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Chromebooks prove successful at Royse City High School

by Millie Jean Coppedge
Walker, Royse City High School principal, is proud of the students are experiencing with the use of the Chromebooks in the classroom. This is the first year for the use of the technology. Simply put, a Chromebook is a portable laptop that has taken the place of most of the textbooks in the classrooms. Walker said each student checks out a Chromebook at the beginning of the year, much like checking out a library book. The Chromebook is used for student work in all aspects and is taken home for study and to complete homework. The class work, tests and

homework are submitted to the teacher electronically. Students may receive notifications from their teachers as to any further information or assignments they might need to know about.

"There were approximately 1,600 Chromebooks purchased at a cost of about \$300 a book," Walker said. "The technology department allowed students to pilot different models and they chose the one that was most student-friendly. ASUS is the maker of this particular Chromebook and was chosen for its durability and long battery life. The cost of each book includes insurance against damage or malfunction. A \$30 usage fee per student per year is charged to replace the screen.

"Each senior has the opportunity to purchase the Chromebook at the end of the year, since this is a tool for learning that they are accustomed to using," Walker said. "He can take it with him to college or life beyond high

school. The purchase price will help offset the cost of purchasing another round of the Chromebooks for the next year."

The Chromebooks have a filter to guard against students looking up words, phrases or topics they shouldn't be researching. If they do, a notice is sent to the monitors for follow up on the student's activity.

The students will turn in their Chromebooks at the end of the school year for maintenance and any software updates that need to be done. The Chromebooks will be ready for use the first day of the next school year. Students attending summer school will keep their books until summer classes are over.

"The technology department will be looking at various Chromebooks in the future to see which is the best version in terms of battery life, how well they connect to the internet and the overall performance," Walker said.

Assistant Principal Jason Nolan said that when the teachers first were approached about using the Chromebooks, most really did not want them and felt uncomfortable with their knowledge of how to use them in the classroom. But after training and time working with the product and the students, now they would not trade the Chromebooks for any other method of teaching.

A special addition to Royse City High School technology program is the Chrome Squad. The squad is made up of about 20 student interns, who rotate in and out of the squad classroom throughout the day. These especially talented and eager group of students, assist other students and teachers with any type of problem they might encounter or technical support they might need concerning their Chromebook. The Chrome Squad has been an asset to help the program be successful and to integrate a new, more exciting way of teaching and a technological way of learning for the students.

Forum for county candidates slated

Questions to be accepted through Feb. 12

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce and the Young Professionals of Rockwall will be joined by the candidates in the Rockwall County elections on Tuesday, Feb. 16, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Rockwall County Courthouse in Liberty Hall.

Rockwall County citizens are invited to attend as the candidates for the Rockwall County sheriff, county commissioner Precinct 1 and justice of the peace Precinct 3 will be in attendance.

- Candidates include:
- Sheriff – Andrew Hawkes, Republican; Harold W. Eavenson (incumbent), Republican
 - County commissioner, Precinct 1 – Cliff Sevier (incumbent), Republican; Doug Hamilton, Republican
 - Justice of the peace, Precinct 3 – David White, Republican; Jennifer Jeffus, Republican; Mark Russo (incumbent), Republican; Tim Wells, Democrat.

Candidates will discuss their platforms and answer questions submitted online from voters.

Questions may be submitted at rockwallchamber.org/candidate and #rockwallcountyforum on Facebook and Twitter. Deadline is 3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12.

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Spay/neuter mobile hospital dates told

The Spay Neuter Network's hospital bus, in the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot, offers surgery performed on site the second Friday of every month, with upcoming dates set Feb. 12 and March 11. A \$20 spay for female cats available, as are low-cost surgery packages. Walk-up vaccinations offered at reduced prices from 10 a.m. to noon. Specials available at spayneuternet.org. Services available throughout the Metroplex: the Clinic in Crandall, the Hope Mobile or via transport. Free spay/neuter is offered in selected ZIP codes. For appointment/information call 972-472-3500 or 817-423-5500. Be sure dog's collar cannot be slipped, cats are in secure carriers. Promoted by Rockwall PAWS (Rockwall PAWS @att.net).

Williams is topic of lecture series Feb. 12

Gloria Williams, a legendary local hometown hero, will be the Black History Month topic at the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series presented by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission from noon to 1 p.m. in the third floor in the historic downtown courthouse on Feb. 12. Williams will share her life story and love of education in a pre-recorded oral history.

Dems to host primary kickoff Feb. 15

The Democratic Party will kick off the presidential primary election at 7 p.m. on Feb. 15, President's Day, at the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington, Rockwall. Local residents are invited to come, meet the candidates and celebrate the start of early voting with fellow Democrats. Refreshments will be served.

Chamber, YPR plan Feb. 16 candidate forum

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce and the Young Professionals of Rockwall will host a candidate forum featuring candidates in Rockwall County elections from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at Liberty Hall, located in the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

Casino Night, silent auction set in RC

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce's Casino Night and Silent Auction will run from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at Southern Junction. For more details contact the chamber at info@roysecitychamber.com.

Democratic Party to host monthly meeting

The Rockwall County Democratic Party will conduct its monthly breakfast meeting at 9

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Kyle Johnson, left, and Alex Herrera, members of the Chrome Squad, a student intern program at Royse City High School, assist classroom teacher Ana Reyes with a Chromebook problem.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



The Rock Wall Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution conducted its Feb. 6 meeting at the J.E.R. Chilton YMCA. Program speakers were Marilyn King and Mary Wervalin, chapter members, as well as YMCA staff representatives. The program, YMCA Programs Information and Tour of Facilities, raised fitness awareness and emphasized the importance of being active in the community. Pictured above are Regent Mindy Lovell and DAR member Margaret O'Connor. The DAR, founded in 1890, is a service organization dedicated to service in the U.S. For more details, call Lovell at 214-502-7697.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

University scholastic honors

Soldat named to GSU Dean's List

Shelby Soldat of Rockwall was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Georgia State University.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students with a minimum GSU cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 must earn a 3.50 GPA for the semester and complete at least nine semester hours of academic credit with no incompletes, according to a university news release.

