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City candidates file required campaign finance reports

Municipal candidates filed the required campaign finance reports by the deadline of Thursday, April 6, 2017, in accordance with state law, with 30 days until the May 6, 2017 "General Election."

The hotly contested races include challenges against incumbents in Places 1 and 5 for Rockwall, and Places 1, 2, 4 and 6 for a potential electoral coup to reign in the City of Heath.

Below details the informative information found in each report.

Rockwall

Enid Reyes, Place 1

Campaign Treasurer Nancy Mitchell.

Reported \$2830.06 in contributions and \$1495.24 in expenditures. Period of 1/19/17 thru 4/6/17.

Contributors: Nancy Mitchell \$50; Julie Spokes \$150 and \$5; JDS Property Management, Julie Spokes \$100; Deborah Bullenger \$100; Sol Villasana \$200; David Wrightson \$500; Matt Scott \$100; Betty Hoaglund \$25; D. Mark Elliston \$50; Sonja Martin \$25; Catherine Conger \$100; Jennifer Jeffus \$190.73; John Harper \$200; In-Kind contribution of campaign signs \$1034.33.

Expenses: Vistaprint.com \$114.21 for advertising; Image SoS \$856.26 for advertising; Office Max \$14.61 for printing; Mi Cocina \$17.10 for Meet & Greet; Mi Cocina \$105.14 for Meet & Greet; Home Depot \$10.79 for sign stakes and ties; Wix.com \$7 for website; Office Max \$73.58 for printing expense; Home Depot \$8.18 for sign stakes; Office Max \$67.10 for printer ink; Wix.com \$7 for website; Land1.com \$1.17 for domain purchase; Square, Inc. \$22.68 and \$3.20 for online donation processing; Vistaprint.com \$181.17 printing postcards.

Bennie Daniels, Place 1

Campaign Treasurer Gloria Daniels.

Reported \$100 in contributions, \$3555.35 in expenses and \$2500 in loans from himself.

Period of 1/18/17 - 3/27/17.

Expenses: Qball Design \$293.09; CLCA \$80 advertising newsletter ad; LVHA \$35 advertising newsletter ad; LVHA \$100 event facility rental; Qball Design \$2047.26 printing campaign signs.

Kevin Fowler, incumbent Place 3

Campaign Treasurer Brian Llewellyn.

Reported \$2552 in contributions and \$2106.43 in expenses.

Period 1/18/17 - 4/6/17.

Contributors: Glen Farris \$100; David Couch \$101; MetroTex Association of Realtors \$1000; Harvey Ladd \$200; Brett Lee \$100; Himmat Chauhan President JAGH Hotels DBA Best Western \$1001.

Expenses: Qball Design \$1121.44 signs; Qball Design \$984.99, signs.

Adan "Adam" Tovar, Place 3

Campaign Treasurer Michael Ragan.

Reported \$0 of contributions and expenses.

Period of 2/17/17 thru 3/27/17.

Scott Milder, incumbent Place 5

Campaign Treasurer Sarah Braddock.

Reported \$2383.73 in contributions and \$2318.75 expenses.

Period of 1/1/17 - 4/5/17.

Contributors: MetroTex Association of Realtors \$1000.

Expenses: Danwal, Inc. \$528.34 for printing; Alphagraphics \$329.08 for printing; Vistaprint \$77.60 for printing; Facebook \$446.21 for advertising; Facebook \$750.07 for advertising; Facebook \$187.45 advertising.

Dana Macalik, Place 5

Campaign Treasurer Sandra Holland.

Reported \$3350 in contributions, \$3921.72 in expenditures, and \$886.92 loan in Alliance Bank of Sulphur Springs, Texas.

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The Rockwall High competitive a cappella group, Walk the Line, recently hosted and participated in one of three quarterfinals as part of the International Competition for High School A Cappella (ICHSA). The top three groups from each competition will compete in the Southwest Semifinals, with the first place group advancing to the national contest in New York City's Beacon Theatre later this month. Walk the Line, in its second year in this contest, won the quarterfinal and Carmen Witwer won Outstanding Soloist Award, singing lead on "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Team members include Collin Tharp, Shelly White, Alexandria Hawes, Micaela Hemmer, Cassidy Kramer, Graeson Lynskey, Kenedy Matthews, Marianna Baird, Adam Brown, Hannah Dodson, Amy Duran, Hunter Gonzales, Witwer, Travis Bomkamp, Zoe Elledge, Ethan Lynskey and Logan Lynskey.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

University scholastic honors

Smith named to WU Dean's List

Caroline Smith of Rockwall was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Washington University, according to a news release from the St. Louis, Missouri, university.

Smith is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must earn a semester grade-point average of 3.6 or higher and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

Annual museum and style show held for Zaner Robison Historical Museum



Lois Jean Small draws prizes during the annual Roysie City Museum Luncheon and Style Show, Saturday, April 9, 2017, in the Melody Room of Roysie City's City Hall building. Shown at back is Barney C. Jones.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/
Rockwall County News

The annual Roysie City Museum Luncheon and Style Show was held, Saturday, April 9, 2017, in the Melody Room of City Hall in Roysie City.

Emcee for the event was Mary Johnson, President of Roysie City and Rockwall Housewarmers.

Deloris Ballard spoke about the events and opportunities available in Roysie City. Ballard created the Zaner Robison Historical Museum.

Also speaking during the luncheon was Herldine Radley, Director of the museum and the Goodwin Public Library.

Lois Jean Small drew prizes.

Barney C. Jones assisted Ms. Small with the prize drawing, and helped to make the event an overall success by setting up the tables, centerpiece, food. Jones, a regular attendee of museum events, assisted wherever there was a need.

Food for the event was donated by the Roysie City Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Style show clothing, shoes, handbags and jewelry were donated by Treasures on Main Street and Southern Grace Boutique.

Participants in the show included Mayor Janet Nichol, who modeled some of her fashionable attire.

Money collected by the event will be used for improvements and other museum needs.

Concert by the Lake events to begin May 4

The Concert by the Lake events, organized by Rockwall Parks & Recreation, will take place each Thursday night May 4 through July 27 at The Harbor, 2059 Summer Lee.

An overview of the performing groups and their music genres is as follows:

- May 4 - Burning Sky, variety
- May 11 - Bad Moon Rising, southern rock
- May 18 - Coppertones, Motown
- May 25 - David Whiteman, pop variety (preceded by Memorial Day event; concert at 8 p.m.)
- June 1 - Random Axis, pop variety
- June 8 - With or Without U2, U2 tribute
- June 15 - Mars Hill, modern variety
- June 22 - Local Yoakum, D. Yoakum cover
- June 29 - Limelight, party variety
- July 6 - Blaze of Glory, Bon Jovi tribute
- July 13 - Incognito, variety
- July 20 - Def Legend, classic rock
- July 27 - Escape, Journey tribute

Concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. each week. Admission to each concert will be free.

Those planning to attend should arrive at least a half-hour prior to the concert. Participants should bring lawn chairs or blankets; coolers are welcome (avoid glass containers).



Author Delatorro McNeal offers a motivational speech during the Rockwall Chamber Partnership Breakfast, Thursday, April 6, 2017, at a local restaurant in Rockwall.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall Chamber hosts quarterly event

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce recently hosted its Quarterly Partnership Breakfast, Thursday, April 6, 2017, at Fuzzy's Taco Shop.

The event featured the award-winning Rockwall High School A Cappella Choir, Walk the Line, as well as author Delatorro L. McNeal II.

