on the first of the month prior to the classes (i.e., register on Aug. 1 for September classes).

Classes are sponsored and funded by the Rockwall County Library.

Downed power line forces street closure

A downed power line on North Goliad Street between Cody Lane and Heath Street forced the closure of the roadway for more than an hour on Monday, Aug. 1.

Just prior to 6 p.m., two vehicles struck a power line on SH 205, which is Goliad Street as it runs through Rockwall. The roadway was shut down and traffic was diverted for more than an hour while crews worked to correct the problem, according to a City of Rockwall news release.

The accident involved an 18-wheeler and a car. No information concerning possible injuries was available as of press time.

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

CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues for ACROSS and DOWN sections, titled 'TEXAS CROSSWORD by Charley & Guy Orbison'.

Right margin containing various small advertisements, notices, and snippets of text from other pages.

Light earn diplomas in RISD summer graduation

Local students received their diplomas on Thursday, July 26, at Rockwall Independent School District's summer 2016 graduation ceremony. Graduates, according to the RISD website, included: Acosta Sanchez, Blain, Floyd, Harte, Fulton, McGuire, Mesa, Williams.

Martinez recognized by county officials

Martinez was honored as the Rockwall County Employee of the Year by members of the Rockwall County Commissioners at their July 26 meeting. She is the chief clerk for Justice of the Peace Mark Russo, and was nominated for the honor. "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also you have received, and wherein you stand" (1Cor. 15:1).

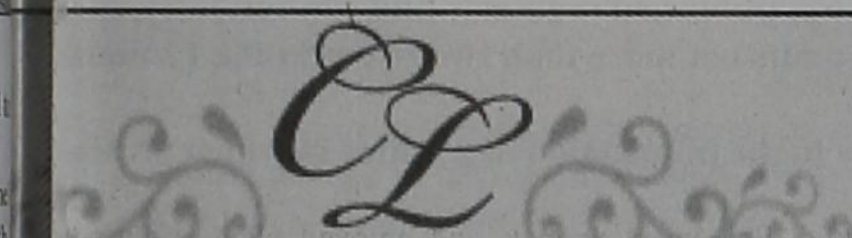
Rockwall County Entertainment

Music events offered weekly in downtown Rockwall's newest public space, San Jacinto Plaza, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, in downtown Rockwall. The event is being hosted by Main Street and local and national organizations. For more details contact Paula Morris, 972-722-3099 or paula.morris@roysecity.com.

Back to School Bash slated in Royse City
Back to School Bash, featuring games, music, inflatables, face painting, and extended business hours, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, in downtown Rockwall. The event is being hosted by Main Street and local and national organizations. For more details contact Paula Morris, 972-722-3099 or paula.morris@roysecity.com.

'Brave' to be featured at Family Fun Friday
The movie 'Brave' will be featured at Family Fun Friday at Hickory Ridge. The screening is part of the Parks & Recreation Department's Movies in the Park. For more details, visit playrockwall.com.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Know the basics ... who is Jesus Christ?

Last week's article addressed a couple of underlying basic truths in order to explain the importance of building our spiritual lives on a strong foundation.

Every building is built on a foundation. This is a basic construction principle that extends back to ancient Babylon and beyond.

God's word uses the foundation for our overall lives.

Our true spiritual life starts with being part of the body of Christ Jesus.

It says in Ephesians 2:18-22, "For through him we both have access by one spirit unto the Father. Now therefore you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together grows unto an holy Temple in the Lord; in whom you also are being built in together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

It's fantastic that God put the apostles and prophets as part of the foundation, with our Lord Jesus Christ as the chief corner stone.

This is talking about the foundation that was established after the events of Acts 2:4 when the first people were filled with holy spirit and began to speak in tongues.

After that time many others got born-again and walked with great

spiritual dynamics. The apostles went out teaching the truth to whole cities of people throughout the region. Many others prophesied in the churches.

Paul was given a great deal of new information about the spiritual Administration of the grace of God (see Ephesians 3:2-6).

Paul perfectly revealed the basics start with right knowledge of who Jesus is, and what happened to bring righteousness and salvation for all who believe.

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also you have received, and wherein you stand" (1Cor. 15:1).

What did Paul declare?