Heath details plans for Fun & Fit in the Park

The City of Heath's traditional Easter Saturday celebration on March 26 will be expanded this year to include not only the Heart of Heath 5k, but an enhanced one-mile Family Run with awards for the top three boys and the top three girls.

- Specifics of the event, according to a city news release, include:
- USATF-certified 5k course with chip-timed start and finish lines;
 - 5k awards for the top three overall plus top three males and females in each age bracket;
 - A one-mile Family Run integrated into the 5k course, with the same start and finish lines;
 - Family Run awards for the top three boys and the top three girls;
 - Long-sleeved Dri-FIT T-shirts for 5k and Family Run participants (while supplies last);

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Rose-Mary Rumbley will be the featured speaker at the Friends of the Rockwall County Library's Easter Bonnet Tea set for 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, at the Rockwall County Library's Community Room, 1215 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. Tickets to the fundraising event cost \$25 each and must be prepaid. To purchase tickets, call 214-600-3937 or 972-771-3105; seating is limited. Participants are urged to wear Easter bonnets.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Jean Evelyn LaRoe Markham Conger

Private memorial services for Jean Evelyn LaRoe Markham Conger, 87, of Rockwall will be conducted at a later date. She donated her body to the University of Texas Southwest Medical Center. The Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. She died Monday, Feb. 8, 2016.

Born Aug. 3, 1928, in Happy to Homer Travis and Ethel Duff LaRoe, she grew up in Happy and graduated from high school there. She married Harold C. "Mark" Markham. The couple had four children. Following his death, she married Dan Conger in 1988.

She retired from Sears, where she was a store manager in Coolidge, Arizona, and Rockwall.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Robert Lowe of Brownwood, sons and daughters-in-law James and Joan Markham of Rockwall and Johnny and Bessie Conger of Coolidge; nine grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Betty LaRoe of Amarillo; and a daughter and son-in-law at heart, Faye and Lee Skiles of Coolidge.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, two daughters, Marolyn Buchanan and Pamela Skiles; and two brothers, James Shirley LaRoe and Willie Travis "Bill" LaRoe.

University Scholastics Degrees

Local residents earn degrees from UNT

More than a dozen local residents were among students receiving degrees at the University of North Texas' winter commencement ceremonies, according to a news release from the Denton university.

Degree recipients included Sarah Elizabeth Reisman of Fate, who received a master's degree in educational leadership, and Roysie City residents Haley Brooke Chandler, who earned a bachelor's degree in social work; Daphne Kay Hasten, who received a bachelor's degree in applied technology and performance improvement; and Navdeep Kaur, who was awarded a bachelor's degree in psychology, according to the news release.

Rockwall students earning degrees included Joshua Taylor Bernal, bachelor's degree in biology; Kelly Diane Britton, bachelor's degree in applied arts and sciences; Brantley David Dotson, bachelor's degree in general business; Nicholas Bennett Dowling, bachelor's degree in applied arts and sciences; Arielle Nicole Engle, bachelor's degree in radio, television and film; Marissa Gilmette, bachelor's degree in development and family studies; and Priscilla Y. Gonzalez, bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Also, Zachery M. Hill, master's degree in interdisciplinary studies; Sydney Renee Hodges, bachelor's degree in marketing; Serena Tori Jenkins, bachelor's degree in psychology; Sarah Ann Kinsler, master's degree in business administration; Ashley Ann O'Boyle, bachelor's degree in merchandising; Ashlee Nichole Reese, bachelor's degree in criminal justice; Andrea Louise Warfield, master's degree in learning technologies; and Eric Alexander Woodward, bachelor's degree in decision sciences.

Rockwall, HOAs meet to discuss city issues

A recent meeting between the City of Rockwall and area Homeowner's Association presidents drew a healthy turnout. Attendees included both city leaders and residents representing 13 of the municipality's HOAs.

The informational gathering included discussions ranging from the Parks and Recreation Department's new healthy living awareness campaign to water quality and upcoming planning and zoning projects designed to support citizen awareness, according to a city news release.

Assistant city manager Mary Smith presented information on various water issues and residents asked questions about water quality and conservation efforts.

Ryan Miller, the director of Community Development, Planning and Zoning, spoke about the city website's interactive mapping project that keeps people informed about the latest planning and zoning projects, according to the news release. Parks and Recreation manager Andy Hesser presented the city's new campaign, Go Outside and Play!, a healthy living initiative designed to raise awareness about Rockwall's park amenities.

The city manager, Rick Crowley, moderated the event. Rockwall Mayor Jim Pruitt, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Lewis and Council Member David White, as well as Assistant City Manager Brad Griggs, attended the meeting.

These meetings were formed last year as part of an initiative on behalf of the City of Rockwall to increase transparency and communication with residents, according to the release.

The next meeting is planned for July, and HOAs are encouraged to register with the city at rockwall.com/planning.

Book Signing Events

Sonny Gann will offer a discussion and signing of his new book, "Him Changes Everything." The event will take place Sat. Feb. 20, 2016, at Highland Meadows Health & Rehab located at 1870 S. John King Blvd., in Rockwall.

RC Henderson

Services for RC Henderson, 88, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with the Rev. Timothy A. Greenawald officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Feb. 3.

Born Oct. 2, 1927, in Mexia to Rufus Andrew and Cora Lee (Lyons) Henderson, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. He attended SMU, where he received a bachelor's degree and became an accountant for Mobil Oil.

A 28-year resident of Rockwall, he was a member of the Rockwall Free Methodist Church. Following his retirement, he enjoyed helping out in the community in various capacities.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Gloria Henderson, and a son, Larry Henderson.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Peggy Bishop.

The family has suggested that as an alternative to flowers, memorials in his name may be made to the Rockwall Free Methodist Church, 15 Dalton Rd., Rockwall, TX 75087 or online at rockwallfmc.org.

Bonnie Butler Lofland

Services for Bonnie Butler Lofland, 85, a lifelong resident of Rockwall, were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Mickey Lyles officiating. Burial followed in the Rockwall Memorial Cemetery.