After the choir's performance, the chamber offered a gifting bucket to help with the group's upcoming trip to New York. In total, chamber partners donated \$1,040 to Walk the Line led by Rick Bernas of Republic Services with a \$500 donation, according to a chamber news release.

McNeal delivered a motivational message about reaching peak performance and business success using his five principles - purpose, potential, passion, pain and power, according to a chamber news release.

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Roysie City rallies to save historic jail

The Roysie City Chamber of Commerce has been working for years to save a historic calaboose in the city limits. Years of weathering and the poor design of its placement have left it in a major state of disrepair. Now, Bobby Gladu of A&A Granite &

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Dorothy Mae Gray

Services for Dorothy Mae Gray of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Clint Thorson officiating. Burial followed at 1:30 p.m. at Laurel Lane Memorial Park in Dallas.



She died April 9. She was born Oct. 1, 1929, in Hugo, Oklahoma, to Charles Edgar and Grace Elizabeth (Cooter) Armstrong.

Survivors include her three children, Allen Gray and his wife, Jeannine, Larry Gray and Mary Burrow and her husband, Richard; her grandchildren, Allen Gray II and his wife, Shoshannah, Jason Burrow, Sean Gray, Dusty Burrow and his wife, Trisha, and Kimberley Knight; her great-grandchildren, Hunter Barrow, Conner Gray, Rees Cooks, Emma Gray, Ashton Cooks, Brooke Cooks, Jacob Burrow, Joshua Gray and Bliss Burrow; and a sister, Nina Dooley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jake Gray, a son, Jerry Gray, and a daughter-in-law, Glenda Gray.

Stephen Michael Nelson

A memorial service for Stephen Michael Nelson was conducted Tuesday, April 11, 2017, behind the Chandler's Landing Clubhouse, formerly Allure Restaurant, in Rockwall. The service included a ceremonial race start on the water and area sailors were encouraged to represent their clubs for the ceremonial start.

He died recently in an accident. Survivors include Dawn, Mike, Geoffrey and Zach Nelson; Stephen's fiancée, Ashley; and his daughter, Elizabeth.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations may be made to a scholarship fund set up for Stephen's daughter, Elizabeth, at any American National Bank location (Benefit Account of Elizabeth Ruth Nelson).

Rockwall ISD recognized for financial reporting

The Association of School Business Officials International recently awarded the Rockwall Independent School District its Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for having met or exceeded the program's high standards for financial reporting and accountability.

The district was recognized for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending 2016, according to a news release from the Rockwall ISD.

Sponsored by VALIC, the Certificate of Excellence recognizes the school business office's commitment to financial accountability and transparency. Recognition through the COE program can help strengthen a district's presentation for bond issuance statements and promotes high quality financial reporting, according to the news release.

For more than half a century, VALIC, a division of AIG, has served as a leading retirement plan provider for K-12 schools and school districts, as well as for higher education, healthcare, government and other nonprofit institutions. As of Dec. 31, 2015, VALIC has more than \$83 billion in total assets under management and manages plans for nearly 24,000 groups serving more than two million participants. VALIC represents The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company and its subsidiaries, VALIC Financial Advisors Inc. and VALIC Retirement Services Company.

For more information about the COE award, visit asointl.org/COE.

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Dana Macalik, Place 5

Campaign Treasurer Sandra Holland. Reported \$3350 in contributions, \$3921.72 in expenditures, and \$886.92 loan in Alliance Bank of Sulphur Springs, Texas. Period 1/15/17 - 3/27/17.

Contributors: Tom and Susan Hughes \$500; Joseph and Kathleen Fox \$1000; Sheri and Starkey Parks \$250; Robert Amick, Jr. \$1000; Lyn and Maribeth McCreary \$50; Lee Gilbert \$150; Terry Penn \$200; Elma Ponder \$100; Mindy Lee \$100.

Expenses: QBall \$644.09 advertising; Selfies on Canvas \$48.71 advertising; Signature Signs \$2340.91 printing; Alphagraphics \$99.49 printing; 7-Eleven \$44 travel in district; Alphagraphics; Dana Macalik \$25 fees; "USPO" \$167.19 solicitation/fundraising; Alphagraphics \$102.30 advertising; Zanata Restaurant \$161.08 food/beverage; Alphagraphics \$293.05 printing; USPO - Rockwall \$98 solicitation/fundraising.

Heath

Kevin Lamberth, incumbent Place 1

Campaign Treasurer Jon Bailey. Period 2/24/17 - 3/27/17. Total contributions \$2200; expenses \$2320.27; loans \$1550.

Contributors: Chuck Dale \$200; Jason Mueller \$500; Gene and Judy Lamberth \$500; Chris Cantu of Dallas, \$1000; Kevin Lamberth \$50; Kevin Lamberth \$1500.

Expenses: QBall Design \$224 advertising campaign signs; Delux Checks \$33.45 accounting QBall Design \$435.18 ad campaign signs; QBall Designs \$1627.64 ad campaign signs.

Frank O. New, Place 1

Campaign Treasurer Kendra McPeak-Lara. Total contributions \$850; expenses \$3469.52; loans \$5500. Period 2/24/17 - 3/27/17.

Employed by F&K Ventures. Contributors: Katherine and Rory King \$100; Melissa Hicks Hutchison \$100; Athryn and Brooks Nolan \$100; Nigel and Marika McGregor \$100; Joan Marshall \$100; Bradley and Lisa Epstein \$150; Dustin and Lon Smith \$100; Sharon and Don Caldwell \$100; Frank and Kerri New \$5500.

Expenses: Image SOS \$1355.83 advertising; Image SOS \$215.17 advertising; Staples \$298.45 advertising; Vista Print \$452.92 advertising; Image SOS \$105 advertising; Image SOS \$634.62 advertising; Amazon \$55.64 event; Amazon \$124.27 event; Vista Print \$64.99 event; Bunches \$162.38 event.

John A. Main, incumbent Place 2

Campaign Treasurer John A. Main. Period 2/21/17 - 3/27/17. Total contributions \$2400; expenses \$2937.06.

Contributors: Half Associates - State PAC \$400; Harry and Marsha Heinkle \$2000.

Unpaid incurred obligations: A.G.E. Graphics \$289.34 printing; The Home Depot \$107.79 zip ties for signs; Tractor Supply Co. \$122.92 T-Posts and Driver for signs; A.G.E. Graphics \$428 printing signs; Vistaprint USA \$98.97 printing door hangers; Data Ecology \$29 website hosting.

Rockwall Chamber recognizes Schweers

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce recognized Jared Schweers as its Ambassador of the Month for March.

Ambassadors are the "face of the chamber," according to a news release, and are responsible for promoting the organization and community awareness. Ambassadors serve on a point system, and for each activity they accomplish - helping members and volunteering at chamber events - they receive points. The top point earner is determined at the close of each month and honored the following month.

Schweers and his wife, Kristen, are Rockwall residents and the parents of three - Carter, 5, Cole, 2, and Cason, two months. The couple has served on several mission trips to Africa, Peru, Mexico and U.S. cities. He enjoys sports and the outdoors when he's not helping people through business and service opportunities.

Schweers is owner of Key Element Media, a web and digital marketing firm.

Paul Ruffo, Place 2

Campaign Treasurer Paul Ruffo. Total contributions \$1000; expenses \$1117.61; loans \$1101.81. Period 2/17/17 - 4/6/17.

Employed as business consultant with NTT Data. Contributors: A. Richard Elam Jr. \$100; Richard P. Koepke \$250; Rick Spletter \$300; Charles L. Wright \$200; Melissa Hicks Hutchison \$100.

