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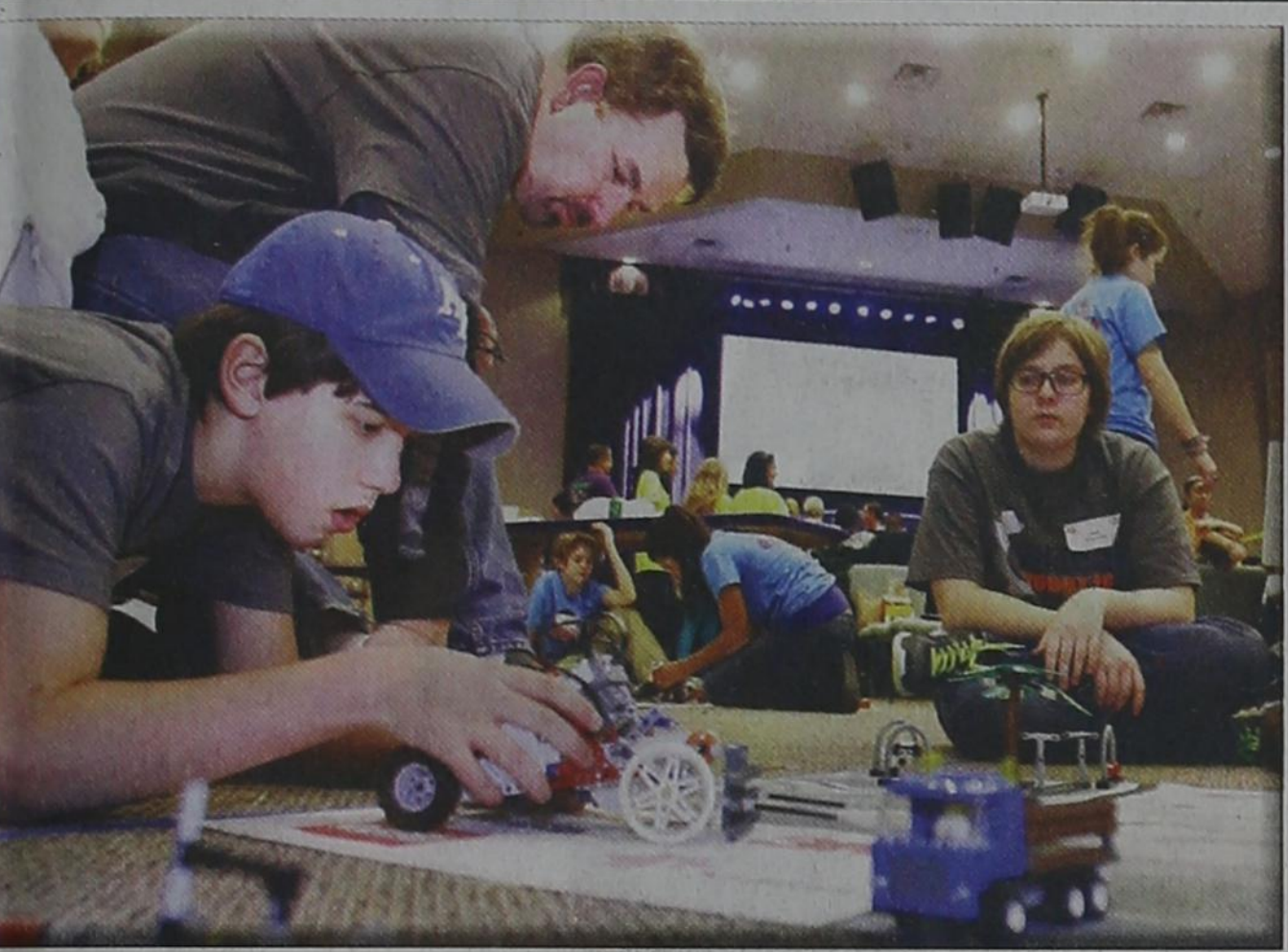
Williams Middle School teams earn awards at area robotics contest

Robotics teams representing Williams Middle School at 18 area-wide competition at UME Preparatory Academy in Dallas came home with awards, including a WMS news

Josh Larriviere, Kayla Carlson and Parker Bassett, won the Judges Award. The Judges Award is given to the team that excels in four main areas in the competition, as well as teamwork and professionalism.

The Wildcat Blue team, made up of Aaron Smith, Brandon Purcell, Brennan Manning, Jordan Hensley, Josh Creamer and Ryan Wang, earned first place in robot performance, recording a 401, which was the highest scoring run of the competition. With its win, the team will advance to the regional contest on Feb. 1 at the Hockaday School, where it will compete for an opportunity to advance to the national competition in Florida.

The Wildcat Orange team, led by Andrew Dayman, Drake Williams, Drake Fuller, McDonald, Jason Dupre,



Williams Robotics Club participates in the FIRST Lego League area competition at UME in Dallas, as, January 18, 2014. Parker Bassett (left) tweaks his robot with a few small changes while waiting for the "pit area" for the next event. Darrell Fuller, (back left) coaches for the Orange team and the student watching is Jordan Hensley (right).
Courtesy photo by Mike Stone/Rockwall County News



The Wildcat Blue team received first place for robot performance in the UME Preparatory Academy's Jan. 18 contest conducted in Dallas. Members of the Wildcat Blue Team, representing J.W. Williams Middle School, included, from the left, Josh Creamer, Ryan Wang, Brandon Purcell, Jordan Hensley, Brennan Manning and Aaron Smith. The team will compete at the regional robotics contest on Feb. 1.
Courtesy photo by Mike Stone/Rockwall County News

Fate announces new senior program, eyes possible HIDTA partnership

by Millie Jean Coppedge

Mayor Bill Broderick announced at the Jan. 20 meeting of the Fate City Council that Feb. 12 will be the first of the weekly senior citizen events. It will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fate Community Center, 104 S. WE Crawford.

Local residents are urged to drop by with their senior friends and/or caregivers and enjoy the free event with food, fun, games and prizes. Reserve lunch by calling the city secretary Jean Dwinell at 972-771-4601, ext. 103.

Resolution No. R-692 was unanimously passed by the council

authorizing the city manager and director of public safety to execute the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the City of Fate and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement for the reimbursement of Joint Operations expenses from the Treasury Forfeiture Fund.

Brian Griffeth, the Fate director of public safety, spoke to the council regarding a potential partnership with a HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area). He explained the benefits of being a part of HIDTA. One of the benefits is that additional vehicles

and equipment could be funded for the DPS.

"No other agency is actively working narcotic trafficking on I-30 east of Garland to Louisiana," he told council members.

"The North Texas HIDTA was designated in 1998 and encompasses strategic location for smuggling, transportation and nationwide distribution of illegal drugs. Proximity of our area to the Mexican Border makes our area attractive for Mexican poly-drug trafficking organizations to establish their base of operations," Griffeth said.

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'Foreigner' to fill RCP stage in February

by Mary Thacker

"The Foreigner" is coming to Rockwall Community Playhouse in February. A fishing lodge in rural Georgia is the location for the nonstop hilarity of the play with a wildly funny climax in which things go uproariously awry for the bad guys, and the good guys emerge triumphant.