"... that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures ..." (1Cor. 15:3-4). Those events occurred as prophesied and recorded in ancient scriptures.

The word "Christ" was translated from an ancient word that meant the Messiah. The context is related to the living Messiah from the Creator. Romans 10:9-10 provides important information, "If you shall believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead ..."

This is crucial toward understanding the gospel of our Lord Jesus, the living Messiah. You see, it does not say Jesus raised himself from the dead. It says God the Father raised His son from the dead.

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Public Notice

As of Aug. 4, 2016, the cities of Royse City, Fate, McLendon-Chisholm, Heath, Rockwall and their respective representatives have continued to not publish each required notice in the *Rockwall County News*.

The City of Royse City has not published each required notice since year 2002.

The City of Heath has not published each required notice since October 2008.

The City of Fate has not published each required notice since October 2012.

The City of McLendon-Chisholm has not published each required notice since October 28, 2014.

The City of Rockwall has not published each required notice since December 1, 2014.

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

Each representative responsible for selecting a newspaper in accordance with state law may be found to have committed statutory violations on multiple counts.

Each representative responsible for releasing tax revenues, as payment for services that cannot legally be offered, may be found to have defrauded the tax-paying Body Politic of each respective municipal corporation, on multiple counts.

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

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Texas Government Code Section 2051.044

(a) The newspaper in which a notice is published must:

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

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- Saturday, 23 July: Alarm, 400 block Welch Road; Welfare concern, 1500 block Hafner Road; Accident, I-30 eastbound near the 74-mile marker; Reckless driver, I-30 westbound near the 82-mile marker; Medical assistance, 300 block Starlight Lane; Welfare concern, Area of Bob Drive; Disturbance, 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Welfare concern, 800 block E. I-30 NSR; Possession of controlled substance arrest, 400 block W. I-30 NSR
- Sunday, 24 July: Assault, 1200 block Tyler Court; Assault, 1600 block Bob Drive; Medical assistance, 300 block S. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Theft, 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Reckless driver, Area of Erby Campbell Boulevard; Disturbance, 300 block N. Houston Street; Alarm, 900 block Lincoln Drive; Suspicious vehicle, Area of Brandon Drive
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- Tuesday, 26 July: Suspicious person, 500 block E. I-30 NSR; Suspicious vehicle, 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Suspicious vehicle, 100 block Rowdy Drive; Suspicious vehicle, 100 block Sandy Lane; Driving while intoxicated arrest, I-30 eastbound near the 74-mile marker; Accident, I-30 eastbound near the 75-mile marker; Theft, 700 block W. I-30; Welfare concern, I-30 eastbound near the 75-mile marker; Medical assistance, 300 block Center Street; Public intoxication arrest, I-30 NSR near the 74-mile marker; Suspicious vehicle, 300 block Preston Drive; Displaying fictitious license plate arrest, Area of Lakes Drive and Lavon Court; Police Department's warrants arrest, I-30 eastbound near the 79-mile marker
- Wednesday, 27 July: Disturbance, 2700 block Redwood Street; Medical assistance, 1600 block Rowdy Drive; Noise disturbance, 1200 block Northwood Lane; Theft, 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Disturbance, 800 block Rowdy Drive; Driving without a license arrest, Area of Erby Campbell Boulevard and Brookhaven Drive
- Thursday, 28 July: Alarm, 2300 block E. I-30 NSR; Suspicious person, Area of FM 35 and Joe Street; Alarm, 7000 block W. I-30; Medical assistance, 300 block Starlight Lane; Medical assistance, 300 block W. County Line Road; Theft, 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Welfare concern, 500 block Sandy Lane; Noise disturbance, 600 block Tripp Trail; Driving while intoxicated arrest, I-30 eastbound near the 79-mile marker

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Republican Women to meet Aug. 8

The Rockwall County Republican women will have their monthly meeting Aug. 8 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Mary Sue McCarty, vice president of the Texas Women for Trump Coalition, will be the guest speaker. National delegates D'rinda Randall and Deanna Kuykendall will provide a recap of what they experienced at the Republican National Convention. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.; the program will begin at 7 p.m.

New Teacher Breakfast set at RHS

The New Teacher Breakfast for the Rockwall ISD will run from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Rockwall High School on Aug. 10.