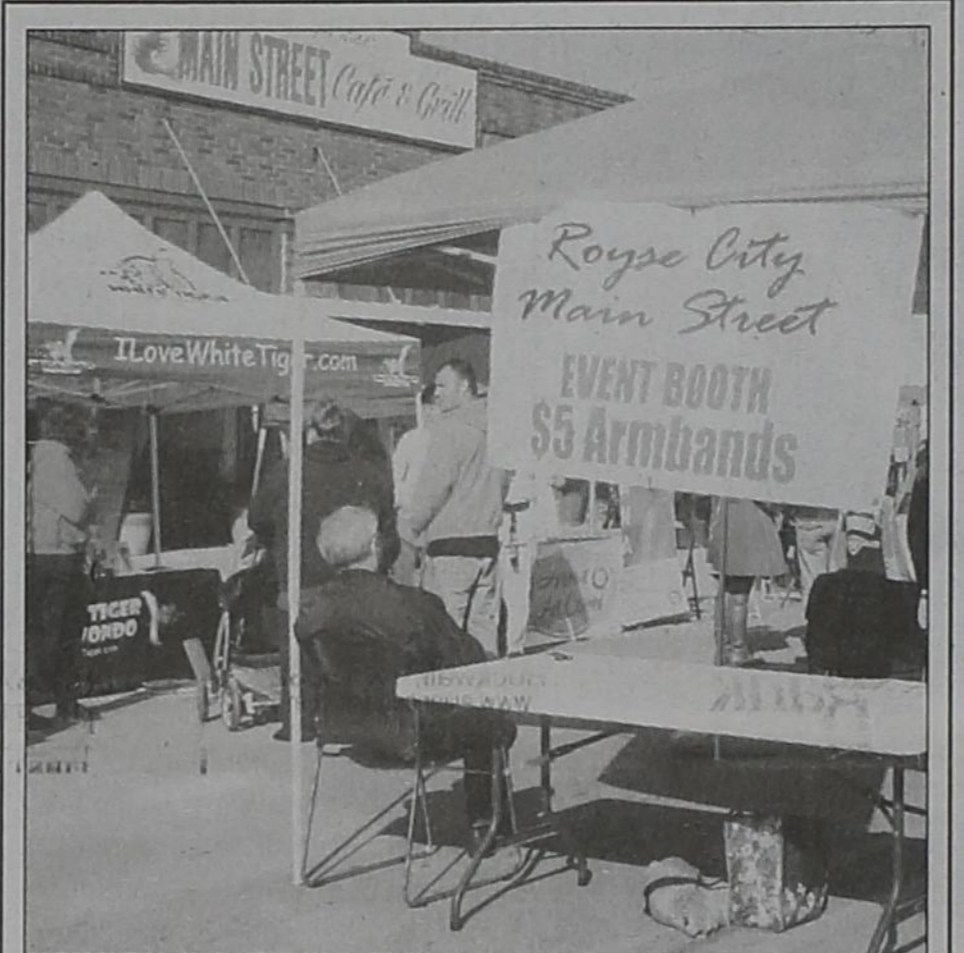
She died Feb. 2.

Born Feb. 3, 1930, in Munson to James Wallace and Bertie Sarah Ann (Coyle) Jayroe, she was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rockwall and the Ruth Sunday school class.

Survivors include her children, Glenda Laughery, and her husband, Dean, Mary Bell, Glen Butler Jr. and his wife, Kathy, and Paul Butler and his wife, Terrie; her grandchildren, Patrick, Marcus, John David, Cody, Andrew, Joseph, Amanda, Joshua, Jarrett, Christina, Blake and Bonnie; and her great-grandchildren, Jacob, Clayton, Madisson, Makenzie, Cooper, Colton, Kylee, Gage, Parris, Garrett, Mabry, Adalay, Caroline, Sophia, Eleanore, Samuel, Brooks, Emelia, Rhett, Gage, Braylon, Wyatt, Harper, Greyson and Addison.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Glen Butler; her second husband, Joe Lofland; and five siblings, Juanita Walker, Hayden Jayroe, Salena Mae Jayroe Oehlke, Pete Jayroe and Wallace Jayroe.

The family has suggested that as an alternative to flowers, memorials in her name may be made to the New Century Hospice, 717 N. Harwood St., Suite 570, Dallas, TX 75201 or online at newcenturyhospice.com.



The Old Town Block Party 2016, conducted on Saturday, Feb. 6, in historical downtown Royse City, began rather slowly because of cloudy skies, cold temperature and wind. But as the sun came out and the temperature rose, crowds began to gather by 2 p.m. The block party, formerly called Winter Wonderland, was under the direction of Paula Morris, the manager of the Royse City Main Street Program. The party included craft, art, food and various other vendors, as well as live music. Armbands cost \$5 each, which allowed for unlimited participation on the bungee jump, the mini-train ride, the bounce house and the climbing wall. No estimate was available as of press time as to how many attended.

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Fun & Fit in the Park ...

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- Giant-sized games like chess, checkers, Jenga and Connect 4;
- A kids' Easter craft in the Artstream Mobile Art Studio;
- Complimentary healthy treats including mini fruit smoothies from Smoothie King and fresh-made juice from Juice It Up;
- Prize drawings for registered runners;

• Appearances by the Easter bunny (parents are encouraged to bring their cameras).

Rain or shine, the event will begin in Towne Center Park with a runners' warm-up at 8 a.m. The Family Run will begin at 8:15 a.m., the 5k at 8:30 a.m. and awards and prizes at 9:30 a.m.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Heath's parks and

RCSO accreditation ...

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the sheriff said. "In addition to the potential for improving the level of supervision and management, we believe it will be an incentive for detention personnel to take pride in being a part of an organization that has achieved national accreditation status."

The accreditation process is intensive and requires jails to provide proofs of compliance through policies, procedural documentation and culminates with an onsite verification and final report.

Jason Allen Runnels

Services for CSM (R) Jason Allen Runnels, 45, will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial with full military honors will follow in the DFW National Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 15, at the funeral home.

He died on the morning of Sunday, Feb. 7.

He served honorably in the U.S. Army for 27 years and was a "soldier's soldier." He positively impacted numerous lives leading by example and taking care of his soldiers. It always was said that he was tough, but fair. His impact was felt by many, but his legacy will march on in all the young men and women who had the opportunity to be trained, mentored and led by him.