The two-act comedy, written by American playwright Larry Shue, has become a staple of professional and amateur theatre and has earned two Obie Awards and two Outer Critics Circle

Awards as Best New American Play and Best Off-Broadway Production. Director Felicia Sykes is bringing the entertaining show to the small stage in the intimate 84-seat theatre.

August Gabriel is returning to the RCP stage as Charlie. August was last seen performing as the king in the Rockwall Summer Musicals production of "The King & I." On the RCP stage, he has appeared as Sidney Lipton in "God's Favorite," Sparky in "Forever Plaid" and Plaid Tidings and Hoke in "Driving Miss Daisy," just to mention a few.

He is a U.S. Air Force veteran and a graduate of Eastern New Mexico University, where he earned his BFA in theater. When not on stage, he can be found "performing" at the Customer Service Center of the Rockwall Kroger Store.

Steve Golin (Froggy) is a computer programmer by day who comes home to the stage at night. He was most recently seen as Father Virgil in "NunCrackers" at RCP. His other RCP credits include Joe in "God's Favorite," Fagan in "Oliver!" Franklin

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RISD trustees plan Feb. 3 work session

Trustees of the Rockwall Independent School District will meet at 6 p.m. Feb. 3 for an executive session, followed by a 7 p.m. work session, according to an agenda distributed last week.

The closed-door meeting will include "deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties,

discipline or dismissal of a public officer of employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employees, specifically to conduct and discuss the evaluation of the superintendent," according to the agenda. Any action taken in relation to this action must be taken in open session, according to Texas Government Code.

In the public work session, trustees will receive reports and discuss the budget development process for the 2014-2015 school year.

The meeting will be conducted in the RISD Administration/Education Center, Room 600, which is located at 1050 Williams St. in Rockwall.



The Wildcat Orange Robotics Team of J.W. Williams Middle School earned the Judges Award at the Jan. 18 UME Preparatory Academy's area-wide robotics competition. Members of the Wildcat Orange Team, pictured above, are, from the left, Parker Bassett, Josh Larriviere, Jason Dupre, Devin Williams, Drake Fuller, Kyla Carlson, Andrew Dayman and Jack McDonald.
Courtesy photo by Mike Stone/Rockwall County News



The Rockwall Community Playhouse's production of "The Foreigner" will be staged in February. Pictured, at back, are cast members Preston Wells, Jackson Currie, Victoria Sawyer, Monte Monkress, Heather Smithers, Steve Golin and August Gabriel. At front are crew members Diana Cross, director Felicia Sykes and LaDawn Cantu.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County News Briefs

Jan. 31 is property tax deadline

The last day to pay Rockwall County property taxes without payment of penalties and interest is Jan. 31, according to information provided by the Rockwall Central Appraisal District. All property taxes are collected at the Appraisal District. For more details call 972-771-2034.

Newcomers & Friends plan meeting

The Rockwall County

Newcomers & Friends will meet at 10 a.m. Feb. 13 at Occasions at Stone Creek in Royse City. The program will be Trivia with a Twist, and prizes will be awarded to the tables with the highest scores. Reserve a \$20 luncheon ticket by contacting Marion at 972-722-9896 or De at 972-722-1090 by Feb. 3. More information on the organization is available at newcomersrock.com.

Library's Friends to meet Feb. 11

The Friends of the Rockwall County Library will meet at 11 a.m. Feb. 11 in the library's Community Room. Following a

short business meeting and the election of officers for the coming year, a musical program with Sweet and Low, a local vocal group, is planned. Visitors are welcome; however, reservations are required for all planning to attend. Reservations are due by Feb. 4. Contact Leigh Plagens at 972-771-8976 or cplagens65@aol.com. (Continued on Page 3)



Reeves named chief nursing officer at LPHN

Lake Pointe Health Network, based in Rowlett, recently appointed Jeanne Reeves as its new chief nursing officer, according to a news release from the LPHN.

Reeves is responsible for advising and ensuring outstanding patient care along with improving LPHN's nationally recognized quality indicator performance.

"Lake Pointe is especially honored to have Jeanne Reeves as its new CNO," said Brett Lee, chief executive officer for LPHN. "More than two decades of experience in progressive managerial, administrative and executive roles in the healthcare industry, coupled with her commitment

to excellence and quality patient care, make Jeanne an invaluable addition to our organization."

A 28-year nursing veteran, Reeves previously served as vice president of patient care at Methodist Mansfield Medical Center for seven years, where she was responsible for perpetuating the hospital's mission and enhancing patient care. Additionally, Reeves participated with the governing board, medical staff and management in the organization's strategic planning processes and managed operations and administration of all clinical departments. She also was responsible for overseeing

credentialing and peer review activities for allied health professionals and physician-employed paramedical staff at an executive level.

Reeves also previously served as CNO for Saint Francis Hospital in Charleston, W.Va., and North Fulton Regional Hospital in Roswell, Ga. In 2013, she was honored with the D Magazine Nursing Administration Award and was a regional finalist for Nurse.com's Advancing and Leading the Profession Award.

Reeves received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Murray State University in Kentucky and master's degree in organizational management, with a specialization in leadership from Capella University in Minnesota. She has her Texas registered nurse license and is a member of various professional organizations, including the American Nurses Association, the Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses and the Texas Organization of Nurse Executives, where she also is a board director.



The first senior citizen prom for Royce City took place Jan. 26 at the Ruth Cherry Intermediate School. Tom Crowley was elected king and Patsy Pope was elected queen. There was music, dancing and refreshments, and the event was sponsored by Thoughtful Thinking Things Royce City Destination Imagination. Crowley was the musical host with an array of music including rock and roll, country, doo-wop, rhythm and blues, pop, love songs, sock hop, Motown and big band sounds.

