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Rockwall-Heath HS Art Students Win Gold at State VASE

Three artists from Rockwall-Heath High School -- Emily Mastronardi, Peighton Cook and Christy Gersch -- recently won four gold medals from the TAEA State Visual Arts Scholastic Event.

"We have a group of very hard working and gifted students this year," said RHHS art teacher Susan Aston. "These medals are indicative of their amazing creativity and skills."

Mastronardi, a senior, used oil to paint baby dolls preserved in plastic wrap. Her concentration is about growing up.

Gersch, a sophomore, used Prisma markers and colored pencils to create Bed Head. Her concentration is about how society tells us to stay realistic, but there will always be a part of us that likes to dream. She won a second gold medal for Fragmented Simplicity, which utilizes individual overlooked parts of life and combined them to create interest and beauty.

Cook, a senior, also used Prisma colored pencils to create her piece. Her concentration is about how attributes of what is inside of us is what really matters. The mouth was drawn in vibrant colors to represent the beauty in the words a person speaks.

Fewer than one half of one percent of the pieces on display at VASE earn a gold medal.



Three Rockwall-Heath High School students were awarded gold medals at the TAEA State Visual Arts Scholastic Event. Gold medalists, pictured above, included Emily Mastronardi, Peighton Cook and Christy Gersch.

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University scholastic honors

Rockwall residents named to Harding Dean's List

Three Rockwall residents were among the more than 1,300 students included on the Harding University Dean's List for grades achieved during the spring semester, according to a news release from the Searcy, Arkansas, university.

Honorees include Peyton Mills, a communication sciences and disorders major; Terah Smith, a biomedical engineering and mechanical engineering major; and Julie White, a journalism major.

The Dean's List includes students who carry 12 or more hours with a 3.65 or higher grade-point average with no incompletes.

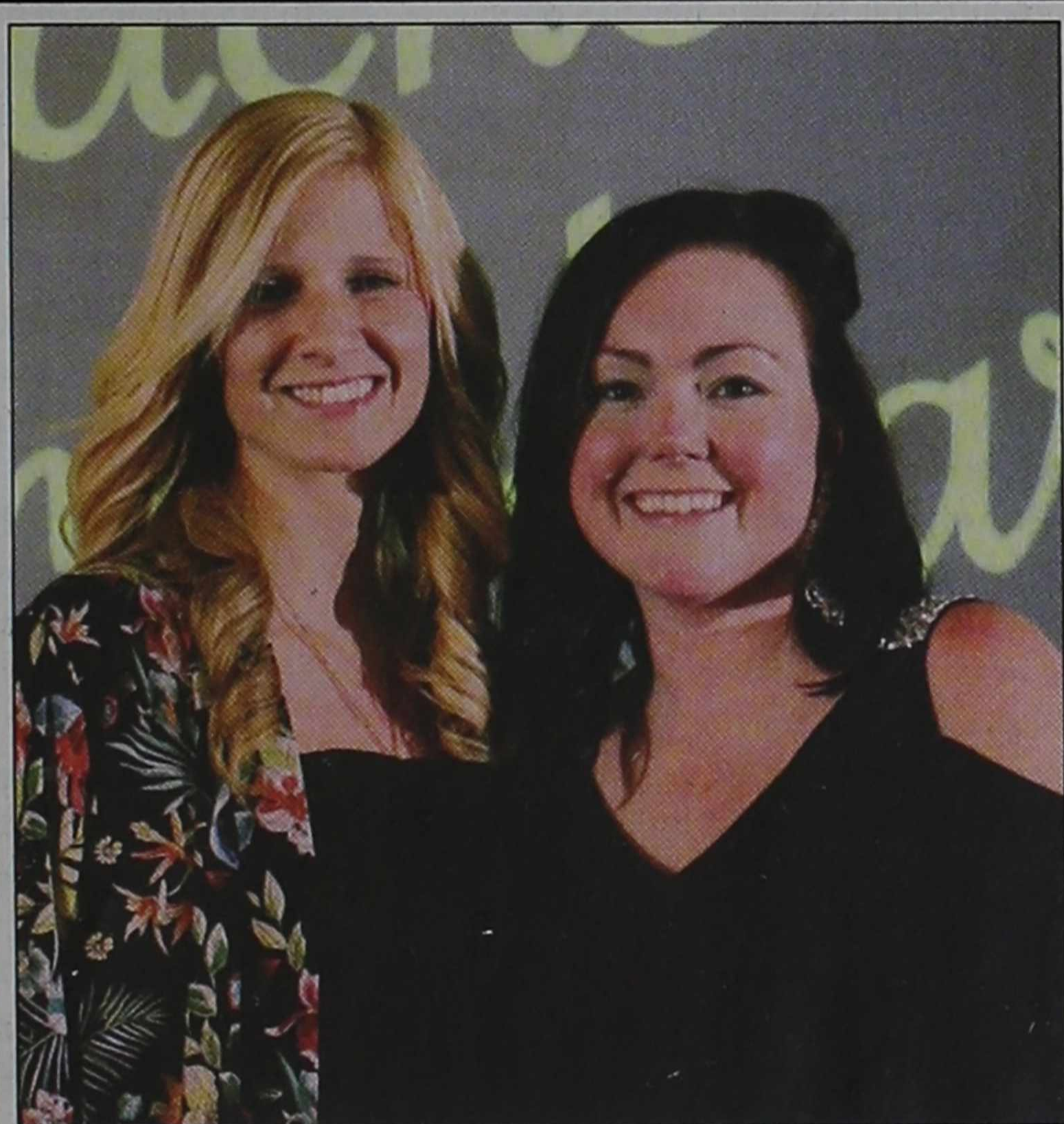
Rockwall ISD announces 2017 Teachers of the Year