As much as he loved being a soldier, family always came first.

Survivors include his wife, Kari L. Runnels; his daughters, Brandi Marie Weber and her husband, Michael, Shelby Clackum and Hannah Bailey and her husband, Matthew; his grandchildren, Lindsey and A.J.; his parents, Willard L. and Carol A. Runnels; his brothers, Rob Runnels and his wife, Jennifer, Stephen Runnels and his wife, Beverly, and Shannon Runnels and his wife, Julie; and his nieces and nephews, Aimee, Rachel, Noah, Samantha, Austin, Miranda and Alexis.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and his mother-in-law, Karin.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested that memorial donations be made to the Corvias Foundation, Attn.: Rita Woodcock, 1405 South County Trail, Suite 530, East Greenwich, RI 02818 (on the memo line of the check write In Honor of CMS (R) Runnels); the local Veterans of Foreign Wars; or to kidney cancer research.

Lynelle C. Yingling

Services for Lynelle C. Yingling, 72, of Rockwall will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12, 2016, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at the funeral home.

She died Monday, Feb. 8.

Born in Perrin on Dec. 19, 1943, to Lorenza Heath and Ethelene (Brannon) Cranford, she earned her Ph.D. from Texas Woman's University. Her professional career involved being a tenured university professor at Illinois State University and Texas A&M-Commerce, serving on the boards of her many professional organizations, participating actively in committees influencing legislation in the field of dispute resolution and helping hundreds of children and families as a licensed marriage and family therapist.

She was loving, caring and soft-spoken and dedicated her entire life to helping others. She took pleasure in caring for and riding horses, taking bicycle rides, traveling, Sunday night dinner and playing with her grandpuppies. She made great pies.

Survivors include her husband, John Yingling; her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Andy Starkey; her stepdaughter and son-in-law, Katharine and Richard Woodhead; and numerous other family members.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested that donations may be made to the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center, 1825 Airport Rd., Rockwall 75087, 972-771-7750 or rockwalladoptions.com/our-pets donation-form or to the charity of the donor's choice.

The family would like to thank the Seasons Hospice Inpatient Center at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas for its attention to detail and compassion during her final days battling brain cancer.

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a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington, Rockwall. A continental breakfast will be served. Interested persons are invited to attend.

RCP auditions for 'Love, Sex & the IRS' set

The Rockwall Community Playhouse, located at 609 E. Rusk two blocks off the square in downtown Rockwall, will conduct auditions for "Love, Sex & the IRS" beginning at 1 p.m. Feb. 20. For more information visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

ARC to conduct Rockwall blood drive

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive in Rockwall from noon to 6 p.m. on Feb. 28 at Half Price Books, 959 I-30, Rockwall. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. To make an appointment, download the free ARC app at redcrossblood.org/bloodapp, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Spring Break Rock Camp set March 7-11

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department has organized a Spring Break Rock Camp that will run March 7-11. Participants will venture to destinations throughout the area, including the Heard Museum, the Texas Skatium/Bowl-o-Rama, Dallas Arboretum, Cowboys Stadium and more. Visit rockwall.com/parks/index.asp for more details.

Newcomers & Friends to meet in March

Rockwall County Newcomers & Friends will host its March luncheon and program beginning at 10 a.m. on March 10 at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City. Janet Smith from the Arboretum will speak on pollination in a talk entitled "Sex in the Garden." Attend the event by calling Barbara at 972-771-1057 or Cathy at 942-400-9934 or visit newcomersrock.com. RSVP by Feb. 29.

Spay/neuter mobile hospital dates told

The Spay Neuter Network's hospital bus, in the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot, offers surgery performed on site the second Friday of every month. Next date is March 11. A \$20 spay for female cats available, as are low-cost surgery packages. Walk-up vaccinations offered at reduced prices from 10 a.m. to noon. Specials available at spayneuternet.org. Services available throughout the Metroplex; the Clinic in Crandall, the Hope Mobile or via transport. Free spay/neuter is offered in selected ZIP codes. For appointment/information call 972-472-3500 or 817-423-5500. Be sure dog's collar cannot be slipped, cats are in secure carriers. Promoted by Rockwall PAWS (Rockwall PAWS @att.net).

Believe It or Not is March 11 lecture topic

Tall tales of Rockwall County will be the topic at the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series presented by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission from noon to 1 p.m. in the third floor in the historic downtown courthouse on March 11.

Historical Commission to meet March 11

The Rockwall County Historical Commission will observe its first quarterly meeting of the year at 1 p.m. March 11 at the museum, 901 E. Washington.

Rockwall's Got Talent auditions scheduled

Auditions for Rockwall's Got Talent will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 26 at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk (two blocks off the square in downtown Rockwall). Semi-finals are scheduled for April 8; finals will be April 15. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Be devoted to one another with mutual love, showing eagerness in honoring one another. Romans 12:10