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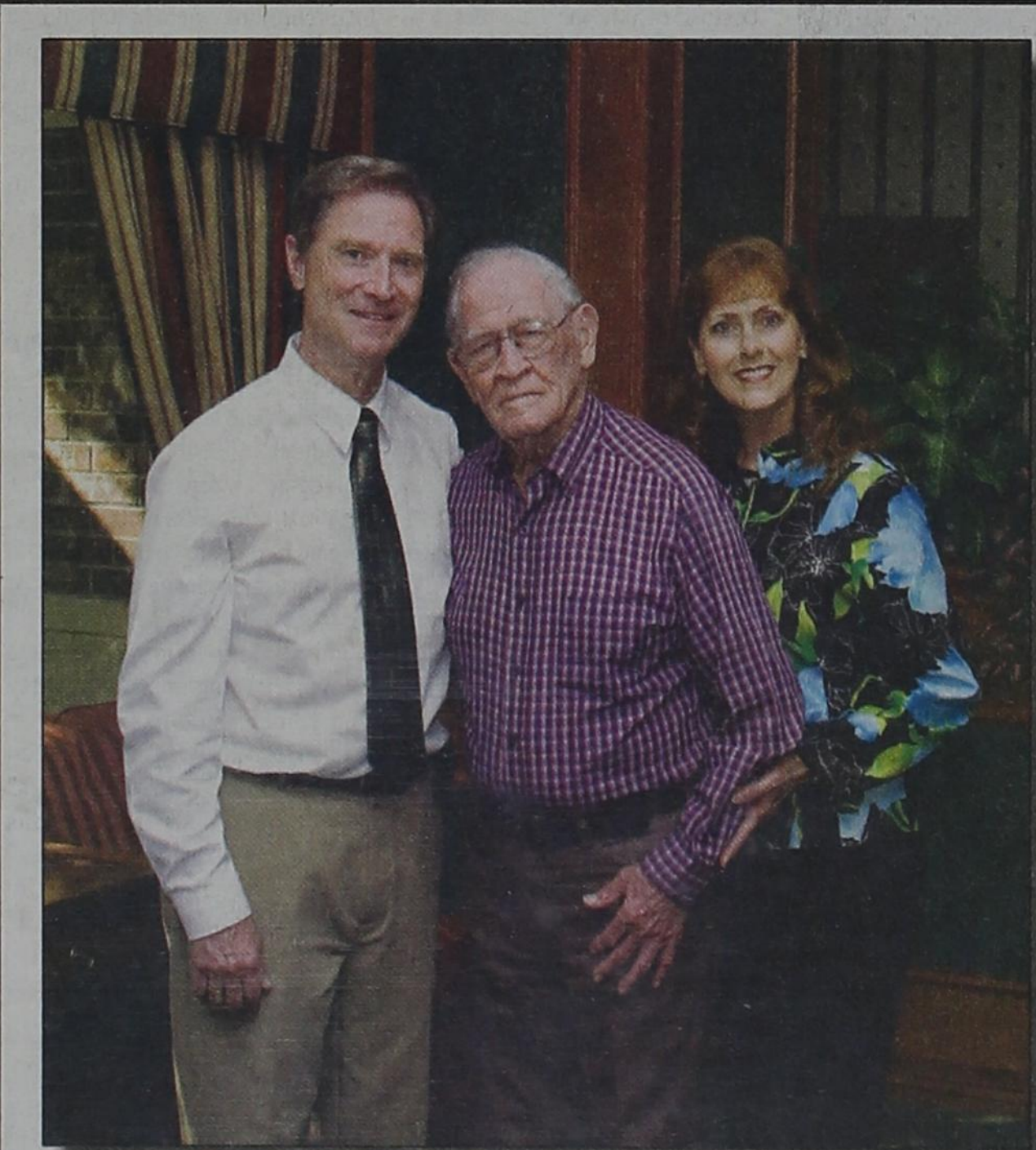
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Bryce Adair, a student at Ouida Springer Elementary, was recognized as the Rockwall Student of Honor at the Jan. 16 Rotary Club lunch meeting. Pictured above with Adair is Brad Helmer, principal at the school.

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Steve Karbowski (center) with his son, Dr. Steve Karbowski Jr. and wife Barbara Karbowski.

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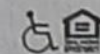
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RCHF host fundraiser installs new officer

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation showed the definition about the mystery of the wall at its Dinner and a Musical fundraiser on Jan. 19.

The event, under the direction of president Carolyn Francis and the board, included a silent auction, along with a change to visit with K. Richeson, who was in charge of the dig at the rock wall. The wall was 42 feet deep and did not reach the bottom of the wall.

Jan Self read an ode to S. Fowler that left many guests in tears in their eyes.

The 2014 officers were installed by Lianna Whitten.

The RCHF operates the museum in Harry Myers Park, as well as serving as sponsor of the Bag Lecture Series conducted at the Historic Courthouse.

The next lecture will be on Feb. 14. Admission is free and open to everyone.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Jackie Booe

Funeral services for Jackie Booe, 87, of Rockwall, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 25, 2014, in the Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church in Heath with Father Scot McComas officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



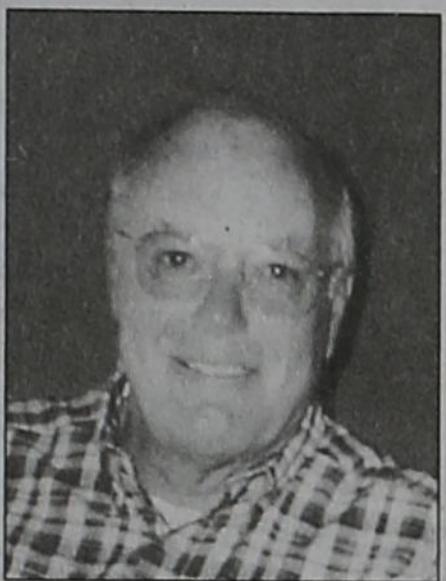
She died Jan. 24, 1991, in Dallas and was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie Lucile (Green) Glass, who died in 1982. She worked for Texas Instruments for 25 years.

Survivors include her children, Dean Booe, and his wife, Kelly, and her daughter, Denise Belcher, Cynethia Monroe and her husband, Daniel, William Earl Booe and his wife, Cynthia, and Mark Douglas Booe. She has 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, William Glass, and his wife, Christine; and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces.

Her parents, B.J. Glass and Lucile Vanderburg, preceded her in death.

James 'Tiny' Bristow

Funeral services for James "Tiny" Bristow, 87, of Rockwall, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 25, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Olin Tunnel and Jesse Crouch officiating.



He died Jan. 21, 1992, in Kaufman. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Frederick Bristow Sr. and his son, James (Rankin) Bristow, who was a Dallas Police officer and a member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Charlotte (Jones) Bristow of Rockwall; his daughter, Nancy DeAnn Bristow of Crandall; his sons, Alex Bristow of Crandall; his grandchildren, Amanda Bristow, John Johnson, Thomas Boofer, Brandon Boofer, Kelsey Shook and Bristow; and his great-grandchildren, Holly Bristow, Rachel Bristow, Alyson Bristow, Travis Williams, Kinsley Boofer, Chayne Bristow, Jazmin Estrada and Deandra Estrada. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Guy Miller, and a sister, Gladys Ptrack and Billie Miller.

Zula Maxine Brooks

Funeral services for Zula Maxine Brooks, 92, of Rockwall, will be conducted at 10 a.m. Jan. 29, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Linda Zoller officiating. Burial followed in Rockwall Memorial Cemetery.



She died Jan. 23, 1992, in Rockwall. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry and her son, Willless Zollner, founders of the Zoller/Hobo Ranch, she graduated from Rockwall High School and worked for high school sweetheart, Vinson Brooks, on Aug. 11, 1951. They raised their five children in the Zoller Ranch and she became a matriarch of the Zoller/Hobo Ranch legacy. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her children, David Wayne Brooks, and his wife, Sheri Bendorf, Ben "Benji" Brooks and Zula Kay Aaron and her husband, Rob; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Benry Zollner; and a son, Carl Henry Brooks. The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Rockwall County Special Olympics, c/o Rosemary, 146 Elmridge Circle, Rockwall, TX 75032.

Evelyn Dixon

Funeral services for Evelyn Dixon were conducted at 3 p.m. Jan. 25, 2014, in the Chapel East of Hillcrest Mausoleum of Dallas.

She died Jan. 18, 1992, in Rockwall. She was born March 6, 1932, in Rockwall. Survivors include her daughter, Diana Grubbs, and her husband, David; her son, Richard Dixon, and his wife, Nancy Grason; her grandsons, David and Rob Jr., and his wife, Emily, Daniel and Douglas Grubbs; and a great-grandson, David Grubbs III.

Condolences may be left at sparkman-hillcrest.com.