Non-monetary contributions: Donna Lukenbill, National Project Manager DJ Brand Management, \$400 campaign signs; Donna Lukenbill \$800 signs.

Expenses: Victorystore.com \$406.60 advertising signs; Victorystore.com \$425 ad door hangers; Vistaprint Netherlands BV \$103.21 ad cards; Suited Solutions \$167 consulting; Facebook \$5 ad; Lowes \$10.80 zip ties for signs.

Barry J. Brooks, incumbent Place 4

Campaign Treasurer Garon R. Horton. Period 2/28/17 - 3/27/17.

Total contributions \$0; expenses unpaid incurred obligations \$1435.40 for advertising services by Qball Design.

Brent C. Weaver, Place 4

Campaign Treasurer Christina McClure. Period 2/16/17 - 3/27/17.

Total contributions \$1274; expenses \$3368.83. Contributors: Brad Larsen, owner Galaxy Ranch, \$500; Rodrick Swartz, owner A Pros Touch Landscaping, \$500; Brooks Nolan \$100; John Peisen, Attorney, \$100; Jeremiah McClure, VP of Sales Dallas Lighthouse, \$24.

Expenses: Image SOS \$1355.83 advertising (Master Card payment); Office Max \$58.63 printing; Vista Print \$109.40 printing; Go Daddy \$8.17 advertising.

Unpaid incurred obligations: Go Daddy \$2100.20 website; Image SOS \$339.36 signs; Vista Print \$2100 printing; Lowe's, \$61.07 advertising; Daniel Lane \$300 website design; Key Element Media \$489.83 printing; Image SoS \$187.28 advertising; Office Max \$7.14 printing; Dollar Store \$49.80 supplies for event; Arboleda's Restaurant \$598.25 event.

Richard H. Krause, incumbent Place 6

Campaign Treasurer Stephen D. McKimney. Period 2/25/17 - 4/5/17.

Total contributions \$2870; expenses \$2035.76 (by credit card). Contributors: Harry S. Heinkle \$2000; Charles W. Dale \$200; James F. Tunnell \$200; Brett D. Lee \$100; Ron Lerov \$20; Terry Turner \$200; Stephen D. McKimney \$150.

Expenses: Citi Master Card \$1696.92; Citi Master Card \$338; Rockwall County GSP \$132.87 event; Walmart \$30.49 advertising; Image SOS \$686.03 advertising; Image SOS \$338.84 advertising; Lowe's \$36.18 advertising; Image SOS \$472.51 advertising; Image SOS \$338.84 advertising.

Garrett R. Bothun, Place 6

Campaign Treasurer Garrett R. Bothun. Total contributions \$900; expenses \$3426.47; loans \$1969.61. Period 2/16/17 - 4/5/17.

Contributors: Kay Paulissen \$500; Tim Elliott \$300; Jason Wynn owner-operator Wynnscapecs Lawn & Sandscap Co. \$100; Garrett Bothun loan \$1969.61.

Expenses: Facebook \$28.51 advertising; Facebook \$27.67 advertising; Facebook \$212 advertising; Facebook \$25.09 advertising; Facebook \$30 ad; Facebook \$29.85 ad; Facebook \$1.18 ad; Facebook \$29.81 ad; Facebook \$1.80 ad; Facebook \$25.10 ad; Image SOS \$1969.61 printing advertising; Key Element Media \$1255.54 ad.

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has volunteered to temporarily. The chamber is working to create unique bricks for individuals and businesses to purchase. Each personalized brick then will be used in the landscaping of the area around the calaboose once it is repaired. Bricks may be purchased at thatsmybrick.com/roysecitycalaboose. Donations may be made to PayPal at info@roysecitychamber.com.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection planned

Rockwall will host its 17th annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, at the city's Service Center, 1600 Airport Rd. Items to be accepted include pesticides, paint products, household cleaners, herbicides, motor oil, automotive chemicals, swimming pool products, propane and tires in household quantities. On-site document shredding also will be offered and a vendor also will be on site to take electronic equipment for recycling. Each participating Rockwall resident will need to bring a current utility bill or driver's license to provide proof of residency. For more details visit rockwall.com/documents/news/HHW2017.pdf.

Republican Hispanic Club plans meeting

The Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club will host a community informative meeting in the Rockwall High School lecture hall beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 27. Guest speaker will be David Sweet, county judge, who will talk about the roles and responsibilities of local government. Sweet also will provide an update on county activities. The meeting will be open to all Rockwall County conservatives.

Drug takeback planned April 29

The local observance of the National Drug Takeback Initiative will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the John Fitzwater Sr. Community Services Center, 1113 Ridge Rd. (in the Ridge Road Shopping Center).

ARC Blood Drive set April 30 in Rockwall

An American Red Cross blood drive will run from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, at Half Price Books Rockwall, 959 I-30. Eligibility requirements may be viewed at redcrossblood.org/donating-blood/ eligibility-requirements. Make an appointment by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor app, by visiting redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

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WIN program reaches more than 3,000 students February was Teen Dating Violence Month, and during the 2016-2017 school year WIN's education specialists have seen more than 3,000 students in Rockwall and Hunt counties, according to information from the nonprofit organization.

Be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:23

Rockwall offers tips to help storm victims avoid scams

North Rockwall homeowners continue to work to recover from the storms that recently devastated their homes, and the City of Rockwall is providing tips to protect residents from becoming victims of potential scam artists.

Before the storm had subsided or the debris was even cleared away, contractors were in the Dalton Ranch neighborhood looking to repair homes in the area. Now the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) has released a video featuring local leaders that warns residents of the dangers of potential scam artists.

Trustworthy contractors will provide valuable services to homeowners in their recovery efforts. The Texas Department of Insurance offers additional suggestions for people seeking needed repairs.

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Mayors' Prayer Breakfast set May 4 in Rockwall

The City of Rockwall will host the Mayors' Prayer Breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, at The Center, 108 E. Washington St., in downtown Rockwall. Mayors from throughout Rockwall County are scheduled to attend. Theme for this year's event is For Your Great Name's Sake! Hear Us ... Forgive Us ... Heal Us! Following the breakfast, a second opportunity for the community to come together in prayer will be offered. A midday prayer event will run from noon to 1:30 p.m. at The Center. Pastors and community leaders will offer prayers.

Rockwall Farmers Market opens May 6

The Rockwall Farmers Market will open for its 2017 season at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, on the historic downtown square. The market will be open from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday through Sept. 30. For more details visit rockwallfarmersmarket.org.

Fundraiser to benefit RHS Robotics Boosters

A Drive for your School fundraiser set to run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Wilkerson Sanders Stadium parking lot, will benefit the Rockwall High School Robotics Booster Club. Rockwall Ford will bring in nine vehicles. If an adult over the age of 18 drives a vehicle then the club will receive a \$25 donation. The more people who come out to drive, the more donations will be made to the Booster Club. A bake sale and drinks will be on hand to sell refreshments and a face painter will be on site from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Democratic Men's Group to meet May 6

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will host its next luncheon at noon on Saturday, May 6, at Arboledas Mexican Grill, 1103 Ridge Rd., Rockwall. The group meets for lunch on the first Saturday of each month at various restaurants. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the future of Texas and Rockwall County are welcome to attend.

Vendors sought for Country Fair in June

The Rockwall Soroptimists are accepting applications for vendors for their fourth annual Country Fair from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. Admission will be free to the public. Sign-ups will be first-come, first-served and sponsorships also are available. Proceeds will fund the Soroptimists' ongoing projects benefiting women and children, including the Children's Advocacy Center of Rockwall. For more details or to sign up visit rockwallcountryfair.com.