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<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 in Hamilton Co.</p> <p>5 in Concho Co. on hwy. 83 & 87</p> <p>6 San Antonio Zoo was first to breed this gazelle in U.S.</p> <p>7 this TX Underwood was a LB for UT and Houston Oilers</p> <p>8 TXism: "likely as ___ (probable)"</p> <p>9 TX-born Robin Wright Netflix series: "House ___"</p> <p>16 "ween Mon. & Wed. 18 excessively harsh</p> <p>21 a Dallas mayor: ___ Thornton</p> <p>22 TXism: "shootin' ___ (gun)"</p> <p>23 higher learning in San Marcos (abbr.)</p> <p>24 Johnson City is the seat of this county</p> <p>30 TXism for "in that direction" (2 wds.)</p> <p>34 Ranger or Astro 4-bagger (abbr.)</p> <p>35 TXism: "that'll do ___"</p> <p>36 Mineola's county</p> <p>37 ex-Houston center Olajuwon is from this Nigerian city</p> <p>39 highest Civil ct. in the state: "___ Court"</p> <p>43 moved cattle</p> <p>44 TXism: "last as a cat with ___ on fire"</p> <p>45 Astros' leag.</p> <p>46 membership fees</p> <p>47 TXism: "plain as the ___ on your face"</p> <p>48 UNT's famous "One O'Clock ___ Band"</p> <p>50 basketball-like sport played by women in commonwealth countries</p> <p>53 TXism: "a ___ piece"</p> <p>54 legendary TX ranch & famous hunting ranch</p> <p>55 guitar ___</p> <p>56 TXism: "hard as putting ___ in a windstorm"</p> <p>59 TXism: "hot as road ___ July"</p> <p>60 antique auto</p> <p>61 "Fanthorp ___ State Historic Site"</p> <p>62 San Antonio shoes</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 TXism: "___ do nothing but burn hay" ("bad horse")</p> <p>2 in Lubbock Co. on hwy. 62 & 82</p> <p>3 TXism: "if he bought a ___ people would stop dying" (unlucky)</p> <p>4 TXism: "fits like ugly ___ ape"</p> <p>9 how TX Janis Joplin died (abbr.)</p> <p>10 this Kinky ran for governor in 2006</p> <p>11 TX singer Vikki</p> <p>12 TXism: "if it ain't true, there ain't ___ in Texas"</p> <p>13 in 1984, TX voted for this Reagan</p> <p>14 this Noonan was a Cowboy player from 1987 to 1992 (init.)</p> <p>15 TXism: "___ a spell"</p> <p>17 delay of game in football (2 wds.)</p> <p>19 TXism: "put to bed with ___ (bury)"</p> <p>20 hospital RNs</p> <p>24 great TX pro golfer, Byron (init.)</p> <p>25 TXism: "___ out" (left)</p> <p>26 TX George Strait's "___ the Hole"</p> <p>27 TX Swayze 1989 film: "___ Kin"</p> <p>28 TX 6-man football (2 wds.)</p> <p>29 edible mollusk</p> <p>31 neither's sidekick</p> <p>32 female deer</p> <p>33 plastic pink flamingo? (2 wds.)</p> <p>38 this Jay owned the Texas & Pacific RR</p> <p>40 TX "Stone Cold" Steve (init.)</p> <p>41 interscholastic org. of voting processes</p> <p>49 TXism: "near ___"</p> <p>51 TX Debbie Reynolds book: "If I knew ___"</p> <p>52 "___ Jovi" was in first "Farm Aid"</p> <p>57 TX or France city</p> <p>58 stadium</p>	
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Rockwall Council votes to deny developer's housing request

Rockwall City Council voted Feb. 2 to deny support for a possible multi-family housing development proposed by NuRock Companies, according to a city news release.

Site of the City to be part of Feb. 17 chamber luncheon

The site of the City address, delivered by the Rockwall mayor and manager and the president and CEO of the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation, will be featured as part of the Rockwall Chamber & Visitors Center partnership luncheon on Feb. 17 at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellow Lane, Rockwall.

The event, sponsored by Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital, will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; check-in will begin at 11 a.m. Speakers will include Mayor Jim Pruitt, Rockwall city manager Rowley and Sheri Franza, REDC president and CEO. They will provide an "update on the state of the economy and an outlook for the future of Rockwall," according to a chamber news release. Tickets cost \$19.60 for chamber partners and \$24.75 for prospective members.

ISD trustees to meet Feb. 15

Trustees for the Rockwall Independent School District will meet at 7 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15, to discuss the potential site for a school located in Heath, according to the meeting agenda. At the meeting is called to order, the board will go into executive session to discuss the site proposal. The board will reconvene in session at 7:30 p.m., according to the agenda. Any action will be taken in open session pursuant to state law. The board will receive informational reports and consider consent items, including financial reports, budget amendments and personnel resignations also will be considered and may be an executive session for discussion. The board also will consider approval of: a resolution celebrating the month of March as Texas Public Schools Month; a resolution regarding investment policy, strategies and training for the district; engineering and consulting firms for bond-related construction projects; and, the superintendent's report. The meeting will be conducted at the Rockwall Administration/Convention Center, Room 600, 1050 Williams St., Rockwall.

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Fate - Fate Grocery Store.

At the developer's request, the item was placed on the agenda for consideration after a public hearing about the proposal was conducted last month.

A handful of residents attended and spoke both for and against the plan during the open forum portion of the Feb. 2 City Council meeting, according to the news release.

Dan Allgeier, senior vice president of NuRock Companies, presented his company's plan for the Residences at Rockwall, a proposed housing development subsidized, in part with tax credits. NuRock submitted the proposal as part of a state grant application for federal tax credit funding through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Since the council declined to support the project, Allgeier said the project likely will fail in the competitive grant application process, according to the news release.

Up for consideration was a vacant tract of land across from the Evergreen Senior Living facility, located at 1325 South Goliad St. The Residences at Rockwall project proposal included a total of 136 units, a majority of which would be rent controlled based on a resident's income.

During consideration, several City Council members mentioned they had received an outpouring of opposition to the project and felt compelled to vote accordingly, according to the news release.

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Christian political activism in America ... Part 2

In most areas of the world, Christian political activism largely centers around two basic issues -- life and liberty. Those two issues are what motivates and enables people unto the pursuit of happiness.

With this in mind, let's address an underlying spiritual error in the American Declaration of Independence. Yes -- it is my opinion, that Thomas Jefferson and the signers erred in an underlying assumption expressed in the Declaration, that life and liberty were inherent unalienable rights endowed in all people by God in heaven.

Since the time of the great Declaration, many people have fought and died for what they considered to be their "unalienable rights" to life and liberty. Millions of other people lost their battles for life and liberty in the government's courts, and served countless years in prisons.

Proof of the error is found in God's rightly divided word, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Galatians 5:1).

The above verse is about true liberty. Who fought and died for this true liberty? Our Lord Joshua (a.k.a. Jesus), the Messiah and Son of the Creator, spilled his uncorruptible blood unto true liberty.

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Opinions

Why we don't compromise, Part 4

by Jacob G. Hornberger

Free Market Foundation

The crown jewel of the U.S. welfare state is Social Security. This program was adopted during the 1930s as part of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, which consisted of an array of government programs that revolutionized America's economic system. While assured the American people that his programs were nothing more than a way to "save America's free-enterprise system" during the Great Depression, in reality they were a combination of socialist programs, which were based on taking money from the person and giving it to another person, and fascist programs, which entailed leaving money in private hands but subjecting it to government control or manipulation.