The Rockwall Independent School District has announced the 2017 Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year: Kayse Williams, special education resource teacher at Stevenson Elementary, and Amber Panter, Spanish teacher at Utley Middle School.

"Kayse has the ability to make lasting, life-long relationships with each of her students, taking the time to get to know them," Stevenson Elementary Principal Mike Pitcher said in a RISD news release. "The relational bonds she forms are unique. They believe in themselves because they know that Kayse believes in them."

"Amber has captured students' imaginations through her active approach to teaching and facilitating the love of Spanish and leadership," Utley Middle School Principal Todd Bradford said. "Amber uses her strong interpersonal skills to take kids learning to places they never imagined."

Also honored was Erica Maresh, who was awarded the second Sheri Stodghill Fowler Beginning Teacher of the Year Award. Stodghill Fowler was the chief communications officer for the school district for nine years before her death in January 2015 after a lengthy battle with cancer.



Kayse Williams, special education resource teacher at Stevenson Elementary, and Amber Panter, Spanish teacher at Utley Middle School, recently were named the 2017 Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year for the Rockwall Independent School District.

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Rockwall schools plan spring games

The Jacket Backers and RHS Student Council announced the 2017 Spring Swarm events set for May 22 and 23, 2017 at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium in Rockwall.

On Monday, May 22, the Freshman/Sophomore Powder Puff Game will start 5:30 p.m., followed by the 7:00 p.m. Junior Varsity football Spring Game.

The events on May 23 will start 5:30 p.m., with the Junior/Senior Powder Puff Game.

The Spring Swarm will finish with the 7:00 p.m. Varsity football Spring Game.

Tickets will be \$5, and children 5 and under are admitted for free. Donations will also be accepted.

All proceeds will go to THSCA 'Our Day to Shine' and the RHS Senior Class.

Hodges resigns weeks before election, Steinhagen appointed as M-C mayor

During the April 11, 2017 regular meeting of the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Inc., the council voted to accept the resignation of former Mayor Nathan Hodges.

Attending the meeting were councilmembers Gary Lovell, James Herren and Robert Steinhagen.

Councilmembers Wayne Orchard and Patrick Short were absent from the meeting.

Hodges read his resignation letter to the council during the March 28 meeting.

A copy of the letter was obtained from the City Secretary's office.

Hodges explained that he was precluded from devoting attention to the mayor position after "the departure of the other full-time periodontist," during December of 2016.

"I am very disappointed, but over the past several weeks it has become obvious to me that I simply can't serve my patients to the level I expect and serve this community to the level it deserves, and serve it to the best of my ability. Again, I am disappointed by the sequence of events that has led me to this decision, but I feel this is the right decision moving forward," said Hodges.

The former mayor did not clarify what was meant by "sequence of events" that led him to the decision.