New to RHS Student Luncheon planned

New students to the Rockwall High are invited to attend a new student luncheon from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11, in the RHS cafeteria annex, 901 Yellow Jacket Lane. According to the district website, the luncheon is a "great way to be introduced to RHS, meet fellow incoming RHS students and make friends before the start of the year." Parents are welcome. Immediately following the luncheon, students will head into the gym for Fish Camp. For more details, call 972-771-7339.

RISD convocation planned for Aug. 15

Convocation for the Rockwall ISD will run from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 15, at Lake Pointe Church Rockwall, 701 E. I-30, Rockwall.

Women of Influence Tea set Aug. 20

Tickets for the Rockwall County Republican Women's Aug. 20 Women of Influence Tea are currently available. The event will take place at Occasions in Royse City. Guest speaker will be Debbie Georgatas, radio show host of "Ladies, Can We Talk?" Doors will open at 10 a.m. for the silent auction viewing; the program will begin at 11 a.m. Tickets cost \$30 and may be purchased by contacting Janice Carson at 469-337-3335 or Tiffany Miller at 972-977-3321. Table seating also may be purchased at a cost of \$300.

Opinions

Allen Dulles: architect of America's secret government

(Continued from the Thurs. July 28, 2016 edition of Rockwall County News)

by Michael Swanson

Freedom Foundation (fff.org)

Assassination

Details about that history have been revealed thanks to a public cry following the Oliver Stone movie JFK for the declassification of records relating to Kennedy's assassination. Talbot's book uses materials and interviews with family members of Allen Dulles and CIA personnel. He also makes the charge that Allen Dulles played a key role in the assassination of Kennedy.

This is a touchy subject. A few years ago political science professor Gary Soto wrote a Kennedy book that was heavily promoted in the mainstream media and in multiple television appearances. He wrote his book that the "establishment view, even today, in the halls of government and many media organizations" is "that it is irresponsible to question the 'carefully considered' conclusions of the Warren Commission report," because "the widespread accusations that political, governmental, and military figures participated in planning, execution, or cover-up of the assassination of President Kennedy have damaged the image of the United States around the world, fueling anti-American sentiments by undermining the very basis of our democratic system."

Even though Talbot's book has hit the New York Times best-seller list, it has received backlash from some. One writer for the Washington Decoded essentially called the book an act of treason against the state in a review he titled "Who Needs Soviet Spies?"

Scattered brain

by Matt Pertler

Slice of Life

Ever experience a day when things are slightly off kilter? When normal becomes abnormal, often in an almost imperceptible way? The world around you is lagging, your controller fails to control you, you're thrown a degree (or two) off course. Thought processes and actions seem to be deregulated and your brain refuses to function in a straightforward, logical manner.

If there's a way to mess things up, or confuse them, you'll do it – with the simplest of endeavors. This condition is exponentiated by multi-tasking, and who among us isn't?

It's like you are looking at a farsighted world through a nearsighted lens. Similar to a dog chasing its tail or a hamster running on one of its wheels – going through all the right motions, but getting nowhere. It can happen to the best of us.

It happened to me last week. I woke up first thing in the morning, in the shower, but I didn't know it was time. I wasn't yet aware I was functioning in the foggy haze of a kilter day.

The circumstance became apparent an hour or so later, when my freshly washed hair clumped itself into a greasy mess, as though I'd forgotten to rinse out the conditioner. Which, unfortunately, I had. I didn't have time to deal with my predicament because I had to taxi

killed Kennedy by himself, and if you spend much time looking at the topic yourself it becomes difficult to believe that he even fired a shot at Kennedy. Some staff investigators for the House Select Committee on Assassinations in the 1970s, which probed the Kennedy assassination, suspected that several CIA officials were involved with either the assassination or the activities of Lee Harvey Oswald. Lyndon Johnson said in an interview in 1973 with a journalist, "I never believed that [Lee Harvey] Oswald acted alone, although I can accept that he pulled the trigger." We "had been operating a damned Murder Inc. in the Caribbean," he said.

Does Talbot prove that Allen Dulles was a key figure in the Kennedy assassination? His book shows that Allen Dulles did not simply go quietly into retirement. Instead he kept in contact with many of his old CIA deputies and figures in the military and the national-security state. He even met with some of the CIA officials who were overseeing the kill team that was targeting Castro, then some of the same people came under the suspicion of some of the House investigators in the 1970s. Records for those people still remain classified.