Katy Hammon

Funeral services for Katy Hammon, 75, of Teague, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 26, 2014, at Whispering Cedars in Dallas. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rowlett Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Jan. 23, 1992, in Dallas to James Haskell and Irma Ladell (Cher) Coyle, she attended high school in Rockwall. She married William S. Hammon on Aug. 15, 1974, in Rowlett. She graduated from the University of Texas at Austin and worked for the University of Texas at Austin. She was a research scientist. Her research included several years as part of a team that won the 1985 Nobel Prize for Medicine. She was an active member and officer in the Texas Society of Electron Microscopy.

She spent more than 30 years volunteering and working for the Girl Scouts. Her efforts included involvement with the Tejas Riders equestrian organization, working as a camp director at Camp Whispering Cedars and spearheading the restoration of a natural bog habitat at Camp Bette Perot. Her involvement with the Girl Scouts included program development and leadership. In conjunction with the Texas Parks and Wildlife, she mentored thousands of children by teaching camping and fishing skills. As a biologist, her love of nature led into involvement with the Elm Fork Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program and the Citizen Forestry Program.

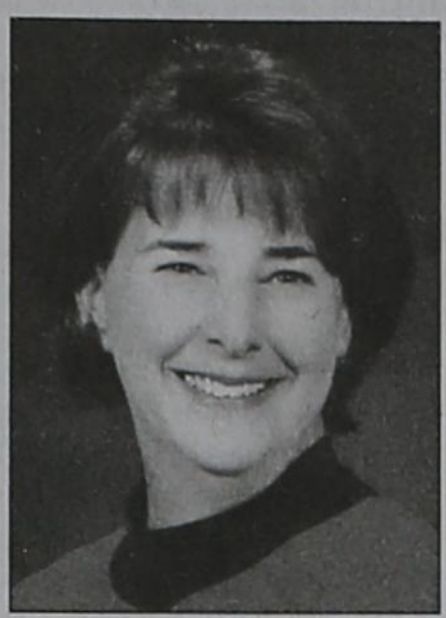
She enjoyed square-dancing and was active in the East Texas Square and Round Dance Association, holding several leadership roles. She volunteered and served as president of the Teague Library Association and worked to improve library resources in Central Texas through the Texas Association of Librarians. Through the Stars Over Troops organization, she collected retired U.S. flags and created patches of appreciation for veterans. Her dedication to the Central Texas community also was illustrated through her work with the Red Cross of Texas, through which she responded to house fires and assisted in setting hurricane shelters.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Hammon, of Teague; her children, Bobbie Jean Solis, and her husband, Marcial, of Houston, Rebecca Hammon and her husband, Michael, of Garland, and Stan Hammon of Denver, Colo.; her sister, Kibbie Stewart of Rowlett; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Neal Milton Miller; a sister, Irma Ladell; and a brother, Bill Darby. The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas or the East Texas Square and Round Dance Association's Teen Scholarship Fund.

Terrie McKee

A communion service for Terrie McKee, 62, of Rockwall, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 25, 2014, in the Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church in Heath with Father Scot McComas officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



She died Jan. 21, 1992, in Midland to Thomas and Martha (Kelly) Reynolds, she was a graduate of Bishop Lynch High School in 1969 and attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She began her career with Campbell-Taggart, became facility manager and finished her career as vice president of customer service at C.F. Chefs in Dallas. She retired from that position in 2011. She was a member of the Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church, a member of the Altar Guild and an Angel in Training.

Survivors include her husband, Tom McKee; her children, Bryan McKee and Allison Smith and her husband, Daniel, all of Rockwall; her sister, Lynne Glover, and her husband, Gil, of Dallas; a brother, Chris Reynolds, and his wife, Linda, of Oregon; and two grandsons, Austin and Ben, who knew her as Nana.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother. The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Angiosarcoma Awareness Inc., P.O. Box 17421, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33318 or cureasrc.org.

Douglas Vearl Sellars

A come-and-go celebration of life service for Douglas Vearl Sellars was conducted from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 24, 2014, in the Liberty Heights Retirement Apartments in Rockwall. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Jan. 20, 1992, in Shelley, Idaho, to Chase and Mary Sellars, he served in the U.S. Army and graduated with an undergraduate degree from Oklahoma State University and a graduate degree from Texas Tech University. He was a Golden Glove, Army and collegiate boxer, as well as a real singing cowboy who rode broncs and bulls and enjoyed the rodeo.

He worked for more than 30 years with the Soil Conservation Service in the Department of Agriculture.

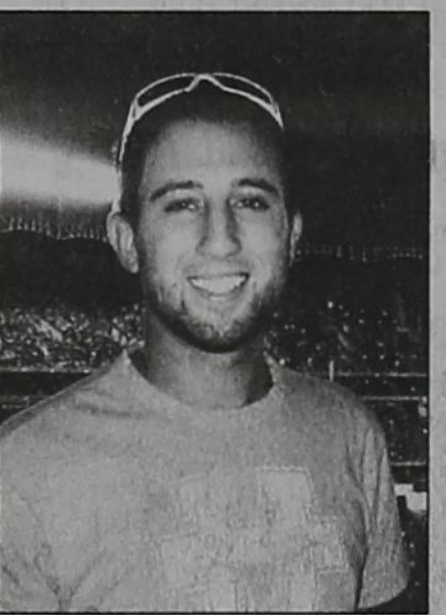
He married his college sweetheart, Virginia Harris, and always said, "First I crowned her queen of the rodeo, then I crowned her queen of my life." The two were married for 52 years until she preceded him in death on Nov. 26, 2011. Although the couple had only one child, they parented and nurtured more than 100 young people in their home.

Survivors include his daughter, Debra Sellars Buchanan, and son-in-law, Keith Buchanan, of Rockwall; two grandchildren, Blake, his wife, Christina, and their son, Caden, who reside in Florida, and Brooke, who lives in Irving; and his siblings, Arden Sellars, Carolyn Arnsberger, Mike Sellars and Roger Sellars, all of Idaho.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Stan Shannon Scholarship Fund at Quest Academy, Rockwall Independent School District, 1050 Williams St., Rockwall, TX 75087 or call 972-722-2077.

Justin Mark Stanert

Services for Justin Mark Stanert, 26, will be conducted at 1 p.m. Jan. 30, 2014, in the Lake Pointe Church auditorium, 701 E. I-30, Rockwall with Pastor Steve Stroope officiating.



The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died unexpectedly Jan. 26, 1992, in Rockwall.

Born July 24, 1987, he was the son of Mark and Cathey Stanert. He grew up in Rockwall and graduated from Rockwall High School. His generous heart, engaging smile, warm hugs and love for family and friends, as well as his great affection for animals of all kinds, will be remembered by everyone who knew him. He will be missed, but is forever free because he knew a savior who welcomed him home.