Due to the interesting timing of Hodges' resignation, being nearly one month from the city's May 6 "election," the council voted during the April 25 meeting to appoint Robert Steinhagen to serve in the mayor position. Steinhagen would serve until the May 5, 2018 regular municipal "election."

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Rockwall ISD Culinary Arts Team, comprised of Rockwall High and Rockwall-Heath High students recently competing in the National ProStart Invitational at Charleston, South Carolina, are (left to right) Chef Cody Hayes, Madi Alexander, a RHS junior; Kali Stampfer, RHS senior; Emily Martin, RHHS senior; Alexa Nunex, RHS junior; and Preslie Mann, a RHS sophomore. "These girls were amazing," said chef Cody Hayes. "They fought hard and ended in third place in the nation, out of 45 teams from across the country." More than 340 students from 75 high schools and 103 teams competed in the state competition, via two rigorous regional competitions and one state final competition over the course of three months. Teams participating in the culinary competition were required to demonstrate their creative abilities through the preparation of a three-course meal in 60 minutes with only two portable burners and no electrical equipment. They also were judged on knife skills, safety and sanitation, teamwork, recipe creation and recipe cost. The first-place team from each state advanced to the National ProStart Invitational, where they competed against 45 other teams.

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Celebrate Older Americans Day May 18

Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County will host an Older Americans Day celebration, Age Out Loud, beginning at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, at the Rockwall County Library, 1215 Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. Each May, Rockwall County organizations, the five city mayors, city government and individuals nominate outstanding seniors (or those who serve them) to receive awards for making a difference in the community at large. For more details or to nominate a senior call 972-771-9514.

RSVP for Chisholm Baptist VBS by May 20

Chisholm Baptist Church, 1388 S. State Hwy. 205 in Rockwall, will host a vacation Bible school from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. May 31 through June 3. RSVPs are required by May 20. To register, visit chisholmbaptistchurch.org.

Hope Mobile in Rockwall May 23

The Spay/Neuter Network's 45-foot mobile hospital bus will be in Rockwall on Tuesday, May 23, to offer low-cost spay/neuter services in the Wal-Mart parking lot, 782 E. I-30. Procedures will be performed on site. Vaccinations are available without appointment,

10 a.m. to noon. Watch for specials and check other locations on spayneuternet.org. This is a monthly event, so watch for dates. To schedule a surgery appointment or for more details call 972-472-3500 or 817-423-5500; spaces fill quickly. All dogs must be on collar/leash or harness that cannot be slipped; cats must be in secure carriers.

Meeting to focus on Running a Business Effectively

The RCHRC will host its next community forum with the presentation, Running a Business Effectively, Part 1, beginning at 7 p.m. on May 25 at the Community Room at the Rockwall Chamber, 697 I-30, Rockwall. For more details contact rchrc.info@gmail.com.

American Legion to host Iraq/Afghanistan traveling wall

The American Legion Post 100 has secured one of the Iraq/Afghanistan traveling walls to be displayed May 29 at the Royce City City Hall. The event will be open to the public. The traveling wall contains the images and names of all Texas soldiers killed