Of course this is all circumstantial evidence. There is no smoking gun and you will need to read Talbot's book and judge for yourself, but it is a powerful effort to probe into what is hidden and must be explored in order to have a full understanding of our nation's history and the ramifications of the national-security state that came into being after World War II. The state of crisis created by Cold Warriors such as the Dulles brothers continues today in the war on terror. Some defenders of the national-security state, such as those who disapprove of the Talbot book, treat attempts to explore its hidden history as an

act of disloyalty. But that makes no sense unless being loyal means denying reality and upholding myths.

The national-security state justified a rule of secrecy in the name of plausible deniability to protect the president and its own officials from the rule of law and public opinion. Allen Dulles claimed he needed to do that to wage the Cold War. But when you create exceptions to the rule of law, you create an opening for corruption, violence, and political instability.

Talbot writes that after the Bay of Pigs invasion, former President Truman wrote that he regretted ever creating the CIA. "I think it was a mistake," he told a friend, "and if I'd known what was going to happen, I never would have done it.... [Eisenhower] never paid any attention to it, and it got out of hand.... It's become a government all of its own and all secret.... That's a very dangerous thing in a democratic society."

It seems that it took strange men like Allen Dulles to create and run the CIA. One of his deputies, James Angleton, told a reporter while on his deathbed that looking back on the early leaders of the CIA, "if you were in a room with them, you were in a room full of people that you had to believe would deservedly end up in hell. I guess I will see them there soon." Perhaps.

The United States of America is not in hell, but the growth of the national security-state that Allen Dulles and his friends helped create, has caused an erosion of its constitutional processes of government. David Talbot's book is a challenge to us to grapple with this reality and turn away from fear and endless war and back towards liberty.

a kid to sports practice and satisfy an imminent need for ingredients to make a birthday cake for another one of the people I gave birth to. So I combed through the mass atop my head as best I could and hoped it didn't look as bad as I thought it probably did.

I rushed in and rushed out and of the grocery store and thankfully didn't see anyone I knew, because when I got home and took a look-see in the mirror I realized things were worse than I'd thought. I'd forgotten another grooming detail: makeup. I'm not a super model (not even close) but I don't usually venture to the store without a little mascara and blush. When I realized my mistake, I (well) blushed.

Before I could correct the situation, birthday boy had an imminent need to shower, so I grabbed my makeup kit and headed for the other bathroom. Before I got there, I was waylaid by an email issue and my attention shifted from my face to cyberspace. Foggy days are distracting like that. You don't know if you are coming or going.

The email was coming, but by the time I got it figured out, I was supposed to be going. To the dentist. With another kid. This time, however, I remembered about the makeup. I was in dire need of imminent application.

There was just one issue. I'd carried the kit from one bathroom to...

Where?

So, as I'm yelling at the one kid to brush his teeth, I'm in a frenzy, trying to retrace my steps to find where in the heck I put the makeup, which can't work its magic on my face if it's lost.

On a normal day, I would remember where I'd put the makeup because normally a person keeps track of those sorts of things. But when you are out of sorts, chaos happens. And although you've created it, you are the last to figure it out so you keep getting yourself into these hot little messes, which almost seem to beget one another and multiply the overall frazzlement.

That is the nature of a scattered day – when your brain and your body operate as two separate entities and you are left somewhere in the middle to mop things up. Or to look for makeup, which I did find and I did apply prior to the dentist appointment, which we got to on time. (Whew.)

Afterward, we returned home with a new toothbrush, dental floss and no cavities. The day was taking a turn for the better and I decided to cut my losses. As far as I'm concerned there are a couple of things you can do to reduce the commotion of a foggy day.

You can muscle through it, or you can escape, via a nap. I chose the latter. And I didn't even mess it up. That's almost as good as a new toothbrush and no cavities. But not quite.

Americans are going to be disappointed in election outcome

by Tom Paul

from paulinstitute.com

It is a sad commentary on the state of political life in the United States that our political conventions have become more like rock festivals than competitions of ideas. There has been a great deal of bombast, of insults, of name-calling, and of chest-beating by both party conventions, but what is disturbingly absent is any sense of how we got to this crisis and how we can get out. From current foreign policy mess to the looming economic collapse, all we hear is both party candidates saying they will fix it, no problem.