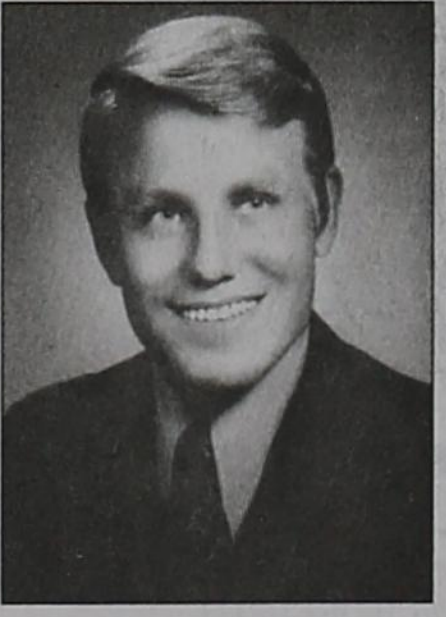
Survivors include his parents; his older brother, Braden Stanert; his aunts and uncles, Roy and Carol Mitchell, Jackie and Brenda Mitchell and Blake and Cheryl Bryan; his cousins, Nicole, Cody, Andy, Joe, Raschel, Kristen, Kyle and their families; his dearly loved Meagan; and his canine companion, Carrot.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Roy Gene and Barbara Mitchell; his paternal grandparents, Bob and Sue Stanert; and his uncle, Greg Stanert.

The family has suggested that memorial contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at cff.org.

Charles Edwin Youngblood

Graveside services for Charles Edwin Youngblood, 71, of Forney, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 26, 2014, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park in Rockwall with Pastor Rick Donahoe officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



He died Jan. 23, 1992, in Cleburne to William Duke Youngblood and Willie Geneva (Matthews) Youngblood, he attended Tarleton State University, the University of Texas at Arlington School of Engineering, North Texas State University and Texas A&M University-Commerce. He married Patricia Owens on June 16, 1972. In 1982 the couple founded Micronet Communications in Plano.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Youngblood of Forney; his brother, Billy Youngblood, and his wife, Joan, of Granbury; his sister, Ruth Ann Youngblood, and her husband, Jesse, of Garland; a nephew, Joe Johnson, and his wife, Traci, of Heath; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Citizens Police Academy registration underway

Registration for the City of Rockwall's Citizen Police Academy will be open until Feb. 4. The academy will run Feb. 11 through May 6, with classes set for 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays. For more details call 972-771-7765 or email pyoung@rockwall.com. Applications may be completed online at rockwallpolice.org.

Republican Lunch Bunch to meet

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 5 at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost is \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. No reservations required for this informal social gathering open to all area Republicans. For more details call Dalton Kennimer at 972-636-4034.

Registration for RCP mini-productions scheduled

Registration for "Winnie the Pooh," the Rockwall Community Playhouse's spring mini-production for students in grades 1-5, will be at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 6 at the RCP, located at 609 E. Rusk. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. April 11 and at 2 p.m. April 12. Registration for "Goldilocks on Trial," open to students in grades 6-8, will be at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 7. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. April 12 and 2 p.m. April 13. Tuition will be \$150 and due at registration. For more details call 972-722-3399 or visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Centsible to host Customer Appreciation Day

Rockwall County Helping Hands' Centsible Thrift Store, 950 Williams St., Suite B, in Rockwall, will host a Customer Appreciation Day on Feb. 8. For more details call 972-771-4357.

RARTA plans Feb. 10 meeting

The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will meet at 1:45 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Rockwall ISD Administration Building, Room 600, at 1050 Williams St. Nella Phillips will give a book review. Those planning to participate are invited to come at 1:15 p.m. for refreshments.

Children's Chorus offers singing valentines

The Rockwall Children's Chorus is offering singing valentines, to be delivered from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 14 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 15, at a cost of \$25 apiece. Each singing valentine will be delivered by a group of RCC choristers and include cookies and a personalized message. Those purchasing a singing valentine can specify blocks of time the recipient will be available, as well as request the participation of a specific RCC chorus member. Deadline for ordering a singing valentine is Feb. 10. For more information contact Cathy Knoff at 214-535-7811 or cathyknoff@yahoo.com.

'White out' against heart disease set Feb. 11

The Rockwall ISD and Rock Solid Wellness will team up with the American Heart Association Feb. 11 to bring awareness to the nation's battle against heart disease. A district-wide "white out" is planned. Fans are asked to wear white to the Rockwall vs. Rockwall-Heath basketball game at 7 p.m. at RHHS. "White out" T-shirts can be purchased online at a cost of \$15 each at bsnsports.com/my-team-shop (log in with the access code edelma5G7); proceeds will benefit the AHA.

'Steel Magnolias' audition scheduled

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's staging of "Steel Magnolias," which will be performed in March and April, will take place at 1 p.m. Feb. 15 at the playhouse, located at 609 E. Rusk. The show has six female roles. Auditioners will be asked to perform cold readings from the script and must be prepared to use a southern accent. A prepared comedic monologue of 1-2 minutes would be helpful, but is not mandatory. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Girl Scout cookie sales underway

The Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas cookie sales will run through Feb. 17. For the first time Girl Scouts have cookies in-hand allowing them to sell, deliver and collect money in one easy step. Cookie flavors include the world-famous Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Samoas, Do-Si-Dos, Trefoils, Dulce de Leche, Thank U Berry Munch and Savannah Smiles. Each box costs \$4. Customers can find the nearest cookie booths by downloading the Cookie Locator app available for iPhone or Android by dialing **GSCOOKIES.

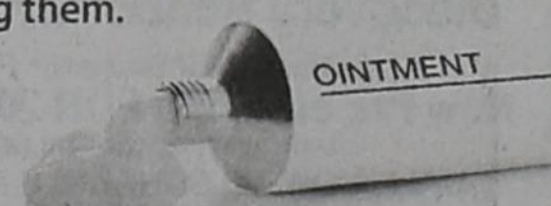
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
Freedom and bondage ... Part 1

History is packed with accounts of people who have fought, bled and even died for freedom.

Freedom is to bondage as light is to darkness. Just as darkness is the lack of light, so also is bondage the lack of freedom.

Spiritually, there are two forces working in the world, the spirit of God and the Devil.

The Devil is the god of this world (see 2Corinthians 4:4). This is why people who do his will attain ruling positions in governments and religious institutions throughout the world.

Jesus dealt with both during the last year before he died.

Jesus revealed the underlying essence of the Devil's will where he said, "The thief comes not but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy" (John 10:10)." Jesus went on to say, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Without the power, will and ability to do this, no one can hold another in controlling bondage.

The most important part of history involves a man named Jesus who is the son of God. Jesus shed his incorruptible blood for true freedom. That being freedom from the eternal bondage of death and the fear of death (see also Hebrews 2:14-18).

City of Fate looks into HIDTA partnership ...

There are many federal, state and local agencies that participate in HIDTA. Among the resources provided is free training for the officers and the funding of equipment.

1-30 has many "narcotic-driven charges," which means that many drugs are seized from cars stopped for suspicion of containing drugs or for other reasons, then turn out to contain drugs. Two homes in Fate have been burglarized recently and drugs were found on the premises, according to reports given to council members.

"I have already met with top agencies and have confirmed that our department would be accepted into these programs," Griffith said.

Will Rugeley, city planner and department services for the City of Fate, discussed "amending the ordinance regarding high grass and weeds and nuisance violation notification requirements."