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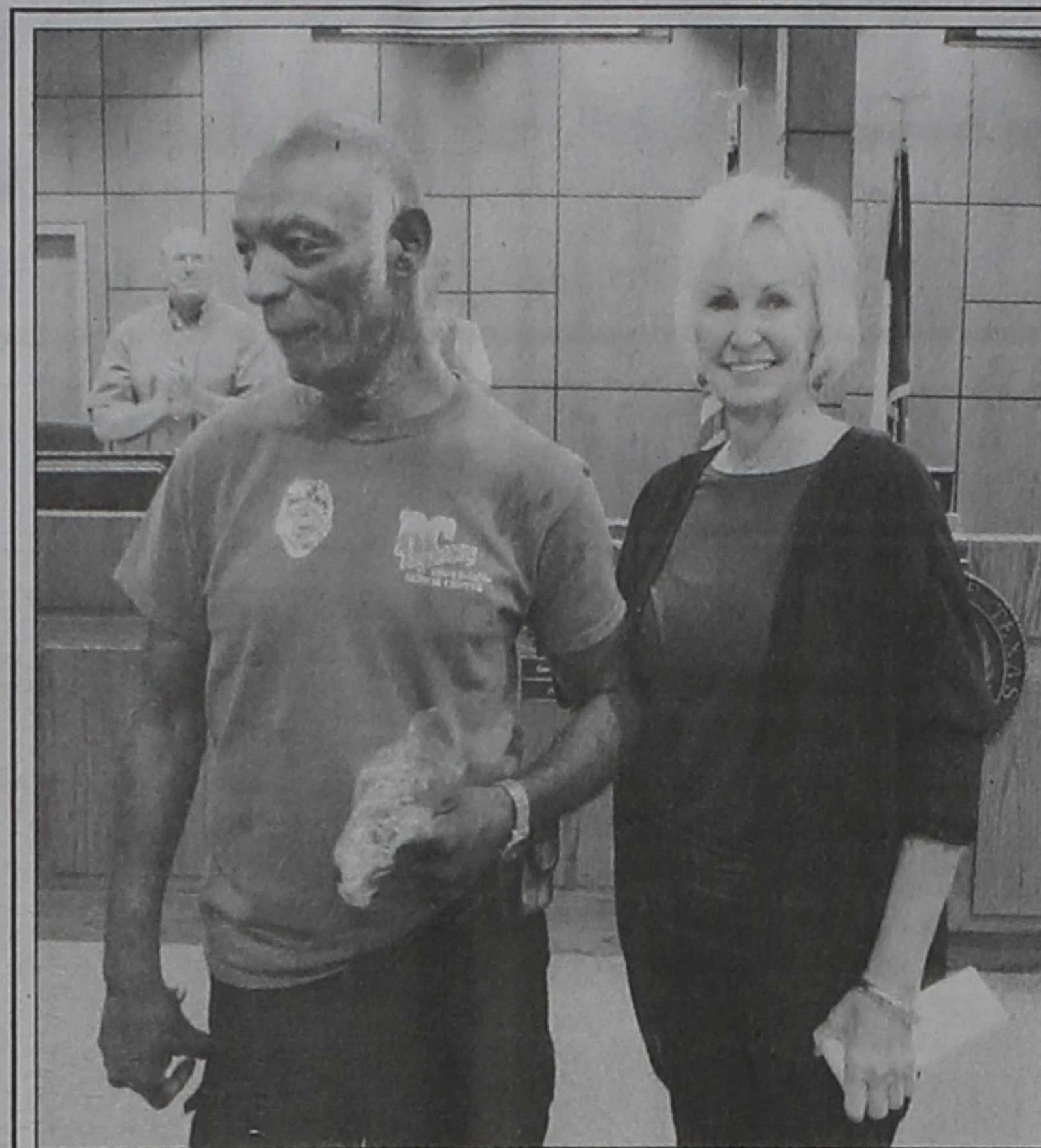
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Royse City News

RC City Council honors 'Frankie D'



Frankie D. Colbert (left) of Royse City is a silent teacher of humanity, joy and gentleness. He was recognized by the City Council of Royse City earlier this month. Standing with Colbert is Mayor Janet Nichol (right).

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/
 Rockwall County News

by Millie Jean Coppedge

"Frankie D" Colbert, as the town of Royse City affectionately calls him, was asked to lead the opening prayer for the city council meeting Tuesday night, May 9.

After the recognition part of the council's agenda, Colbert received a standing ovation in celebration of his 58th birthday. Mayor Janet Nichol presented him with a key to the city, but joked that "... the key won't really opening anything. It is just a symbol of how special you are to everyone in town."

Colbert can be found every morning at Jimmy's Donut Shop. Justin Martin at Jimmy's Donut said Colbert orders the same thing every morning: a blueberry donut, a pig in the blanket and coffee. Martin said Colbert prays silently over his breakfast for about five minutes and includes everyone he knows in his prayers.

In a prior interview, Randall Pope said Colbert has been a lifelong friend for about 30-40 years and is a good Christian man who is dedicated to his church.

Rich Miller, owner of the Royse City Fitness, said Colbert is a fixture in the community. Everyone loves and takes care of him.

If he sees people working in their yards, Colbert joins in and helps them mow, rake and clean it up. Anytime he sees trash on the side of the road or sidewalk, he picks it up. Doug and Nell Bostick take him to buy his groceries each week and have helped him picked out clothes to wear to church.