In her convention speech Hillary Clinton promised that she would "defeat terrorism" and defeat ISIS by doing more of what we have been doing all along: bombing. In fact we have dropped more than 10,000 bombs on ISIS in Iraq and Syria over the past two years and she can say is that she will drop more. How many more bombs will it take to defeat ISIS? How many more years will she keep us in our never-ending war, Afghanistan? She doesn't say.

In fact, the New York Times – certainly not hostile to the Clintons

– wrote that it was almost impossible to fact-check Hillary's speech because, "she delivered a speech that was remarkably without hard facts."

Clinton's top foreign policy advisor said just a day after her convention speech that her big plan for Syria was to go back to square one and concentrate on overthrowing its secular president. How many more thousands more will die if she gets her way? And won't she eventually be forced to launch a massive US ground invasion that will also kill more Americans?

Clinton does not understand that a policy of endless interventionism has brought us to our knees and made us far weaker. Does she really expect us to be the policemen of the world with \$20 trillion in debt?

Likewise, Republican candidate Donald Trump misses the point. He promises to bring back jobs to America without any understanding of the policies that led to their departure in the first place. Yes, he is correct that the middle class is in worse shape than when Obama took office, but not once did he mention how it happened: the destructive

policies of the Federal Reserve. The financing of our warfare/welfare state through the printing of phony money. Distorted interest rates that encourage consumption and discourage saving and investment.

Trump tweeted this week that home ownership is at its lowest rate in 51 years. He promised that if elected he will bring back "the American dream." He seems to have no idea that home ownership is so low because the Fed-created housing bubble exploded in 2007-2008, forcing millions of Americans who did not have the means to actually purchase a home to lose their homes. Not a word about the Fed from Trump.

How are these candidates going to fix the problems we face in America if they have absolutely no idea what caused the problems? No matter who is elected, Americans are going to be very disappointed in the outcome. The warfare/welfare state is going to proceed until we are bankrupt. There is hope, however. It is up to us to focus on the issues, to focus on educating ourselves and others, and to demand that politicians listen.

The entitlement state and America's fiscal crisis

by Richard Ebeling

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The Republican and Democrat Party Conventions are now behind us, but through all the cheers and jeers, hoopla and poppla, warnings of a dark and dangerous future or promises of a bright and beautiful future – things-to-come, one of the most serious shadows hanging over America was hardly mentioned at all: the unsustainability of the "entitlement" programs of the welfare state.

In fact, Clinton and the Democrats have proposed to both maintain the redistributive state, and Trump has expressed his intention of not challenging Social Security or Medicare.

Growing Government Debt as Far as the Eye Can See

In July 2016, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) issued its Long-Term Budget Outlook. Looking over the next 30 years from 2016 to 2046, the CBO estimates that the federal government's debt held by the public will increase from its current level of equal to 141 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to 141 percent of GDP in 30 years time. The national debt will be far above its previous high of 141 percent of GDP shortly after the end of the Second World War

and will be due to an unending stream of annual federal government budget deficits between now and 2046. Indeed, the CBO has estimated that beginning in 2022 the U.S. government will be once again running over \$1 trillion annual budget deficits, and growing ever larger.

By 2046, assuming no change in the current legislation concerning eligibility, demographic trends, and taxing and spending laws, the CBO anticipates that in 2046 expenditures on Social

Security and major federal healthcare-related programs (Medicare, Medicaid, ObamaCare, etc.) will absorb around 50 percent of all federal government spending.

Social Security expenditures will increase by 28 percent and those major healthcare-related programs will grow by nearly 62 percent between 2016 and 2046. In addition, since tax revenues will fall far short of all of this spending by Uncle Sam, the net interest on the federal government's debt will increase by over 400 percent, from 1.4 percent of GDP today to 5.8 percent of GDP in 2046, the CBO projects. So by 2046 nearly \$6 of every \$100 collected as tax revenues by the federal government will be spent just paying the net interest on money borrowed to cover earlier government deficit spending.