The real nature of Roosevelt's New Deal has been detailed in a book entitled *Three New Deals: Reflections on Roosevelt's America, Mussolini's Italy, and Hitler's Germany, 1933-1939*, by Wolfgang Schivelbusch. Schivelbusch shows the remarkable similarities that Roosevelt's economic programs had with those that were being established by Adolf Hitler in Germany and Benito Mussolini in Italy. I'll bet quite a few Americans would be surprised to learn that Hitler sent a message to Roosevelt in 1934, by means of communication from the German consul general in New York City, U.S. ambassador to Germany, commending Roosevelt on his new economic plan for America:

[Hitler] congratulates the president [stated the counsel general] on his heroic effort in the interest of the American people. The president's successful struggle against economic distress is being admired by the entire German people with interest and admiration. Each chancellor is in accord with the president that the virtues of duty, readiness for sacrifice, and discipline must be the supreme rule of the whole nation. This moral demand, which the president is addressing to every single citizen, is only the essence of [the] German philosophy of the state, expressed in the motto "The public weal before the private gain."

Roosevelt seized on the crisis of the Great Depression to adopt Social Security, a program that would become a permanent part of the U.S. governmental system. The idea for the program originated within America's Founding Fathers but instead among fascists in Germany. That's why Social Security was a core program in Germany under Hitler. It's also why the U.S. Social Security Administration displays a bust of Otto von Bismarck, the famed Iron Chancellor of Germany, on its website, rather than George Washington or James Madison.

NIRA

Another centerpiece of Roosevelt's economic program was the National Industrial Recovery Act or NIRA. Few Americans are aware of the NIRA today but nearly every American knew of this federal program during the 1930s. That's because the NIRA revolutionized America's economic system by forcing or manipulating businesses and industries to enter into monopolies or cartels that had the power to set wages and prices.

The NIRA was straight out of Benito Mussolini's economic program. Like Mussolini's fascist economic programs, the NIRA was a means of production in private hands but subjected them to government controls and manipulation.

The NIRA was enacted in 1933 amidst tremendous excitement and fanfare. Not surprisingly, it was run by a retired army general, Douglas C. Hoagland, who adopted a symbol called the Blue Eagle to promote the program. The patriotism of any firm or business that failed to prominently display the Blue Eagle was questioned.

The entire NIRA scheme would have fit in perfectly in fascist Germany. After two years of operation nearly everyone recognized what a complete fiasco the NIRA was. But since it had become such a central

part of America's economic system and since a large segment of Americans had become dependent on it, people assumed that the NIRA would have to be phased out gradually. There was no "button" to push to get rid of it and even if there was, people would have been too scared to push it.

Then one day in 1935, the Supreme Court declared the NIRA to be unconstitutional — i.e., alien to the governmental structure established by the Framers with the Constitution. On that day — May 27, 1935, the Supreme Court effectively "pushed the button" that instantaneously put the program out of existence. The result was not the chaos that many had fearfully predicted but instead an immediate surge in economic activity.

Unfortunately, the Court failed to do the same thing to Roosevelt's Social Security program, notwithstanding the fact that the Constitution had failed to grant the federal government the power to institute socialist economic programs.

The libertarian position

What is the libertarian position on Social Security? Repeal it, immediately, just like food stamps, farm subsidies, education grants, foreign aid, and every other welfare-state program. Social Security is nothing more than a socialist program, one that takes money from the people who are working and gives it to seniors. Contrary to popular opinion, there is no "fund" and no one is just getting back the money he supposedly put into the system. As Congress made very clear when it established Social Security, and as the Supreme Court has held, Social Security is nothing more than a welfare program, one that can be repealed whenever Congress chooses to.

Recall our 1890 America minimum baseline position on freedom that I posed in part 2 of this series: People have the right to keep everything they earn and to decide for themselves what to do with it. Moreover, genuine freedom means that charity is entirely voluntary, with government playing no role whatsoever in charitable activity.

However, several years ago some libertarians joined with free-market conservatives to advance an alternative to Social Security. Termed "choice," "privatization," or "free-market oriented," this Social Security plan would leave everyone free to keep his own money, but people would nonetheless be forced by the government to place a portion of their income into government-approved retirement accounts that invest in the stock market, the bond market, or some other investment vehicle.

It goes without saying that forcing someone to save his money, on pain of fine and imprisonment, constitutes a severe violation of libertarian principles as well as our 1890 America minimum baseline for economic liberty. Remember: Under principles of economic freedom, people have the right to keep everything they earn and to decide for themselves what to do with their own money. Forcing someone to save some of his money or even manipulating him into doing so is not what genuine freedom is all about.

Let's assume that we libertarians were living in 1890 America, an era in which Americans lived without income taxation, Social Security, or other welfare-state programs. Someone approaches us and says, "Hey, I've got an idea. Let's enact a law that forces everyone to save a part of his money and place it in government-approved retirement accounts."

What libertarian would endorse such a scheme, knowing that it would constitute an abandonment of a system in which he is free to keep everything he earns and to decide for himself what to do with it?

Would a scheme based on Social Security "privatization" be better than the Social Security system we have today? Maybe. And maybe not. Some people say that it would be better because

it leaves people free to keep their own money and invest it in the stock market. Others say it wouldn't be better because the stock market could crash, wiping out everyone's retirement funds.

The debate revolves around which system is better — a socialist system — one in which government takes money from some and gives it to others — or a fascist system — one that leaves money in private hands but is controlled, directed, or manipulated by those in political power.

Why should libertarians involve themselves in that debate? Why should they endorse either scheme? Aren't libertarians about freedom rather than choosing between socialism and fascism?

Some libertarian proponents of Social Security "privatization" say that their scheme is actually a "gradualist" way to achieve economic liberty. But as in the case of school vouchers, gradualism, as it turns out, isn't gradualism at all. Instead, the "privatization" scheme actually works to entrench the state more deeply into the economic lives of the citizenry, especially by making a large number of Americans dependent on the scheme — so dependent that they'll never endorse any plan to abolish it.