He also collects cans and scrap metal as he walks throughout the town and friends take the items to the recycling facility.

Colbert says the blessings at the Royse City Senior Citizens luncheons five days a week before they eat. Being asked to pray, wherever it might be, is uplifting for those who hear his prayers and brings joy to his heart and a smile to his face as they compliment him on his sweet prayers. Whenever he hears of someone who is ill, he puts them on the church's prayer list and he prays for their recovery daily.

The Royse City Police Department and Fire Department give him T-shirts and baseball caps with the police and firefighter emblems on them. He even has one from the sheriff's department, which he wears to all downtown events.

Benavidez completes basic military training

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Daniella N. Benavidez recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio.

She is a 2012 graduate of Royse City High School, according to a Joint Hometown News Service news release.

The airman completed an eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Benavidez is the daughter of Billy R. Benavidez of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Rachael L. Burns of San Antonio.

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in the global war on terrorism. It was created by a North Texas American Legion member who wanted to honor the sacrifices of military members in the most recent conflict. The American Legion will host a ceremony outside the City Hall at 10 a.m. The public viewing will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Republican Lunch Bunch to meet June 7

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7, at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip. Pay at the door for this informal social gathering open to all area Republicans. No reservations required. For more details call Dalton Kennimer at 972-636-4034.

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.

Rockwall Summer Musicals 2017 Summer Camps

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. For more details or to register, visit rockwallsummermusicals.org. Scholarships are available;



Kasie Williamson (right) has been named the new assistant principal at Miss May Vernon Elementary for the 2017-2018 school year. She has 15 years of experience, ranging from special education to administrative intern. Williamson's teaching experience comes from the Rockwall, Wylie and Mesquite ISDs. She holds certifications in gifted/talented, early childhood to fourth grade, ESL, special education and others. She is pictured above with Shannon Hayes (left), principal at the school.

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McLendon-Chisholm meetings update ...

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During the citizens comments portion of the meeting, Scott Turnbull spoke on the council's options related to the vacancy in the mayor position. He recommended the position remain vacant until two meetings before the deadline to call a special election so citizens could express their opinions and submit petitions.

Adrienne Balkum called on the council to appoint Steinhagen to the mayor position.

Resolution 2017-09R, appointing Steinhagen to the mayor position, included statements of compliance with Texas Election Code, Local Government Code, and Article 11, Section 11 of the Texas Constitution.

Steinhagen gave his Oath of Office swearing that he will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Mayor of the City of McLendon-Chisholm, in the State of Texas, and will to the best of his ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas.

It is unknown at this time whether Mayor Steinhagen will bring the City Secretary and Administrator back into compliance with Texas Government Code Section 2051.048 regarding selection of newspaper for publication of each required notice.

On May 15 Steinhagen and the council approved Resolution 2017-15R, dated May 13, authorizing the mayor and administrator to enter negotiations and discussions of possible amendments to the existing boundary agreement, including a transfer of extraterritorial jurisdiction between the Cities of Rockwall and McLendon-Chisholm.

In other city business of the April 11 meeting, the council:

- Approved Ordinance 2017-014 amending article 6.03 on-site

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Hunt County News

Greenville sailor serves at sea aboard Navy warship

According to a press release from the Navy Office of Community Outreach, Norfolk, Virginia, Greenville, Texas native and Phoenix Charter High School graduate, Typann Smith began serving on the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, which is a Nimitz-class nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.

Smith is responsible providing direct personal services by operating and managing resale activities, such as ship's stores, service activities of the ship's stores.