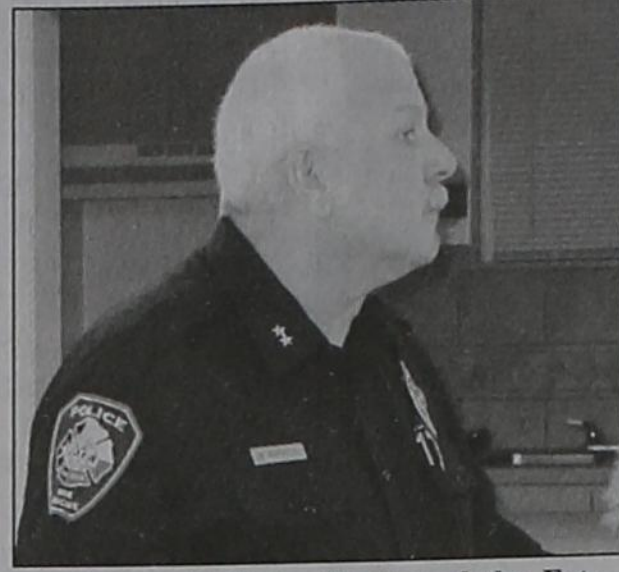
He noted that grass higher than 12 inches in more than 50 percent of a homeowner's property is a violation, which also devalues neighbor's property, and can become a public safety of health and welfare issue. Notices of the violation will be sent to the homeowner with a time limit for the property to be cleaned up. Rugeley said the code

enforcement officer should set the standards for what a violation consists of. The council voted 5-0 to amend the ordinance once the standards are set up.

Marty Coursey, Fate's director of finance gave an extensive presentation and point presentation regarding Fate's 2014 water and sewer rate increase. She said the City of Fate "purchases water and sewer treatment from the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). They have raised their charges by 10 percent, thus the City of Fate must raise their base rate for water and sewer by 10 percent to accommodate the change."

She explained that it is called a "base rate" because a customer's rate does not change based on water consumption, even if the customer uses no water. She went into a lengthy discussion about the sizes of residential and commercial meters, etc.

The most important information for residents of Fate to know is that the water rate increase for those inside the city will increase \$1.60 for water and \$2.80 for sewer. Those



Brian Griffith, director of the Fate Department of Public Safety, addresses the City Council regarding a proposed partnership with a HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area).

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residents living outside the city will pay \$2 more for water and \$3 for sewer.

For the commercial users inside the city, depending on the size of the meter, the water rate increase will be \$1.60 to \$24 and the sewer increase will be \$2.80 to \$40.50 those outside the city limits will be \$2 to \$30 and the sewer will increase from \$3.50 to \$50.63.

As the regular council session drew to a close just before the council dismissed into executive session, the mayor, council and city manager are allowed to give any closing comments. When it came time for the councilman to speak, Lorne Megyesi, Place 1, began to speak slowly. He informed the council that as of the conclusion of the night's meeting he would be resigning. A newly elected member, only having been on the Fate City Council since May, he gave no reason for his resignation. Everyone in the room, especially the council members, appeared stunned. Everyone sat quietly in total disbelief.

"We didn't see that coming" someone said.

On Jan. 23, Megyesi issued the following statement: "My decision to step down from my seat on the Fate City Council has been a difficult decision, as I have enjoyed representing the Citizens of Fate. I did not make this decision hastily. My personal belief is that the Council needs to represent the direction and will of the citizens of Fate and not the agenda of the few. If you look at the past six months of the votes that have happened (unlimited pay for council members, dismissal of the city manager, annexations that are shutting down businesses) every citizen can see where each Council member has voted and what their beliefs are. I have come to the conclusion that I am not able to be an effective representative for the community in my current capacity. Everyone doesn't always have to agree with each other, but the guiding principles that govern our needs to be in the forefront of our decisions and how we vote. The city charter is an essential, non-discriminatory guide to direct the actions of the Council and create a balance in government. The way the city is currently run, the minority will not be able to accomplish anything meaningful as the agenda of the Council meetings is tightly governed."

"I have thoroughly enjoyed representing the citizens of Fate and even though my current capacity has changed, I will still be there for citizens of Fate as we move forward into this new election cycle. I hope that the citizens of Fate do as I intend to do, to continue to be engaged in the activities of their Council and their city and to encourage their neighbors to do the same. Thank you."

All Fate City Council members were present at the meeting. The next meeting will be Feb. 3.

Church plans Priscilla Shirer life simulcast

The Rockwall Friendship Baptist Church, 5651 State Hwy. 197, Royse City, will host a biblical teaching by best-selling author Priscilla Shirer via live simulcast from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 5. Registration is \$10 through Feb. 28; after that date, the cost will be \$20. The first registrants will receive a free listening guide. The event will include continental breakfast, catered lunch and afternoon snack. To register, visit tinyurl.com/rfbcpss. For more details about the church, visit rockwallfriendship.org.

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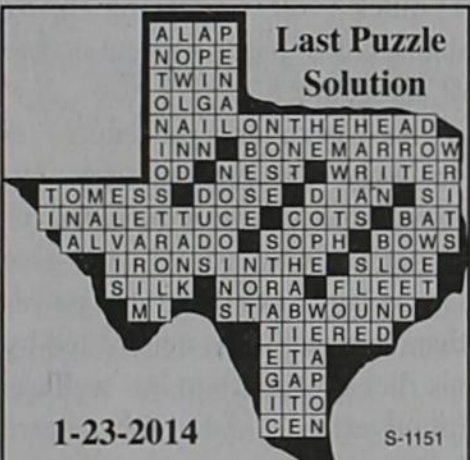
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Issued this the 27th day of January, 2014

Glenda Denton
Elections Administrator
Rockwall County

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El aviso por este medio se da para informar que el equipo de tabulación automático que será utilizado en elección primaria en el día 4 de marzo, 2014 será puesto a prueba en el día 5 de febrero, 2014 a las 9:00 a.m. en el domicilio 107 E. Kaufman St., Rockwall, Texas para comprobar que el equipo contara precisamente los votos emitidos/entregados para todas las oficinas y para todas las medidas.

Publicó esto el 27th día del enero, 2014

Glenda Denton
Administrador de las elecciones
Condado de Rockwall

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- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 11, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, and the Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, February 17, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following items:

Z2014-001: Proposed Zoning Change – Sids Road

Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Tommy Pulliam on behalf of Rayburn Electric Cooperation, Inc. for the approval of a zoning change from Agricultural (Ag) District to a Heavy Commercial (HC) District for a 6.057-acre tract land identified as a portion of Tract 3-06 of the W. H. Barnes Survey, Abstract No. 26, Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Agricultural (Ag) District, located on the south side of Sids Road west of S. Goliad Street (SH-205), and take any action necessary.

Z2014-002: Proposed PD Amendment (PD-70) – FM-552

Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Brad Forslund of Churchill Residential, Inc. on behalf of Stone Creek Balance, LTD. for the approval of a zoning amendment to Planned Development District 70 (PD-70) to allow an age restricted, senior housing on a 5.29-acre portion of a larger tract of land identified as Tract 2 of the W. T. DeWeese Survey, Abstract No. 71, Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, currently zoned Planned Development District 70 (PD-70), located on the south side of FM-552 east of N. Goliad Street (SH-205), and take any action necessary.