"Entitlements" Mean Plunder

Both Democrats and Republicans take it for granted that "Big Government" and the Entitlement State here to stay. Even most of those Republicans who emphasize the need for "reforms" in the "entitlement" programs such as Social Security or Medicare do not challenge the idea that these programs are permanently part of the American political landscape. They merely wish to make them more "financially sound," or "cost efficient," or managed in ways that would give those eligible for these programs some "choice" in managing their Social Security accounts or in selecting among doctors and medical treatment.

This is, perhaps, most easily appreciated by the fact that scarcely anyone in the Washington political arena challenges the idea and the use of the word "entitlement." The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines entitlement as "the state or condition of being entitled." A "right to benefits specified by law or contract" as in "a government program

providing benefits to members of a specified group." It is based upon the idea, the dictionary tells us, of "a belief that one is deserving of or entitled to certain privileges."

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary definition, therefore, in the political arena an "entitlement" is a program of benefits that the government provides to a privileged group, a group that comes to believe that it deserves those benefits, and even comes to consider such benefits as their "right."

The government, however, cannot provide benefits to any privileged group in the society that does not reciprocally obligate others to supply the required resources, goods, or financial means to cover what has been promised. Since government has no supply of resources, goods or sums of money that it does not first tax or borrow from others, any such entitlement compels some other people in society to provide the means necessary for the government to meet its promises to the privileged groups.

That is, one group's privilege entails a compulsory obligation on others that is imposed and enforced through the government's police power to tax and garnish the income and wealth of any and all members of society. Thus, society becomes divided into two groups: taxpayers and tax receivers; the unprivileged and the privileged; those who are forced to give up a portion of the production, income and wealth they have honestly earned in the peaceful transactions of the market place and those who have that production, income and wealth transferred to them through the power of the state.

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**Royse City High School (District 15-5A)
Varsity Football Schedule**

8/12, TBA, Athens (scrimmage) at Athens.
8/19, TBA, Frisco Liberty (scrimmage) at Frisco.
8/26, 7:30 p.m., South Garland at RCHS.
9/2, 7:30 p.m., North Garland at RCHS.
9/8, 7:30 p.m., Waco Connally at McLane Std.
District schedule
9/16, 7:30 p.m., West Mesquite at Hanby Std.
9/23, 7:30 p.m., Forney at RCHS.
10/7, 7:30 p.m., Wylie East at Wylie.
10/14, 7:30 p.m., North Forney at RCHS.
10/21, 7:30 p.m., Mesquite Potteet at Hanby Std.
10/28, 7:30 p.m., Highland Park at HPHS.
11/4, 7:30 p.m., Lovejoy at RCHS.
Men's Athletics Director and Head Coach – David Petroff.
Athletics Administrative Assistant – Cindy Bradley.

**Royse City High School (District 15-5A)
Varsity Volleyball schedule**

8/5/2016, 10:00 a.m., North Mesquite/Greenville at RCHS.
8/6, 8:00 a.m., Lady Bulldog Play Day at RCHS.
8/9, 6:30 p.m., Caddo Mills at RCHS.
8/12-13, Tournament of Champions at Duncanville.
8/16, 6:30 p.m., Newman Smith at CNSHS.
8/19-20, Berkner Tournament at Richardson.
8/23, 6:00 p.m., Greenville at GHS.
8/25-27, Forney Tournament.
8/26, 6:30 p.m., Wills Point at RCHS.
8/30, 6:30 p.m., Paris-North Lamar at NLHS.
9/2, 5:30 p.m., Carrollton-Ranchview at RCHS.
9/6, 6:30 p.m., Sulphur Springs at SSSHS.
District schedule
9/9, 5:30 p.m., Highland Park at HPHS.
9/13, 6:30 p.m., Wylie East at RCHS.
9/16, 5:30 p.m., West Mesquite at WMHS.
9/20, 6:30 p.m., North Forney at NFHS.
9/23, 5:30 p.m., Forney at RCHS.
9/27, 6:30 p.m., Mesquite Potteet at RCHS.
9/30, 5:30 p.m., Lovejoy at RCHS.
10/4, 6:30 p.m., Highland Park at RCHS.
10/7, 5:30 p.m., Wylie East at WEHS.
10/11, 6:30 p.m., West Mesquite at RCHS.
10/14, 5:30 p.m., North Forney at RCHS.
10/18, 6:30 p.m., Forney at FHS.
10/21, 5:30 p.m., Mesquite Potteet at MPHS.
10/25, 6:30 p.m., Lovejoy at LHS.
Women's Athletic Director - Dallas Bookout
Head Coach - Amanda Marek