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

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ACROSS

- many TX cities have Mardi celebrations
- Livingston is the seat of this county
- LBJ alma mater before TSU
- Cowboys first coach, Landry (init.)
- TX-born actress, Charisse
- "Friday Night Lights" city
- TXism: "mama" (waitress)
- TXism: "your teeth" (threat)
- describing 7-across (2 wds.)
- "you can ___ it" (certain)
- 1980s hair style for guys
- TXism "squeaks like a rusty ___"
- TX Patrick Swayze starred in 1992 ___
- very old gold coin in several countries this is affecting TX beaches
- Ford subcompact non-Texas fibbers? (2 wds.)
- past tense of tear
- federal ID (abbr.)
- person from a Persian Gulf country
- Decatur Antique Auto ___
- acquisition at South Padre Island
- in Shelby County on U.S. 84, 59, & 96
- TXism: "busy as ___ armed paper hanger"
- three feet (abbr.)
- TX Candice Earley was this Donna on "All My Children"
- TXism: "___ buster" (farmer)
- uppermost spar on a traditional sailing ship
- TXism: "sour enough to pucker ___"
- TX-based chain restaurant: "___ Star"
- TXism: "___-horse town"
- "Stop ___"
- where the Sabine Lake goes into Gulf proofreader's "let it stand"
- lawyer (abbr.)
- Laguna Madre is between TX ___ and Padre Island
- TXism: "he'll kick you ___ a funeral home (mean horse)"
- TXism: "take a ___ (investigate)"
- "baby" in French
- TXism: "still wet behind the ___"
- this Floyd won 1977 Byron Nelson Classic (init.)
- snowcapped mountain
- TXism: "___ a liking to"
- freshwater fish respiratory tract
- Comanche's "Old ___" is oldest TX courthouse
- ___ Park, TX
- TX Audie Murphy was a WW ___ hero
- Cowboys play in "___ Stadium"
- LBJ's last words: "___ Mike immediately"
- debatable
- "Sweet Thang" TX singer, Stuckey as ___
- confused as ___
- AstroTurf
- this Sal was in TX epic "Giant"
- Ken Paxton's TX title (abbr.)

DOWN

- U.S. geolocation system (abbr.)
- TXism: "___ gut"
- Van ___ TX
- unscrupulous acts (liquor)
- you can use 1-down with a ___ phone
- Highland Park Village is the ___ center in America
- TX ID card (abbr.)
- TXism: "let ___ rip!"

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Citizenship in heaven ...

Understanding citizenship is the essence of social interaction and activism.

Different nation-states and countries have various rules of citizenship and conditions for becoming citizens. In most part, they are based on religious political, cultural conditions.

The term citizen is different from a natural inhabitant. The American Declaration of Independence and the Constitution use the term "We the People." This term is not a reference to "citizens," but to the natural inhabitants.

At a spiritual level, God's word refers to His children in Christ Jesus as citizens. These are they who have been bought and liberated for a high price.

Politically speaking, people who understand themselves as natural inhabitants of the United States of America, recognize themselves as a free people unregulated by their government.

The children of immigrants or naturalized citizens who are born in one of the United States by default become natural inhabitants.

In order to live as God's beloved children, people must learn and understand who they are as citizens bought and liberated for a price.

Let's start with Peter 1:22-23, "Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that you love one another with a pure heart fervently: being born-again not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides for ever."

A more accurate understanding of the term "born-again" helps to see the connection with citizenship. The word was translated from an ancient word that meant "born from above."

It's about being spiritually born from outside this world. This birth is not of corruptible genetic seed passed down from the first man, Adam, but of incorruptible spiritual seed passed down through the Lord Jesus the living Messiah and Son of God the Creator.

With the new birth, there is a new spiritual creation sealed within, known as the Holy Ghost.

With the citizenship from a new and foreign place where the Lord Jesus is, comes true liberty from the eternal bondage of death in the world, the fear of death, the hope of the Day of Christ (aka, rapture) and a new spiritual code of lifestyle - "love one another with a pure heart fervently."

God provided more detailed descriptions about this new citizenship, "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which have not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy" (1 Peter 2:9-10).

The word "generation" referred to a race. This should not be confused with the common misuse of the word for different ethnicities and appearances. It is put in distinction from the human race, or other races of creatures.

It's only by the legal power and authority through the Lord Jesus that the children of God are officially recognized and treated as a "royal priesthood," and "holy nation" of a newly created race.

Just as the Lord Jesus the Son of God sits as the highest power and authority over all people in the world, so also do his brothers and sisters sit with him at this level of power and authority. This status of authority and true liberty does not exist by default to exercise control and fight against other people and government officials.

This is further clarified starting in 1 Peter 2:11, "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation."

The word "conversation" referred to manner of behavior. "Honest" meant being excellent and noble, commendable. The word "good" was translated from the same word as "honest." Both mean the same thing.