Sign-ups underway for RSM Summer Camps

Sign-ups for the Rockwall Summer Musicals 2017 Summer Camps are underway. The "Fiddler on the Roof" Summer Camp will run June 26-30 from 9 a.m. to noon for youths ages 5-7 and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for those ages 8-18. The "Peter Pan" Summer Camp will run Aug. 14-18, from 9 a.m. to noon for youths ages 5-7 and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for those ages 8-18. Registration includes the workshop, a final performance, a ticket and a T-shirt. For more details or to register, visit rockwallsummermusicals.org/season/summer-camps-2017/. Scholarships are available; contact rockwallsummermusicals.org/contact/.

Rockwall County Entertainment

RISD to host district-wide art show

The Rockwall ISD's District Art Show is scheduled to run from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at Rockwall-Heath High School, according to the district website. Those attending are asked to enter at the Heath PAC entrance.

Gospel Bluegrass concert set at PCCS

The Poetry Community Christian School will host a concert by the Sowell Family Pickers, a gospel bluegrass group, beginning at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 1. The PCCS is located at 18688 FM 986 in Poetry.

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

The death and resurrection brings liberty

Throughout history, there are numerous accounts of people fighting and dying for others and country. The American revolution against Great Britain set the stage for winning real religious and political freedom from tyrannical rule.

Yet, even the American revolution pales compared to the victory for all people through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, who was the Son and Messiah of the Creator of the heavens and the earth. Without the power and authority of the resurrected Lord Jesus, his good works and death would fall without power and meaning.

The American revolution resulted in a declaration of independence from Great Britain that included a declaration of rights of life, liberty and property, all of which is unto the pursuit of happiness for all people, as long as they will keep and fight for it through the generations.

The death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus resulted in a legally binding purchase of mankind from the everlasting bondage of death.

God the Creator was the purchaser. His price was the death of His son, who willfully did his Father's will out of true love.

Jesus was the true and final sacrificial Passover lamb for all.

It resulted in the ability for any person to be filled with holy spirit unto true righteousness and cleansing from within. This included the capacity to walk by the spirit from the Creator in all nine ways as recorded in 1Cor. 12:7-9.

According to Romans 10:9-10, with the heart people believe that God raised Jesus from the dead unto righteousness.

With this precious gift of holy spirit, people have the hope of resurrection and everlasting life in paradise, or the New Earth as referenced in Revelations. It truly is that simple.

It's available to become the children of the Creator, in the name of his son Jesus, and enjoy the hope of salvation from the Day of Wrath to come. The Lord Jesus is our legal Power of Attorney to live as God's children in true liberty, with power and love.

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Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor") publishes this notice that on March 17, 2017, Oncor filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates, a copy of which is kept at Oncor's office at 1616 Woodall Rogers Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75202. This notice is being published pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule 22.51(a)(1).

Oncor's rate filing, based on the system-wide financial results for a 12-month test year ending on December 31, 2016, adjusted for known and measurable changes, supports a net increase in transmission and distribution rates of approximately \$317 million over adjusted test-year revenues, or approximately a 7.5% increase over adjusted test-year revenues of \$4,214.2 million. Test-year revenues have been adjusted to normalize billing units, to remove the revenues associated with Oncor's Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor, and to increase test-year revenues to reflect Transmission Cost of Service ("TCOS") and Transmission Cost Recovery Factor ("TCRF") adjustments. TCOS revenue was adjusted to include the September 15, 2016 interim update rates at 2016 Option 2 ERCOT 4CP. TCRF revenue requirement reflected on Line 2, Attachment A of Oncor's petition filed and approved in Docket No. 46616. If approved, the increased rates will be charged to Oncor's direct customers, all retail electric providers ("REPs"), in those portions of Oncor's service area under the original jurisdiction of the Commission. Each such REP is potentially affected by the proposed change. Depending on the REPs' actions, the end-use customer classes of such REPs are potentially affected by the proposed change. In addition, the result could be a change in Oncor's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Oncor has requested an April 21, 2017 effective date for its proposed rate change.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, in Docket No. 46957, Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for Authority to Change Rates, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission.

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NTMWD conducts 28-day chlorine treatment

The North Texas Municipal Water District scheduled a chlorine maintenance that will be conducted on the NTMWD Wylie, Tawakoni and Bonham water transmission systems and customers' distribution systems for the 28-day period of March 13 through April 10, according to a district news release.

Annually, NTMWD performs chlorine maintenance prior to the warm months of the year. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality allows water suppliers to perform chlorine maintenance to help reduce the need for water suppliers to flush systems in order to maintain chloramine residuals (required by the TCEQ) during the warm weather periods, thus conserving water. The flushing of water lines, during warm weather periods, maintains water quality to ensure the water supply is safe for human use and consumption.

The NTMWD utilizes chloramines, a combination of chlorine and ammonia, to provide the disinfectant residual in the transmission and distribution systems as required by the TCEQ. Chloramines provide a longer lasting residual disinfection in water pipelines and storage facilities. During the chlorine maintenance period, the disinfection residual consists of chlorine alone without the ammonia.

NTMWD continuously monitors water quality to ensure it meets or exceeds state and federal standards. If water tests indicate the disinfectant concentration has dissipated to levels that would affect water quality, water suppliers will flush the water within the pipes so that water with a higher level of disinfectant is present, according to the release. Water providers must maintain water quality that is safe for human consumption and use.

The chlorine maintenance does not have a negative effect on water quality; the water remains safe for use and consumption. During the chlorine maintenance period, consumers who are sensitive to odor or taste changes in the water might notice a stronger smell or taste of chlorine. This odor and palatability change does not alter the quality of the drinking water provided to consumers, according to the release.

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Opinions

Trump's economic warfare targets innocent bystanders

by Richard M. Ebeling

Future of Freedom Foundation

An often forgotten truth is that it is not just military warfare that can cause injury to innocent bystanders, the same inescapably happens in economic warfare initiated by governments, as well. But in the latter case the human "collateral damage" is a targeted victim.

On March 29, 2017, "The Wall Street Journal" ran a story highlighting the Trump Administration's likely intention on getting tough in trade talks about American beef sales to the European Union. Being more in tune with "nature" and the "natural" than the United States, the European Union long ago imposed trade restrictions on the importing of American beef that have been bred with the use of artificial hormones.

The dispute has gone on for decades, and was adjudicated by the World Trade Organization back in 2008. The WTO said that the EU did not have the authority to impose and maintain such restrictions on U.S. or Canadian imports, and that the latter two countries could impose retaliatory import duties on EU products until the prohibition on North American beef imports into the European Union was lifted.

A deal was made in 2009, the WSJ reports, under which the EU would allow a larger import quota of hormone-free U.S. beef, but the restriction on hormone-treated beef remained basically in affect. The U.S., therefore, retained a series of retaliatory tariffs on EU products equal to a market value of \$38 million, but under the WTO ruling could raise that tariff barrier to a market value of \$116.8 million, or an additional \$79 million in import duties on EU goods, if the prohibition was not lifted.

The U.S. has forestalled doing so, but American beef growers are complaining that the EU regulators have dragged their feet on even allowing the agreed-upon greater amount of hormone-free beef. Enter the Trump Administration. Having declared his intention of getting tough on U.S. trade deals, Donald Trump's government is threatening to impose these additional import taxes on EU goods, so "America" gets a better deal in our trade relationship with "Europe."

The problem is, "America" and "Europe" do not exist as living, breathing entities. They are short hands for all the individual

consumers and producers who happen to live and work in the areas of the globe that on a map are designated the jurisdictions of the United States and the European Union member nations.