Rockwall County Sports Notes

Future Lady Bulldog Volleyball Camp slated

The 2016 Future Lady Bulldog Volleyball Camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 8-10 in the Royse City High School gyms. The camp will be open to incoming fourth, fifth and sixth grade students, according to the Royse City Independent School District website.

**Rockwall High School (District 11-6A)
Varsity Football Schedule**

8/19/2016, 9:00 a.m., Hebron at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.
8/26, 7:30 p.m., Highland Park at HPHS.
9/3, 1:30 p.m., Rowlett at the Cotton Bowl.
9/9, 7:30 p.m., Southlake Carroll at WSS.
District schedule
9/16, 7:30 p.m., John Tyler at Tyler Rose Stadium.
9/23, 7:30 p.m., Rockwall-Heath at WSS.
9/30, 7:30 p.m., Longview at Lobo Stadium.
10/14, 7:30 p.m., Mesquite Horn at WSS.
10/21, 7:30 p.m., Tyler Lee at TRS.
10/27, 7:30 p.m., Mesquite at Hanby Stadium.
11/4, 7:30 p.m., North Mesquite at WSS.
Head Coach and Athletics Coordinator – Rodney Webb.
Assistant Athletics Coordinator – Kasie Brewer.
Athletics Trainer – Joel Zeller.
Athletics Secretary – Nancy Goellner.

**Rockwall High School (District 11-6A)
Varsity Volleyball schedule**

8/5/2016, 2:00 p.m., Wylie East at RHS gym
8/9, 6:30 p.m., Frisco Liberty at RHS.
8/11, 8:00 a.m., Manvel Tournament.
8/12, 8:00 a.m., Adidas Texas Tournament.
8/13, 8:00 a.m., Adidas Tournament.
8/16, 6:30 p.m., Lake Highlands at RHS.
8/18, 8:00 a.m., Northwest ISD Tournament.
8/19, 8:00 a.m., Northwest Tournament.
8/20, 8:00 a.m., Northwest Tournament.
8/23, 6:30 p.m., Wylie East at Wylie.
8/26, 7:00 a.m., RHS Tournament.
8/27, 7:00 a.m., RHS Tournament.
8/30, 7:00 p.m., McKinney at McKinney HS.
9/2, 7:00 p.m., Mansfield Lake Ridge at RHS.
9/6, 6:30 p.m., Sachse at Sachse HS.
District Schedule
9/9, 6:30 p.m., North Mesquite at RHS.
9/13, 6:30 p.m., Mesquite at Mesquite HS.
9/16, 6:30 p.m., John Tyler at JTHS.
9/20, 6:30 p.m., Mesquite Horn at MSHS.
9/23, 6:30 p.m., Rockwall-Heath at RHS.
9/27, 6:30 p.m., Tyler Lee at RHS.
9/30, 6:30 p.m., Longview at LHS.
10/4, 6:30 p.m., North Mesquite at NMHS.
10/7, 6:30 p.m., Mesquite at RHS.
10/11, 6:30 p.m., John Tyler at RHS.
10/14, 5:30 p.m., Mesquite Horn at RHS.
10/18, 6:30 p.m., RHHS at RHHS gym.
10/21, 6:30 p.m., Tyler Lee at TLHS.
10/25, 6:30 p.m., Longview at RHS.
Head Coach - Damon Wilson

The camp will offer instruction in volleyball fundamentals, including terminology, court knowledge, serve receive and team concepts. Cost is \$40. The district is offering 50 percent off for RCISD employees, as well as a \$10 sibling discount. Cost includes a camp T-shirt for each paid participant; T-shirts will be ordered the first day of camp and will be available for pick up the following week. For more information or a registration form, visit rcisd.org/athletics/athletic-camps.