Think of all the investment firms that would be receiving hundreds of millions of dollars in retirement funds. They would be working from big office buildings, which come with long-term rental contracts involving extremely high rent payments. They also would have to have enormous staffs to handle all the incoming money and the investment of the funds. There would be huge accounting divisions to keep track of it all. There would also be huge teams of investment advisors and analysts.

After, say, five years of a "privatization" scheme, what are the chances that those firms would suddenly say, "Well, gradualism time is over. The time has arrived to dismantle the system and embrace economic liberty. We'll just make do without all that financial business that the government has sent our way?"

The chances are nil, just like the chances are nil that schools that have become dependent on vouchers would ever say, "Gradualism time is over. Time to dismantle the voucher program."

Indeed, suppose the "privatization" program is "working." What are the chances that people who are benefiting from a soaring stock market are going to start calling for repeal of the program? In fact, my hunch is that if the program is "working," even the libertarian proponents of "privatization" are not about to tell people that gradualism time is over and that it's now time to end government involvement in people's retirement. Instead, they'll be basking in the glow of all the praise for advancing a successful statist program.

The example of Chile

A perfect example of this phenomenon is Chile, which adopted the type of Social Security plan that libertarian proponents of "choice" and "privatization" want for the United States. Until 1981, Chile had had the type of Social Security system that the United States has — that is, one by which the government simply takes money from the working class and gives it to the retired class.

Then, in 1981, under the dictatorial regime of army Gen. Augusto Pinochet, Chile adopted the "privatization" model — that is, the one that permits people to keep their money but mandates that they put it into government-approved retirement accounts.

It shouldn't surprise anyone that Pinochet chose the fascist model for Social Security over the socialist model. After he and his military-intelligence establishment had ousted the democratically elected socialist president of the country, Salvador Allende, from power, they used any means to eliminate any sign of socialism in Chilean society, including such means as kidnapping, torture, rape, execution, or simply reeducation of anyone who was suspected of holding socialist beliefs.

Moreover, Pinochet was an acolyte of Francisco Franco, the army general who was dictator of Spain and who was deeply devoted to the principles of economic fascism. During the Spanish Civil War, Franco had received assistance from none other than Germany's ruler, Adolf Hitler, the man who had complimented Franklin Roosevelt for adopting the same sorts of economic policies that he himself was adopting for Germany. When Franco died, Pinochet was the only major ruler to attend his funeral.

Was Pinochet's Social Security fascist Social Security scheme better than Allende's socialist scheme? Pinochet certainly thought so and so do many libertarians today who are trying to foist Pinochet's scheme onto the American people. On the other hand, despite Pinochet's efforts to purify Chile of socialist ideas, there still are Chileans who support returning to the Social Security plan favored by Allende and his fellow socialists.

One thing is certain: Despite the passage of more than 30 years, the proponents of the Pinochet plan are not ready to say, "The end of the gradualist period has finally arrived. It's time to end all government involvement in retirement." On the contrary, despite the fact that the Pinochet scheme has proven to be just another Social Security reform plan and not a "gradualist" way to achieve economic liberty, they are bound and determined to keep the scheme fully intact in Chile and, even worse, they're trying their best to spread it to the United States and other parts of the world.

When you see or hear the term "gradualist" insofar as it is applied to phasing out government programs, do you think in terms of 35 years? Just think: if the libertarian proponents of Pinochet's Social Security scheme succeed in getting it adopted here in United States, it might well be another 35 more years or more before Americans can finally achieve economic freedom. Do you want freedom now or 35 years from now?

Moreover, consider the fact that some proponents of the Pinochet plan rarely, if ever, even disclose to people that their plan is intended to "gradually" phase out Social Security. In all their arguments in favor of "choice" or "privatization," they don't cause people to question or even just think about the libertarian position: that government has no legitimate role whatsoever in people's retirement. Their arguments are based solely on the supposed superiority of their fascist scheme over the socialist scheme, albeit couched in terms of a "free-market oriented" program.

Is a government-mandated retirement scheme genuine freedom? Is that what libertarianism has come to? I say not. I say libertarianism is not about whether fascism is better than socialism. I say that libertarianism is about freedom. I say it's about the fundamental, God-given right of people to keep everything they earn and to decide for themselves what to do with it. The only chance we have to achieve freedom is to stand squarely in favor of it. If libertarians won't do that, who will?

Super ads

by Jill Pertler

Saves of Life

Everything about the Super Bowl is super. Super teams. Super plays. Super stadium. Super day. Super parties. Super national anthem. Super halftime show. Super fans. Super nacho cheese sauce. Super slow cooker. And of course, my personal favorite, super commercials.

When it comes to the Super Bowl, football is only part of the day. Advertisements during the big game have become so popular they are a conundrum for viewers. When to replenish your beverage — during the game or during the commercials? You really don't want to miss either so most of us do what I call the penalty flag dash.

The hype surrounding a 15 or 30 second spot for Doritos is almost exciting as the game itself (not to mention the birth of a baby). The competition grows during the days preceding Super Sunday. Which will have the better ad — Coke or Pepsi? Who's not going to be themself until they eat a Snickers bar?

How will the Clydesdales and Labrador pups tug at our heartstrings this year?

Unfortunately for me, they didn't. The majestic horses weren't paired with little puppies in the name of selling beer. Instead the many opted for a British actress who lectured viewers saying those who didn't listen to her message were a, "shortsighted, irresponsible, oxygen-wasting human form of population." While her message was a fine one, I'm not sure how calling millions of people names will lead to increased beer sales. But I'm no advertising guru. So, I would have preferred a few puppies.

Last year when the Panthers faced the Broncos, it seemed fitting there were a number of ads that featured animals. I'm always in favor of cute, clever critter commercials.

You've got to love the ingenuity and inspiration that went into the

wiener dog ad. It takes nothing short of creative brilliance to come up with the idea of dressing a wiener dog like a wiener. And then (wait for it...) multiplying the effect with dozens of wiener dogs and having them run toward people dressed as giant bottles of ketchup, mustard and other assorted condiments. That's the exact sort of unique cleverness I tune in to see each year — even though this one made me lose my appetite.

I enjoyed the talking grizzly bears, especially the one that claimed to be vegan. (Gotta love the sarcastic humor of bears.) Another favorite was the sheep singing a classic Queen song. A cappella. In perfect harmony. Who even knew sheep could sing?