In Military Warfare a Goal is Not to Kill Bystanders

In America's wars in the Middle East, the United States government declares that its military targets through either piloted or drone aerial attacks are the Islamic State and Al-Qaeda. But, again, there are no entities called either one. These two religious and terrorist organizations are manned by individual human beings, from the top leadership to the fanatical foot soldiers who undertake those ghastly attacks on various groups of people, both in the Middle East and elsewhere.

These individuals move about among the rest of the society wherever they are. Targeting members of the Islamic State or Al-Qaeda, even with the most precision weaponry, cannot escape, in most instances, running the risk of hitting civilians having nothing to do with the aimed target.

Referring to such victims as "collateral damage" doesn't change the fact that innocent men, women and children, having nothing to do with the targeted enemy, may be killed or severely injured in the attack. But, at least in principle, a stated goal is to try to avoid harm to the innocent bystanders around the selected human targets, even if this often turns out not to be the outcome.

In Economic Warfare the Targets are

Innocent Market Bystanders

In economic warfare, however, there is this important difference: In virtually every instance of retaliatory trade warfare the planned targets are inescapably innocent marketplace bystanders having nothing to do with the original trade restriction perpetrators. In fact, these bystanders are among those the retaliating government is directly aiming at.

Suppose that in France a group of domestic beef ranchers organize themselves to pressure the government in Paris to use its influence over the EU regulators in Brussels to impose a trade restriction on the importing of American beef. Needing a more lofty rationale to justify their special interest pleading to keep out foreign competition,

they join forces with touchy-feely "leftie" environmentalists who assert that hormone-bred cattle are more likely to cause cancer in human consumers (a claim that the WTO rejected as not scientifically proven).

Who are the victims from this act of economic warfare instigated by French beef ranchers and environmental ideologues? Certainly, there are the American beef exporters who, as a result, lose sales, market share and profits from within the European Union. But, equally, the burden falls upon all those European consumers who had been or would be interested in buying American beef because they consider the quality and/or price to be more attractive than the European-raised market alternative. Their consumer choice has been narrowed and, no doubt, ends up costing them more for any beef they now purchase in this government-protected segment of the European marketplace.

Nor should it be forgotten that an additional group of victims are all those in the European Union supply-chain who have as part of their niche in the division of labor the roles of importers, packagers, transporters, and retail sellers of American-raised beef. A part of their business, maybe in some instances all of it, is ruined within the European Union in the name of French cattlemen's anti-competitive protection and anti-GMO ideologues.

Thus, in initiating this economic warfare, the French beef interests end up harming many of their fellow Europeans in the name of defeating their American rivals. But the story does not end there. Suppose that the United States government decides to retaliate, as the WSJ reports that the Trump Administration is thinking of doing in this case. Who will be the victims of Trump's counter-attack?

Trump's Planned Targets for Trade Retaliation

According to the WSJ, the planned targets of U.S. import restrictions will be Perrier mineral water, French Roquefort cheese, Italian Vespa motor scooters and some Swedish-made dirt bikes. In other words, the targets for America's economic warfare retaliation are producers of goods having nothing to do with French or any other European cattle ranchers or the particular anti-GMO activists who are also pushing the continuation of the ban on hormone-bred beef from the United States.

The innocent bystanders are the target, precisely because there is no way to aim at French beef producers if they do not sell any of their meat in the United States; nor can the anti-GMO activists be easily targeted either, especially if they do not directly do their propagandizing in the United States -- no "severe visa vetting" will work here!

All of the European producers targeted for trade retaliation by the Trump Administration would be intentionally punished with lost sales, reduced market share and smaller or no profits earned in the United States due to the interventionist lobbying efforts by beef producers in Europe in the halls of political power in Brussels and national capitals like Paris.

Furthermore, the groups of American consumers who have been and desire to continue to purchase these European products will be part of the "collateral" damage, denied the ability to purchase these products and at prices not manipulated by the United States government. Their standards and quality of living will be reduced to the extent to which buying and enjoying these products have been or could be a part of their chosen basket of purchased goods.

And, again, it should not be lost sight of that another group of targeted victims will be all those in the American market supply-chain who import, handle, transport, and retail those European products to the American consuming public. Their profits will be cut, some or all of their jobs will be potentially lost.

Let us, also, not forget that to the extent that the European producers of Perrier, Roquefort cheese, and scooters and dirt bikes suffer reduced dollar earnings as a result of these retaliatory tariffs, this will reduce their financial capacity to buy other exportable American goods upon which they would have spent those earned dollars. Thus, other export sectors of the American economy will be negatively affected in the name of redress for American beef ranchers.

Punishing Fred and Frank Because

Peter Acts Badly to Paul

Another way of thinking about this might be the following. Suppose that you hear that over in France a Frenchman named Peter is bullying and beating up on Paul, an American visiting Paris. You tell Peter that what he is doing is not very nice, and if he does not stop his bad behavior toward Paul, you will step in. When Peter continues his bullying and beating of poor Paul, you say, "I warned you," and you start hitting a Frenchman named Fred visiting New York City plus an American named Frank who maybe has occasionally met Peter, but both of whom have nothing to do with whatever may be the problem between Peter or Paul. You then say to Peter, "I told you I was serious, and I'll keep hitting Fred and Frank, and maybe even someone else, if you don't stop beating up on Paul."

First, there no certainty that Peter is going to be moved to stop his beating up of Paul because of your hitting of Fred and Frank, especially if Peter views himself as better off by hitting Paul. And, secondly, you've now inflicted harm on two innocent bystanders who had nothing to do with the original problem.

Fred and Frank are unwillingly drawn into the dispute and made hapless targeted victims of someone else's unfortunate situation. All this has done is to extend the pain to an enlarged circle of people in the society. Fred and Frank maybe able to honestly say, now, to Paul, "I feel your pain," but that does nothing for poor Paul, and you've merely broadened the pain to two more people, while Peter may continue with his bullying behavior in France.

Long ago, in 1896, the British economist, Henry Dunning MacLeod, colorfully explained the effects from introducing retaliatory tariffs on a country that has imposed trade restrictions on one's own nation's goods. He said: "By the method of retaliatory duties, when the Frenchmen smites us on one cheek, we immediately hit ourselves an extremely hard slap on the other. The Frenchmen, by his duties, does us an injury, and we, by retaliating, immediately do ourselves a great deal more."

If this sequence of trade retaliatory events were to continue with one counter-trade restriction after another, economic warfare then threatens a downward spiral with reduced trade among nations, falling profits and employments in export and import sectors, and declining standards of living in all the participating countries from following this wealth-destroying path.

Yet, this is the path that the Trump Administration seems set on following, with the this "beef war" between the United States and the European Union being possibly the opening shoots in a series of conflicts in which U.S. government pulls out its policy toolkit of economic weapons to inflict pain on a widening circle of innocent bystanders in the name of a misconceived notion of how to make America "great."

After Trump's Syria attack, What comes next?

by Ron Paul

Ron Paul Institute

Thursday's US missile attack on Syria must represent the quickest foreign policy U-turn in history. Less than a week after the White House gave Assad permission to stay on as president of his own country, President Trump decided that the US had to attack Syria and demand Assad's ouster after a chemical attack earlier in the week. Trump blamed Assad for the attack, stated that "something's going to happen" in retaliation, and less than two days later he launched a volley of 59 Tomahawk missiles (at a cost of \$1.5 million each) onto a military airfield near where the chemical attack took place.