Z2014-003: Proposed Specific Use Permit – 109 St. Mary's Street

Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Charlie Rickerson for the approval of a Specific Use Permit to allow a detached garage with guest quarters/secondary living unit that will exceed the maximum permissible height for an accessory structure on a 0.40-acre parcel of land identified as Lot A, Block 117, B. F. Boydston Addition, Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, also identified as a Landmarked Property, zoned Single Family 7 (SF-7) District, located at 109 St. Mary's Street, and take any action necessary.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning staff at (972) 771-7745 with any questions. Additional information can be found on all current Zoning cases on the City's website: <http://www.rockwall.com/Planning/PlanningDevCases.asp>

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Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Rockwall County, Texas, and Case No. 13-06-2902P. The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

Opinions

Congress promotes foreign jobs

by Phyllis Schlafly

Congress is about to consider a massive attack on the U.S. Constitution, on the constitutional powers of Congress and the 50 states, and on U.S. sovereignty. This attack is marketed to the public as "free trade," but it is really a devious plan to make us kowtow to international tribunals under the pretense of "harmonizing" our laws with global trade.

This plan was hatched and worked out in secret, and even members of Congress were denied access to the negotiations and documents. President Barack Obama was obviously lying when he boasted that his is "the most transparent administration in history."

The formal titles of this upcoming travesty are the two trade treaties called the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership. hahaha They are cozily wrapped in a Richard Nixon-era procedure known as Fast Track, which authorizes the president to make foreign deals in secret, and then demand that Congress take a quick vote approving many thousands of pages without debate or amendment.

This peculiar procedure is not only undemocratic but un-American. Ask your members of Congress, why would you give Obama any more dictatorial power than he already has manifested by his illegal changes to our welfare, immigration and Obamacare laws?

The trade negotiations were developed under military-style secrecy. If congressmen want to see TPP's 30,000-word intellectual property chapter, called Article QQ, they can do so only by entering the inner sanctum without pen, pencil or paper, according to Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y.

Understanding what the treaties do is made difficult by their lengthy and immensely

complicated wording. The text is crammed with figures and details that make no sense to anyone who lacks specialized knowledge.

Most Americans believe that the poor job market, especially for young people, is our biggest current problem, and congressional action to promote faster economic growth should be Congress's No. 1 priority. But all evidence and past experience conclusively prove that free-trade treaties create jobs in foreign countries, not in the United States.

In the words of the old saying "fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me," it is shame on every congressman who votes for another phony free-trade treaty, and it's bordering on insanity to give Obama any more executive power that what he has already so flagrantly misused.

While Obama has publicly urged corporations to do "insourcing," his administration sent taxpayer money to the Philippines to train foreign workers to speak English so they can take jobs in U.S. call centers. The U.S. Agency for International Development financed a program called the Job Enabling English Proficiency to train 23,000 people in the Philippines to fill U.S. jobs, and 500,000 call-center jobs have been outsourced to foreigners since 2007.

One of the most devious parts of these trade pacts is that they will force the U.S. and other participating countries to "harmonize" food-safety standards. That means we and others will be required to use the lowest-common-denominator standards of all the dozen participating governments.

This could require us to import seafood, beef and chicken products that don't meet basic U.S. food-safety standards. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration would be powerless to shut down imports of unsafe feed or food ingredients and, if it tries, multinational

corporations can sue the U.S. government for loss of profits.

Vietnam government officials are excited about the recent visit of Walmart Vice President Ignacio Lopez, who was looking to buy low-priced goods, including processed farm produce. With a minimum wage of an estimated 28 cents per hour, Vietnam is in a position to sell food and apparel rather cheaply.

The trade agreements specify that the federal government required to use all possible means such as preempting legislative lawsuits and cutting off federal funds, in order to force the states to comply with TPP rules made by non-Americans. Ambassador John Bolton has warned us beware of the danger of losing our sovereignty in a web of international agreements and organizations.

Bill Clinton promised that the American Free Trade Agreement would produce "more exports and more jobs for the United States" but instead we now suffer a \$3 billion to \$70 billion annual trade deficit with Mexico. Simphony sales talks about free trade with China resulted in a 2013 trade deficit of \$316 billion, and a goods deficit with South Korea risen to over \$17 billion.

Free trade continues to make foreigners get jobs, investment and prosperity, while we are losers. One can only hope that conservative Republicans will learn their lessons.

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TEXAS CROSSWORD

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Rockwall Christian Warriors hold off GCA to take district lead

Lary Bump
Rockwall Christian Academy took over first place alone with a 58-35 boys' basketball victory over visiting Garland Christian Academy Friday.
Ryan Gafford hit two 3-point shots in an 8-0 run that gave the Warriors 12 overall, 5-0 in TAPPS District 3-2A) a first-quarter lead, and they look back.
With Gafford scoring 15 of his team's 17 third-quarter points, RCA leads 48-31.
RCA (14-6, 4-1) had entered the evening tied for first place with the Warriors. The Swordsmen battled back in the fourth quarter, but RCA held the lead by making eight free throws. Evan Milwee had six of the 10 points and eight of Rockwall Christian's 10 fourth-quarter points.
"It was a real big win," said Warriors head coach George Butler. "The boys had a bunch of guys that wanted it. They've lost the last four or five games to GCA. They beat us in a tournament by 20 points this year. We were prepared."
Rockwall Christian pulled within five points only at the end of the game for the final two baskets.
The Swordsmen did that even after Gafford fouled out with 3 minutes, 30 seconds remaining. Legrante Birth came off the bench to replace Gafford and made a steal to energize the RCA crowd.

Butler acknowledged that the team can struggle late in games because it lacks depth. RCA has just seven players, six of whom played against GCA.
Gafford and Milwee each scored 24 points, carrying the team in alternating quarters. Gafford scored nine in the first quarter and 15 in the third, and Milwee scored 10 in the second as well as eight in the fourth. Milwee also had team highs with nine rebounds, four steals and three blocked shots.
To set up Friday's showdown, Rockwall Christian had defeated Tyler East Texas Christian Academy 76-46 Tuesday, Jan. 21.
The Lady Warriors fell to 0-5 in the district, losing 45-14 to East Texas but playing better in a 50-33 loss to first-place Garland Christian.
RCA pulled within seven points at 20-13 on Rachel Rorie's 3-pointer 51 seconds into the third quarter, but the Lady Swords (8-6, 5-0) had a 30-20 advantage the rest of the way. Rorie scored 22 of the 23 second-half points for the Lady Warriors, who finished the game with four players. GCA's Hailee Burnett put in 15 points in the second half.
Rockwall Christian was scheduled to play at home against Greenville Christian School Tuesday, Jan. 28. Also on the schedule are Heritage Christian Academy at RCA Friday and district games Tuesday at Christian Heritage School of Longview and Friday, Feb. 7, at East Texas.
The boys have a non-district home game at 6 p.m. Saturday against

Waco Vanguard College Preparatory School (20-3), which is fourth among small private schools in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll.
Butler said, "We don't see any guards quicker than Evan and Ryan. The non-district game will help us see how we match up against really good guards."
The Warriors already have won this season against 18th-ranked Denton Calvary Academy.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Garland	12	11	10	20	53
RCA	19	12	17	10	58

Garland Christian Academy - N/A.
RCA - Ryan Gafford 24, Evan Milwee 24, Rodney Daniels 5, Jonathan Joseph 3, Jamison Lee 2.