**Rockwall-Heath High School
(District 11-6A)
Varsity Football Schedule**

8/12, 7:30 p.m., Grand Prairie (TBA).
8/19, 7:30 p.m., Denton Ryan at RHHS Turf Field.
8/26, 7:30 p.m., Wylie East at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.
9/1, 7:00 p.m., West Mesquite at Memorial Stadium.
9/9, 7:30 p.m., Irving McArthur at Irving Schools Std.
District schedule
9/16, 7:30 p.m., Tyler Lee at WSS.
9/23, 7:30 p.m., Rockwall at WSS.
9/30, 7:30 p.m., North Mesquite at WSS.
10/14, 7:30 p.m., John Tyler at Tyler Rose Std.
10/21, 7:30 p.m., Mesquite at WSS.
10/28, 7:30 p.m., Longview at WSS.
11/4, 7:30 p.m., Mesquite Horn at Hanby Std.
Head Coach and Athletics Coordinator – Mickey Moss.
Head Athletics Trainer – Kristi Messina.
Athletics Secretary – Sheila Higbee

**Rockwall-Heath High School
(District 11-6A)
Varsity Volleyball schedule**

8/9/2016, 6:00 p.m., Sachse at SHS.
8/12, 6:00 a.m., TAV Tournament.
8/13, 6:00 a.m., TAV Tournament.
8/16, 6:00 p.m., Frisco Wakeland at FWHS.
8/19, 6:00 a.m., Northwest Tournament.
8/20, 6:00 a.m., Northwest Tournament.
8/23, 6:00 p.m., Plano Senior at RHHS gym.
8/26, 6:00 a.m., PSA Tournament.
8/27, 6:00 a.m., PSA Tournament.
8/30, 6:30 p.m., Naaman Forest at RHHS.
9/2, 5:00 p.m., Highland Park at RHHS.
9/6, 6:30 p.m., Rowlett at RHHS.
District schedule
9/9, 6:30 p.m., Mesquite Horn at MSHS.
9/13, 6:30 p.m., Longview at RHHS.
9/16, 6:30 p.m., Tyler Lee at RHHS.
9/20, 6:30 p.m., John Tyler at RHHS.
9/23, 6:30 p.m., Rockwall at RHS.
9/27, 6:30 p.m., Mesquite at MHS.
9/30, 6:30 p.m., North Mesquite at RHHS.
10/4, 6:30 p.m., Mesquite Horn at RHHS.
10/7, 6:30 p.m., Longview at LHS.
10/11, 6:30 p.m., John Tyler at JTHS.
10/18, 6:30 p.m., Rockwall at RHHS.
10/21, 6:30 p.m., Mesquite at RHHS.
10/25, 6:30 p.m., North Mesquite at NMHS.
Head Coach - Maggie Younger

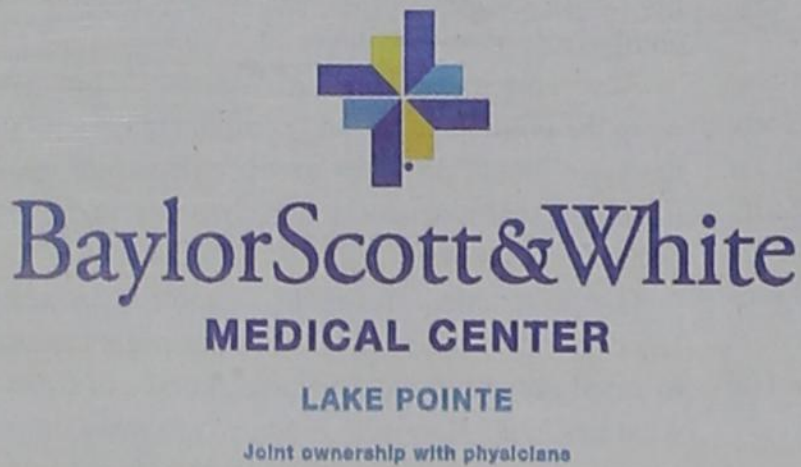
Hot Rocks Bike Ride set Aug. 13

The Rockwall Rotary Club's 2016 Hot Rocks Bike Ride will be at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 13 at the Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, Rockwall. This year's event will feature new routes, including an official (62-mile) Red Route, and 12-, 24- and 42-mile routes. Proceeds benefit college scholarships. For more information and registration visit hotrocksbikeride.com.



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