The marmot spot pushed a bunch of cuteness buttons. Plus it educated a few of us about marmots, which I've always called ground hogs. Prior to last Sunday, I'd never even heard of a marmot. Varmint, yes. Marmot no. Not that I'm mistaking one for the other. But if it looks like a rodent and walks like a rodent...

I've saved the best for last. One word: puppy-monkey-baby. By creating a creature with the head of a pug dog, the body and tail of a monkey and legs of a baby (complete with diaper) the ad coined a new term for all things weird in less than 30 seconds. Plus the little critter had a rattle and wasn't afraid to shake it. I used to be afraid of clowns. Now I have to worry about a puppy-monkey-baby hiding under my bed.

The Super Bowl: more than 100 million people tuned in this year — some to watch the game, some to watch the commercials (and all to eat nachos). Now we wait. For a whole 12 months to see which teams make it to the big game and which commercials to our flat screens.

Like many of us, I'll be watching eagerly to find out. Because as effective as the marmot and monkey-puppy-baby were, next year I really hope they bring back the horses and the puppies.

widely recognized problem in Texas and local governments is selective compliance with state law (Texas constitution, public laws, state statutes and subordinate ordinances).

Resolution: Call on the House and Senate to amend Penal Code Section 39.02 Abuse of Official Capacity to:

- Remove "with intent to harm or defraud another;" and**
- Remove "intentionally or knowingly."**

Intent of the government officer logically goes to sentencing or punitive damages.

The Oaths of Office and Certificates of Commission are evidence of "knowingly."

Yellowjackets varsity and middle school gymnastics take meets

The Rockwall Yellowjackets gymnastics team competed against Lakeview Centennial, Thursday Jan. 28, 2016 at the RHS gym.

Rockwall earned 1st place with a score of 155.50. Lakeview returned with a score of 150.60. According to Coach Cameron Sweny, Lakeview beat the Yellowjackets during the Bell Invitational, on Fri. Dec. 4 at the Forest E. Watson Center.

The Yellowjackets will travel to the Highland Park Invitational, Thurs. Feb. 11, to be held at the Highland Park HS gym.

Individual stats (top 10)
Adam Alford - 1st All Around; 1st on Pommel horse, P-bars, and high bar; 2nd on floor and rings, 3rd on vault;

Mckay Larman - 2nd All Around; 1st on rings and vault; 3rd on floor and P-bars, 4th on high bar; 5th on Pommel horse;

Jake Hodges - 5th All Around; 3rd on rings; 4th on floor and P-bars; 5th on Pommel horse;

Chad Singer - 8th All Around; 5th on rings; 7th on P-bars and high bar; 10th on Pommel horse;

Preston Gage - 9th All Around; 6th on P-bars; 8th on vault;

Connor Campbell - 10th All Around; 5th on vault; 6th on floor; 8th on high bar;

Aidan Culp - 5th on rings; 8th on P-bars; 10th on high bar;

Brett Garcia - 7th on vault;

Ryan Szafran - 5th on rings; 9th on P-bars;

Wyatt Logan - 9th on rings;

Zach Dougal - 8th on Pommel Horse;

Sean Denny - 9th on Floor;

Josh Creamer - 9th on Pommel Horse;

Kyle Ziegler - 5th on high bar.

The Williams Middle School team competed against Birdville, Wed. Jan. 20, and levels 5 and 6 returned undefeated.

The level 5 team won 156.5 to Birdville's 150.3 points. The WMS level 6 team earned 155 points.

Individual stats

Level 5

Floor - Will Campbell, 1st place; Gavin Figert, 2nd; Ben Denny, 4th; Ryan Hembree, 5th; Ben Ashcraft, 6th; Garret Sutherland, 7th; Cade Edwards, 7th.

Pommel horse - Ashcraft 1st, Campbell, 5th; Nguyen, 6th; Hustings, 7th; Figert, 8th.

Rings - Ashcraft, 1st; Chandler Smith, 2nd; Figert, 3rd; John Jones, 5th; Campbell, 7th.

Vault - Figert, 2nd; Ashcraft, 3rd; Campbell, 3rd; Sutherland, 7th; Smith, 7th.

Parallel Bars - Campbell, 1st; Sutherland, 2nd; Ashcraft, 3rd; Ethan Baker, 3rd; Figert, 7th.

High Bar - Ashcraft, 1st; Sutherland, 3rd; Smith, 3rd; Campbell, 6th; Figert, 8th.

All Around - Ashcraft, 1st; Campbell, 3rd; Figert, 4th; Sutherland, 7th; Smith, 8th.

Level 6

Floor - Chase Nowaczyk, 1st; Jonah King, 2nd; Bryan Kottke, 3rd.

Pommel Horse - Nowaczyk, 1st; Jonah King, 2nd; Bryan Kottke, 3rd;

Rings - Jonah King, 1st; Kottke, 2nd; Nowaczyk, 3rd; Scott Mackenzie, 4th.

Vault - Nowaczyk, 1st; King, 1st; Kottke, 3rd; Mackenzie, 4th.

Parallel Bars - Nowaczyk, 1st; King, 2nd; Kottke, 3rd.

High Bar - Nowaczyk, 1st; Kin, 2nd; Kottke, 3rd.

All Around - Nowaczyk, 1st; King, 2nd; Kottke, 3rd.



Royse City Lady Bulldogs Senior Alexis Wanton (23) puts up 2 points, Fri. Feb. 5, against Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks, at the RHHS gym. Wanton scored 13 points, and logged 14 rebounds with three blocks during the game. Royse City (11-6 Overall, 6-2 District 12-5A) lost to the Lady Hawks 53-42. Defending against Wanton is Lady Hawks Sophomore Morgan Talley. Shown at back are Lady Hawks Tannya Gonzalez and Kendall Williams. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Participating in the National Signing Day, Wed. Feb. 3, 2016, at Rockwall-Heath HS library are (left to right) Cory Wilkerson, Jayden Wheeler and Tyler McCalister. Wilkerson signed to play football at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. McCalister will play football at Midwestern State University. Wheeler is set to play soccer at Northwestern State University of Louisiana.

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