President Trump said it is in the "vital national security interest of the United States" to attack Syria over the use of poison gas. That is nonsense. Even if what Trump claims about the gas attack is true -- and we've seen no evidence that it is -- there is nothing about an isolated incident of inhuman cruelty thousands of miles from our borders that is in our "vital national security interest." Even if Assad gassed his own people last week it hardly means he will launch chemical attacks on the United States even if he had the ability, which he does not.

From the moment the chemical attack was blamed on Assad, however, I expressed my doubts about the claims. It simply makes no sense for Assad to attack civilians with a chemical weapon just as he is winning his war against ISIS and al-Qaeda and has been told by the US that it no longer seeks regime change. On the verge of victory, he commits a suicidal act to no strategic or tactical military advantage? More likely the gas attack was a false flag by the rebels -- or perhaps even by our CIA -- as a last ditch effort to forestall a rebel defeat in the six year war.

Would the neocons [neoliberals] and the mainstream media lie to us about what happened last week in Syria? Of course they would. They lied us into attacking Iraq, they lied us into attacking Gaddafi, they lied us into seeking regime change in Syria in the first place. We should always assume they are lying.

Who benefits from the US attack on Syria? ISIS, which immediately after the attack began a ground offensive. Does President Trump really want the US to act as ISIS's air force?

The gas attack, which took some 70 civilian lives, was horrible and must be condemned. But we must also remember that US bombs in Syria have killed hundreds of civilians. Just recently, US bombs killed 300 Iraqi civilians in one strike! Does it really make a difference if you are killed by poison gas or by a US missile?

What's next for President Trump in Syria? Russia has not backed down from its claim that the poison gas leaked as a result of a conventional Syrian bomb on an ISIS chemical weapons factory. Moscow claims it is determined to defend its ally, Syria. Will Trump unilaterally declare a no fly zone in parts of Syria and attempt to prevent Russian air traffic? Some suggest this is his next move. It is one that carries a great danger of igniting World War Three.

Donald Trump's attack on Syria was clearly illegal. However, Congress shows no interest in reining in this out-of-control president. We should fear any US escalation and must demand that our Representatives prohibit it. If there ever was a time to flood the Capitol Hill switchboard demanding an end to US military action in Syria, it is now!

Meals on Wheels --- Will Washington Cut/Reduce Our Senior Citizen's Meals?

by Millie Jean Coppedge

There has been much debate from the White House recently about a budget proposal that if passed, would cut the Meals on Wheels program which provides our senior citizens with a hot meal for lunch five days a week by 1/3. When the meals for the senior citizens are cut, will the meat be eliminated, the much needed vegetables, or the bread. Which 1/3 of our senior citizens are we not going to feed? Who will choose the persons who will tell the seniors that there is not enough funding to feed everyone?

If this chatter from Washington was meant as a scare tactic, it surely has worked. Not only the elderly are devastated with fear, but their families are worried of what will happen of the program is cut. Their parents, grandparents or other relatives or friends may not have the most important meal of their day.

Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County's mission is "committed to the belief that all seniors have the right to live independently with dignity and respect in their own home for as long as it is safely possible. It is our mission to provide isolated homebound seniors in Rockwall County with nutritional meals, daily human contact and supportive services to prevent their premature institutionalization."

I realize that cuts must be made to insure the financial soundness of our nation. But with the billions of dollars our government is wasting which includes Trump's jet ride to Florida every weekend to see his wife and all the extra security for her to live away from the White House), our own elderly here at home are worried about their most basic survival need--food. The stress and fear of what will they eat each day, should not even be a concern.

Rachel Stephens, representative for Congressman John Ratcliffe, says that he is committed to all his constituents, which includes the senior citizens. He represents 18 counties. Stephens says that he carefully analyzes all information in a bill before he votes on it. The issue of Meals on Wheels possibly being considered for reduction, is definitely not a part

of the health care package. It is a budget concern, one of the proposed ways to balance the budget. But will "the powers that be" balance the budget off the backs of our precious elderly.

Merge VerHagen, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County says the program feeds about 375 seniors a day and 170 of them are homebound.

Robin Woodward, Director of the Senior Citizen Center for Royce City Meals on Wheels program, says she and her staff fed 1,148 seniors last month, including those who ate at the center and the homebound.

Just the thought of this budget proposal outrages me. If the proposal passes, will we cut the amount of food each senior gets or will 125 people not receive their meals? How will someone choose who won't get food anymore? Who will have to make that choice?

If you haven't been to a center at lunch time, it may be a real eye opener for you. Plan to visit one to see the importance of the reason these seniors are there. For some seniors, this is the only hot meal they receive each day. Many are just one step away from not even being able to come to the center due to age and health. The next step for them would be homebound where they would not only lose their independence, but their much needed social life of being with their many friends.

Another eye opener would be to volunteer to help deliver the food to homebound seniors, or with permission, go along with one of the many faithful people who deliver the food five days a week. Watch the interaction between the homebound senior and the person who brings their lunch. You will witness smiles, hugs and communication between the senior and the deliverer. This person who brings them lunch may be the only person they see all day, or possibly all week. What a lonely life and how sad for those in the sunset of their years for them to have to live so isolated.

I only wish there had been such a program for my grandparents, especially in the last few months of their lives. What a blessing it would have been for them to receive a hot meal every day with a smiling face of love at the door. There was no such program where they lived.

Those who deliver the meals, are all volunteers. What a rewarding feeling this must be for them to knock on doors and see the big smile that comes across the senior's face when the door is opened. If you know someone who helps with preparing the food, delivers it or in any way help in the Meals on Wheels program, just as we do for our veterans. Tell them "Thank you for your service" in helping our seniors.

A sobering thought: Someday you and I may be at home awaiting a ring of the doorbell.

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Yellowjackets gymnastics take District Championship

The Rockwall High School men's gymnastics team won the District Championship, Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at Brandenburg Middle School, with 327.75 points.

According to Head Coach Cameron Sweny, the team will advance to the Regional Championships, April 12 and 13, at Highland Park High School.

Garland Lakeview finished in second with 318.75, and Rockwall-Heath took third with 313.05 points. Individual (top 10)

Floor: 1st - Mckay Larman; 3rd - Jake Hodges; 6th - Sean Denny.
Pommel Horse: 4th - Mckay Larman; 5th - Zach Dougal; 7th - Jake Hodges; 8th - Wyatt Logan; 9th - Louis Jelic.

Rings: 1st - Mckay Larman; 3rd - Jake Hodges; 4th - Wilson Farris; 7th - Ryan Szafran; 8th - Bryan Kottke.

Vault: 1st - Mckay Larman; 4th - Connor Campbell; 6th - Zane Larman.

Parallel Bars: 1st - Mckay Larman; 2nd - Preston Gage; 3rd - Jake Hodges; 7th - Scott Mackenzie; 10th - Garrett Sutherland.

High Bar: 2nd - Mckay Larman (tie); 2nd - Aaron Cory (tie); 4th - Jonah King; 5th - Jack Butcher; 7th - Connor Campbell; 10th - Aidan Culp.

All Around: 1st - Mckay Larman; 9th - Jake Hodges.

Lady Jackets gymnastics win District Championship

The Rockwall Lady Jackets took first place in District, Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at Brandenburg Middle School, with 228.85 points.

Rockwall-Heath finished second with 221.45 points, followed by third place Garland Lakeview with 217.85 points.

Kaitlyn Scott took first place in the Vault, Bars, Beam, Floor and All Around.