Fulton teams undefeated in district

The Fulton School boys' and girls' basketball teams both rolled to a pair of easy victories last week and are undefeated in district play.
On Thursday, Jan. 23, Fulton won non-district games against Arlington Newman International Academy at Forney Sports Center. The Lady Falcons downed Newman 49-7, and the Falcons took a 59-13 decision.
Three Fulton boys (17-5 overall, 2-0 in TAPPS District 3-1A) combined for 64 points Monday in a 75-19 district victory over Irving StoneGate Christian Academy. Brenden Williams put in 29, Max Mitchell added 19 and Todd Treadway had 16.
The Lady Falcons (9-2 overall) won their first district game, running past StoneGate 71-22 even though they had just five players available.
The boys and girls each have two district games this week, at Longview Christian School Thursday and against Longview Trinity School of Texas Tuesday. Josh Johnson, Fulton's athletic director and boys' basketball head coach, said he was trying to finalize a site for Tuesday's home game. FSC is not available that night.
The girls' regular season ends Tuesday. The Falcons would have two additional district games, one at Waxahachie Preparatory Academy Friday, Feb. 7.
Johnson said, "We can't take anybody lightly. If you lose one game, it will get tough to win the district."
Four of the seven boys' teams from 3-1A will qualify for the playoffs. Three of the four girls' teams would advance to the postseason, with the district champion receiving a bye in the Bi-District round.

'Orion' takes year's 1st sailing race

Dan Malak sailed "Orion" to first place Sunday, Jan. 19, as racing began for 2014 on Lake Ray Hubbard.
Next across the finish line in a six-boat field for Founder's Series Race No. 1 were Jack Marsh, second aboard "Full Moon Fever," and Roy Kuipers, third in "Three Sheets."
A concern this year is that the lake is more than six feet below its normal level. Sailors have been advised to stay at least half a mile to the south of Robertson's Point, where the water is no more than three feet deep.

Yellowjackets swim take district championship

Ryan Garrett
The Yellowjacket boys and girls swim teams competed in the District 11-5A Swimming and Diving Championships on January 25 at Rockwall ISD Aquatics center. The Yellowjacket Boys took the team Championship, scoring one point over Tyler Lee 140-34.
Yellowjacket boys also won individual events. Noah Day, Daniel Eldridge and William Rapp won the 200 Medley, Rapp also won the 200 Freestyle, and Evan Scown took the 100 Breaststroke.
The boys showed their depth in winning a close battle for our District 11-5A Championship with 14 of the boys advancing to nationals," said Jackets swimming coach Paul Wallace. "Our girls did a great job in winning 6 of the 11 events."
The Lady Jackets finished second in the team competition behind the Lady Swords 128-167. Haylie Harbin, Raena Eldridge, Megan Conner and Jasmin Sani placed first in the 200 Medley Relay and the 400 Freestyle Relay. Harbin also came away with the 200 Freestyle and 100 Freestyle. Raena Eldridge won the 100 Butterfly and the 50 Freestyle, and was named the female "Swimmer of the Meet."
Qualifying swimmers will compete in the 5A Regional held at the Rockwall ISD Aquatics Center on February 7 and 8. Lady Jackets advancing to Regionals are Kelsey Boyd, Megan Conner, Raena Eldridge, Kelsey Franks, Haylie Harbin, Kayla Maxwell, Sarah Sani, Jasmin Sani, and Summer Scown. Yellowjacket boys advancing include Noah Day, Ethan Dupre, Mitchell Eldridge, Brandon Gan, Braxton Harbin, Ian Hein, Dean Manasco, James Miles, Ronan Passman, Jay Pultorak, William Rapp, Evan Scown, Stencil, and Justin Tokuz.



Heath Hawk Jared Butler and Lady Jacket Raena Eldridge named swimmers of the meet for the District 11-5A Swimming and Diving Championships.
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(Right) Female "Swimmer of the Meet" Raena Eldridge in the 200 Medley Relay during the District Championships. The relay team of Haylie Harbin, Eldridge, Megan Conner and Jasmin Sani took home the gold.
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Royce City Bulldogs' Cameron Caffee (30) powers his way up for a shot Friday January 24 at Sherman. The Bulldogs won 53-53.
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Royce City	15	18	17	13	63
Sherman	13	14	13	13	53

Individual
RCHS - Jackson Watts 17 points, 1 steal; Warner Dalton 12 pts, 1 rebound, 5 stls; Caffee 10 pts, 11 stls.; Joseph Steffen 11 pts, 5 rbd, 1 stl; Matthew Briceno 3 pts; Jared Richardson 3 pts, 1 rbd; Tyler Thompson 3 pts; Omar Redic 2 pts, 1 stl; Devante Alexander 2 pts, 1 rbd, 2 stls.
After Tuesday's game against Wylie, the Bulldogs will stay home on Friday January 31 against Lovejoy at 7 p.m.
Royce City will travel to Wylie on Tuesday February 4 at 7 p.m.

Two wins put Eagles into playoff picture

Lary Bump
Heritage Christian Academy won two of three boys' basketball games to move into playoff contention in TAPPS District 3-2A.
Entering Tuesday's game against Christian Heritage School of Longview, HCA was 4-13 overall, but 2-3 and in fourth place halfway through the district seasons.
Three teams from 3-2A would qualify for the playoffs. Christian Heritage School is third, one game ahead of the Eagles. HCA was scheduled to play four of the final five games on its Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo home court.
"The boys are playing their best basketball of the season right now," said Heritage Christian head coach Don McEvoy. Two of our seniors have really stepped up the last two weeks: Ben Migneault and Ethan Burton."
When the Eagles defeated Tyler East Texas Christian Academy 56-39 Jan. 17, Burton and Eli Cates each scored 12 points. In a 75-54 loss at Garland Christian Academy Jan. 21, Migneault had 16 points and Burton 10.
HCA won Friday's game at Greenville Christian School 45-41, with Burton scoring a game-high 14 points and Migneault adding 11. Heritage stretched a 7-6 first-quarter lead to 25-18 at halftime and held on to defeat the other Eagles.
McEvoy said, "Defensively, Will McEvoy continues to frustrate the opposing team's top perimeter player. Freshmen Christian Pettit and Brendan Schroepfer continue to improve and earn valuable varsity minutes."
Schroepfer totaled 14 points and Pettit had nine in the East Texas and Garland games. On Friday, Pettit led the Eagles' junior varsity to a 39-25 victory with 20 points.
The HCA girls reached the halfway point of the district season in second

place at 4-1 (8-11 overall). The Lady Eagles took their first district loss to first-place Garland Christian Jan. 21, but came back to defeat Greenville Christian Friday.
Heritage Christian is scheduled to play at Rockwall Christian Academy Friday, and at home against East Texas Tuesday and Garland Christian Thursday, Jan. 6. The girls would play at 6 p.m. and the boys at 7:30 p.m.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Heritage	7	18	11	9	45
Greenville	6	12	11	12	41

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Heritage	12	15	9	18	54
Garland	13	25	20	16	75

Heritage - Ben Migneault 16, Ethan Burton 10, Christian Pettit 7, Fielder Whittington 6, Brendan Schroepfer 5, Eli Cates 4, Will McEvoy 1.
Garland Christian Academy - N/A

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Heritage	10	15	17	14	56
East Texas	8	18	8	11	39

Heritage - Ethan Burton 12, Eli Cates 12, Brendan Schroepfer 9, Parker Smalley 7, Ben Migneault 5, Will McEvoy 2, Christian Pettit 2, Fielder Whittington 2, Lawson Hobbs 1
Tyler East Texas Christian Academy - N/A.

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