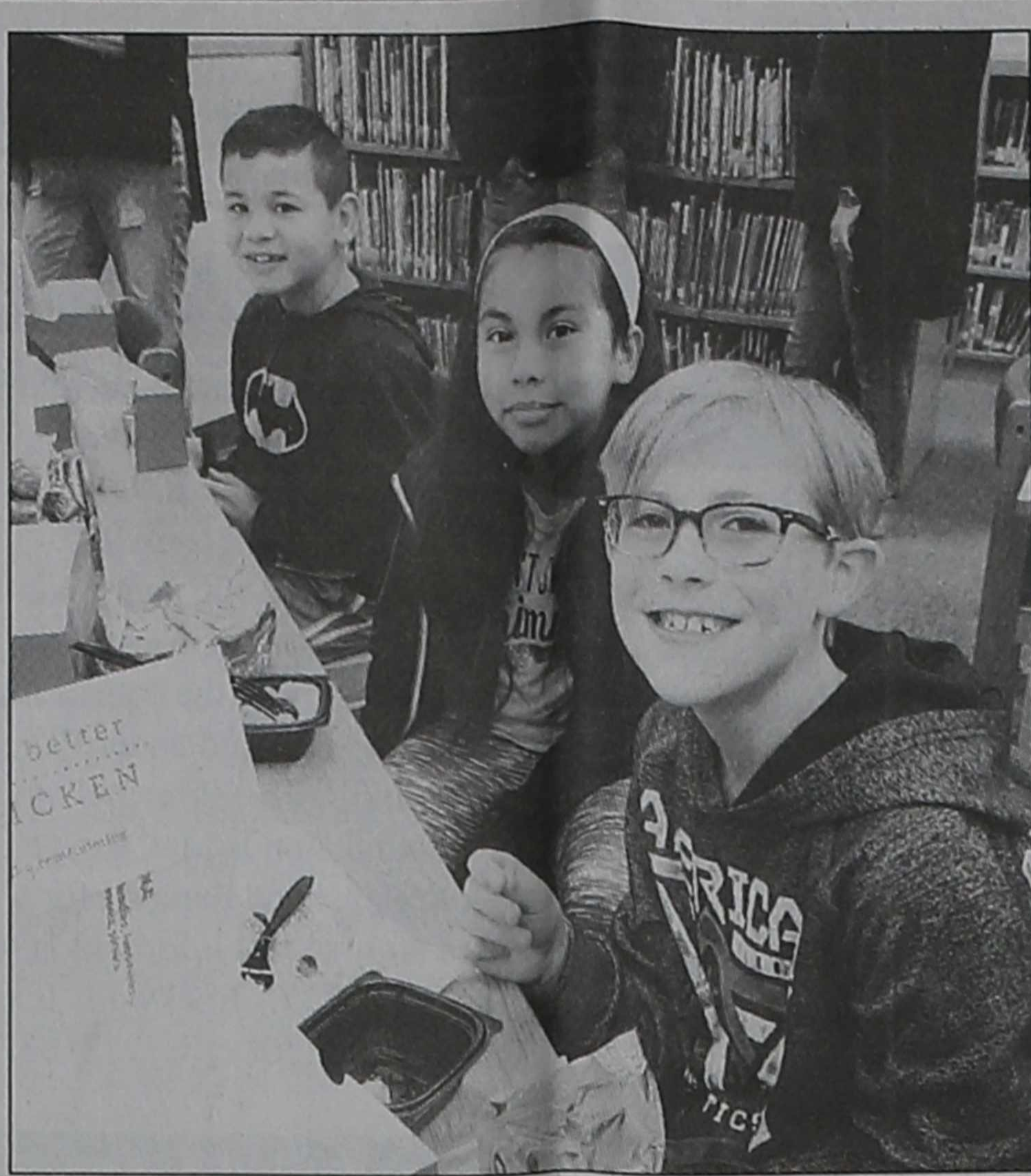
The word "strangers" is put in contrast with "Gentiles." Basically, "Gentiles" referred to all other nations of people, whereas God's beloved children are a newly created race of people who are foreign citizens.

The word "conversation" in Philippians 3:20 was translated from a different word that meant citizenship.

"For our citizenship is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

Therefore, considering what we've learned, when we are fervently involved in different kinds of activism whether environmental, political, etc., my dearly beloved brothers and sisters, "and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, dearly beloved" (Philippians 4:1).