Individual Events: (top 10 athletes were awarded)

Vault: 1st Kaitlyn Scott 9.95 / 9.4; 3rd Kat Rodriguez 9.7 / 9.45; 7th - Carolina Floris 9.7 / 9.0; 10th - Erika Brown 9.45 / 8.6.

Bars: 1st Kaitlynn Scott 10.0 / 8.9; 2nd Kat Rodriguez 9.45 / 9.3; 4th Mina Isaac 9.65 / 8.7; 7th Kennedy Shelton 9.4 / 8.4; 10th Sarah Graves 9.3 / 8.0.

Beam: 1st Kaitlynn Scott 9.85 / 9.65; 1st Kat Rodriguez 9.75 / 9.75; 5th - Kennedy Shelton 9.45 / 9.3; 7th - Erika Brown 9.0 / 9.15; 8th - Juliet Delgleize 9.75 / 8.35; 10th - Jamie Hall 8.7 / 8.51.

Floor: 1st Kaitlynn Scott 9.9 / 9.75; 2nd Kat Rodriguez 9.85 / 9.6; 7th Kennedy Shelton 9.45 / 9.0; 9th Jamie Hall 9.3 / 8.9.

Lady Hawks gymnastics advance to Regionals

The Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks gymnastics team placed second at the 2017 Gymnastics District Championships, Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at Brandenburg Middle School.

The team advanced to the Regional Gymnastics Championships, to be held April 12 and 13, at Highland Park High School starting at 2:00 p.m.

According to head coach Jennifer Holden, the top three teams from Regionals will advance to the THSGCA State Championships on April 28 and 29, at Odessa Permian High School.

Rockwall-Heath finished with 221.45 points, just behind the first place Rockwall team with 228.85 points. Garland Lakeview finished third with 217.85 points.

Individual Results:
Haley Gibson - 9th Vault 18.1, 8th Uneven Bars 17.55, 6th Beam 18.6, 11th Floor 17.8 and 5th in the All-Around 72.05.

Spencer Ware - 5th Vault 18.85, 5th Uneven Bars 18.1, 4th on beam 18.9, 5th Floor 18.75 and 4th on the All-Around 74.6.

Bailey Daulong - 2nd Vault 19.2, 6th in the All-Around 71.35, 12th Uneven Bars 16.6, 13th Beam 16.7.

Peyton Moody - 6th Uneven Bars 17.85, 6th Floor 18.6, 7th All-Around 70.45, 17th Vault 17.45, 15th Beam 16.55.

Corinne Moody - 12th Beam 16.75.

Tori Mercado - 6th Vault 18.75 and 15th Floor 16.9.

Julia Shallow - 12th Floor 17.55 and 16th Beam 16.1.

Gillian Rupert - 16th Vault 17.55.

Collins takes 200M and 400M in Rockin R Relays

The Rockwall High School women's Track & Field team finished first with 89 points, Friday, April 5, 2017, during the Rockin R Relays at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium in Rockwall.

The Rockwall-Heath women's team placed six with 50 points, and RHHS men's team finished eighth with 28 points.

Rockwall Lady Jackets Liah Collins dominated the women's 800 Meter Run with a first place 2:16.82 finish.

Rockwall-Heath's Morgan Burks-Magee finished first in 55.09 in the women's 400M Dash.

Sarah Horan, of Poetry Community Christian School, won the race for second place in 57.52, also in the 400M Dash.

Morgan followed up with a strong first place finish of 24.54 in the 200M Dash.

In the men's Discus event, Rockwall-Heath's Brad Howard threw 158-11 for first place.

Bomi Ogunlari of Rockwall-Heath cleared 5-00.00 for first place in the women's High Jump.

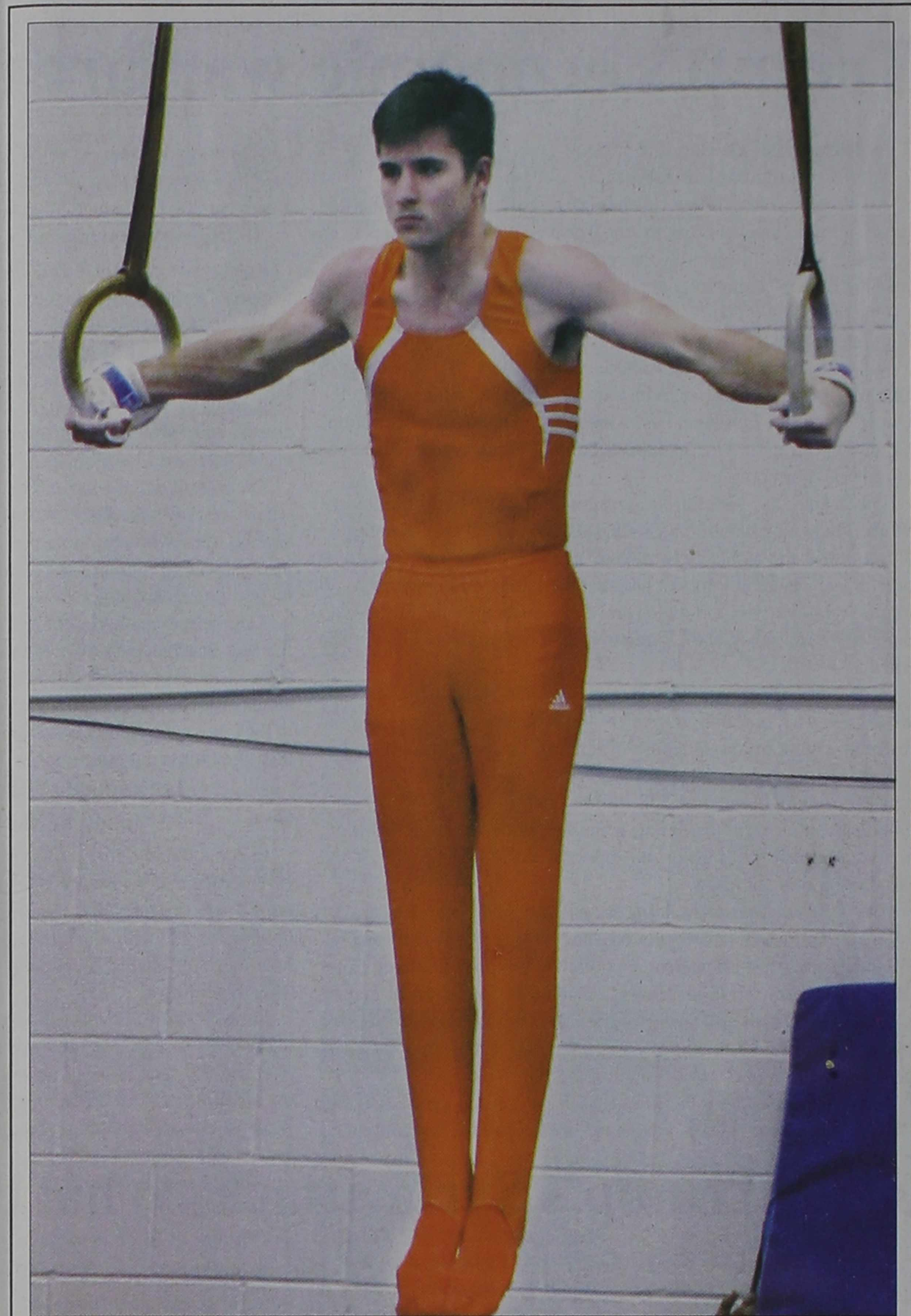
Sarah Graves' 11-00.00 women's Pole Vault height for Rockwall tied for first place with Forney's Nicole Oberle.

Rockwall's Calista Ukeh finished first with her 37-08.00 throw in the women's Shot Put.

Other individuals placing in the top three

Rockwall: Allyson McCutcheon, 3200M Run, 12:17.85 for 2 place; Damon Lewis, 800M, 2:01.07 for 2; Noah Sewell, 110M Hurdles, 14.99 for 2; Chika Iwuamadi, 400M Dash, 57.42 for 3; Ariell Hopkins, 1600M Run, 5:38.16 for 3; Chika Iwuamadi, Abbey Graves, Kaitlyn Stark, Liah Collins, 4x400M Relay, 4:06.12 for 2; Calista Ukeh, Discus, 114-00 for 3; Savannah McKenzie, High Jump, 4-10.00 in 3-way tie for 2; Micaela Vavra, women's Pole Vault, 11-00.00 for 3; Riley Stewart, men's Pole Vault, 13-00.00 for 3;

Rockwall-Heath: Cooper Luff, men's Shot Put, 48-07.25 for 3.



Yellowjackets gymnast McKay Larman holds-steady toward a first place finish in the Rings event, Wednesday, April 5, 2017, during the District Meet at Brandenburg Middle School. Larman dominated the District meet with first place wins in the Floor, Rings, Vault, Parallel Bars and All Around. The Rockwall team won the championship with 327.75 points. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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• Bashful Beauty, CO2017-0009, issued 1/20/2017, active 2/2/2017; 502 Goliad Street North; business owner Doan Hernandez 502 Goliad Street N.

• Meade Servicing Group, CO2017-0010, issued 1/31/2017, active 2/6/2017; 496 National Drive B; business owner James Meade, 496 National Drive.

• Waterstone Christian Center, CO2017-0011, issued 2/1/2017, active 2/3/2017; 2313 Ridge Road 104; business owner Jeff Murriel 2313 Ridge Road #104.

• McDonalds - Kevco 34136, CO2017-0013, issued 2/16/2017, active 2/22/2017; 3066 North Goliad Street; business owner Keva Childress 935 W. Ralph Hall Pkwy \$101.

Fire Department
Number of calls by type: Building fire, 2; Passenger vehicle fire, 1; Grass fire, 5; Cultivated vegetation, 1; Medical assist, 4; Motor vehicle accident with injuries, 6; MV accident with no injuries, 1; Watercraft rescue, 2; Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill, 1; Gas leak (natural gas), 6; Oil or other combustible liquid spill, 1; Heat from short circuit (wiring), 1; Arcing shorted electrical equipment, 1; Public service assistance, 1; Assist police or other governmental agency, 12; Unauthorized burn, 1; Dispatched and canceled en route, 1; No incident found on arrival, 4; Smoke scare, 5; False alarm, 1; Smoke detector activation due to malfunction, 2; Alarm system sounded due to malfunction, 5; CO detector activation due to malfunction, 1; Unintentional transmission of alarm, 3; Sprinkler activation, no fire, 1; Alarm system activation, no fire, 6; Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO, 1.

Structure fire reports
Responded to report of structure fire on Feb. 7, 2017 at 514 Shore Trail Drive. The first unit arrived on scene and reported heavy smoke from the front of the residence, and fire showing through the roof on the side of the residence. Firefighters attacked the fire and contained the fire to the residence of origin. There was significant damage to the structure. There were no firefighter injuries. A total of 2 Chiefs and 6 on-duty personnel were on the scene, along with 1 off-duty full time personnel, 7 volunteers, and 1 fire investigator. Dispatch time was 2:32.40 a.m. Clear time was 5:13.12 a.m.

On Feb. 14, Engine 2 was dispatched code 1 to 5803 Ranger, to verify that a fire on the balcony, which was extinguished by the homeowner, was completely out. FD found smoldering embers and removed charred wood and paneling around a broken window.

Police Department
Offenses: Homicide/Manslaughter, 0; Sexual Assault, 0; Robbery, 0; Aggravated Assault, 3; Burglary, 4; Larceny 54; Motor Vehicle Theft, 2; Family Violence, 18; D.W.I., 11.

Arrests: Felony, 27; Misdemeanor, 66; Warrant, 19; Juvenile, 5.

Accidents: Injury, 17; Non-injury, 47; Fatality, 1.

False alarms: Resident, 54; Business, 107.

Narcotics unit: 8 cases with 3 arrests. Seized 2.5 kg Methamphetamine and \$9,940.

Harbor District calls: 2/1/17, 3:33.40 a.m., Hilton, Civil Matter, No Report; 2/1, 4:52:39 p.m., Hilton, Theft, Report filed; 2/2, 6:58:10, Hilton, Criminal Mischief, No Report; 10:42:53 p.m., The Harbor, Investigation, No Report; 2/4, 2:35:11 a.m., Cinemark Movies 12, Investigation, No Report; 2/4, 10:33:21 p.m., CM 12, Welfare Concern, No Report; 2/5, 2:35:18 a.m., The Harbor, Investigation, No Report; 2/5, 10:16:47 p.m., CM 12, Shots Fired, Unable to Locate; 2/6, 6:39:09 a.m., Gloria's Restaurant, False Alarm; 2/9, 1:12:03, Hilton, Investigation, No Report; 2/11, 5:43:04, Rockwall Mountain Chocolate Factory, Disturbance, No Report; 2/14, 12:04:16 a.m., Dodie's Seafood, Investigation, No Report; 2/14, 2:59:31, Hilton, Suspicious Activity, No Report; 2/16, 8:29:43 p.m., Hilton, Intoxicated, No Report; 2/18, 12:25:19 p.m., Campisi's, Harassment, Report; 2/19, 4:19:35, The Harbor, Investigation, Warning; 2/22, 7:24:09, Gloria's Disturbance, Arrest; 2/23, 10:04 a.m., The Harbor, Welfare Concern, No Report; 2/25, 8:45:14, The Harbor, Suspicious Activity, Unable to Locate; 2/25, 8:49:10, CM 12, Missing Person, No Report;

Animal Adoption Center profit and loss comparison

Income: City, \$97,617.87; Adoption Fee, \$16,237.26; Impound Fee, \$210; Owner Surrender, \$470; Quarantine Fee, \$100; General Donations, \$345; PayPal, \$340; Uncategorized, \$470. Total income, \$116,087.63.

Expenses: Shelter, \$0; Micro Chip, \$1998; Medication, \$4091.70; Shelter supplies, \$249.38; Truck Maintenance, \$225.91; Misc, \$97,900; Insurance, \$348.60; Veterinary, \$101.74; Business, \$200.24; Contract Services, \$8,138.64; Postage, \$10.80; Medical, \$84.56; Retirement 401K, \$230; Healthcare Insurance, \$3303.47; Payroll, \$17,317.89; Tax Penalty, \$6154.03; Travel, \$50. Total expenses, \$141,181.62. Net income, -\$25,093.99.

Airport Operations
Fuel Sales: Jet - A Sales, 807 Gallons for \$2213.01; Av-Gas, 1388.70 gl for \$5241.27.

Hangar Rental Revenue: Patio Hangar, \$2501.47; Transient Covered, \$0; Enclosed Hangar, \$120; Nightly Tiedown fees, \$49; North Community Hangar, \$660.

Hangar Occupancy Rates: Open T, 42 Hangars out of 45 rented for rate of 78.57%; Closed Hangar, 2 of 2; Open Hangar Caps, 1 of 2.

City fees: Fuel Sales in Gallons sold, \$.10 with fuel flowage fees of \$219.57 due; City Owned, 5% fee rate, Franchise Fee due \$166.02.

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- 8:45 Brunch
- 9:15 Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:00 Worship

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