Now, read 1 Peter 2:13-25 in light of a newly created race of people that have been born from above, whose citizenship is in Heaven.



Jones Elementary students participating in Chick-fil-A's Core Essentials program are (from left), Gordon Holland, Michelle Gutierrez and Taven Farmer. The program encourages students to be better citizens and friends by treating others right, making smart decisions, and maximizing their potential. Teachers each chose one student per class that was an exemplary model of these qualities all year. Students chosen showed leadership, kindness, consideration and good behavior the entire school year.

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Bingham convicted for intoxicated manslaughter

Lavon, Texas resident Bruce Edward Bingham Jr., 32, was convicted of the second-degree felony offense of intoxication manslaughter with a vehicle on Thursday, May 11, by a Rockwall County jury.

The punishment range was enhanced based on Bingham's plea of "true to a prior felony conviction," according to a news release from the Rockwall County District Attorney's office. On Friday, May 12, the same jury sentenced Bingham to 60 years in prison.

According to the Rockwall County jail records, over a year after the December 2015 incident, Bingham was charged, August 19, 2016, for "Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more."

Testimony showed that Rockwall residents Thomas Madden and his wife, Susan Blick, left their home to go to McDonald's shortly after 10 p.m. on Dec. 23, 2015. On their way home, their vehicle was struck head-on by Bingham's, who crossed into the southbound lane of traffic near the 3000 block of N. SH 205. Madden died on Christmas day as a result of his injuries, according to the news release.

Jurors heard testimony from several eyewitnesses to the crash and from many first responders and crash investigators who noted, among other things, that Bingham was traveling with alcoholic beverages and drug paraphernalia in his vehicle, according to the release. Jurors also heard that, when tested more than four hours after the crash, Bingham had a blood alcohol level of 0.154, almost twice the legal limit.

During the sentencing phase, jurors learned that Bingham was a habitual offender with two prior DWI convictions, according to the news release. In one of these cases, Bingham was driving a vehicle that had struck another vehicle and fled the scene. Lead prosecutor, ADA Lauren Black, also introduced evidence that Bingham previously had been convicted and sentenced to prison for the felony offenses of injury to a child and evading arrest with a vehicle.

ADA Mandy Waite, who sat second chair on the case, praised the efforts of law enforcement in the case.

"This case involved the collaboration of numerous officers and investigators from the Rockwall Police Department who worked tirelessly to build a strong case, ensuring that justice was done," Waite said.

"This case highlights why Rockwall County law enforcement takes DWI so seriously," Rockwall County District Attorney Kenda Culpepper said. "People who drive while under the influence of alcohol or drugs make a deadly choice that puts all of us on the road at risk. We can only hope that, in the future, an intoxicated driver will consider the consequences of his or her actions before putting their car in gear."

Little information is available in the online court records.

It notes that a warrant was issued from the 439th District Court, Judge David Rakow as Magistrate.

The online records indicate that Bingham was charged on December 23, 2015, with "Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more," as a third degree felony.

Upon receipt of the release, the Rockwall County News sent an inquiry to Ms. Black requesting a copy of the warrant for blood sample application and official warrant issued to obtain the blood sample.

Country Fair set June 10 at County Courthouse

The Rockwall Soroptimists will host their 4th annual Country Fair from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 111 E. Yellow Jacket Lane.

Admission and parking will be free.

Live music and entertainment is planned as part of the event, along with vendors, food trucks, a silent auction, and beer and wine.

Proceeds will fund the Soroptimists' ongoing projects benefitting women and children, including the Children's Advocacy Center for Rockwall County.

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Rockwall County Entertainment

'Pillow Talk' opens at RCP

The Rockwall Community Playhouse will stage its production of "Pillow Talk" May 19-21 and 26-28. Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees set at 2 p.m. Tickets are available for online purchase at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org, by calling 972-722-3399 or at the box office 30 minutes prior to showtime. The RCP is located at 609 E. Rusk, two blocks off the square in downtown Rockwall.

Rockwall Founders Day Festival

The Rockwall Founders Day Festival will take place Saturday, May 20, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Harry Myers Park. The event will include concerts by Cory Morrow and Pat Green, and an opportunity to view the reconstructed Rock Wall that is positioned on the north side of the Historical Museum.

4th annual Country Fair set June 10

The Rockwall Soroptimist will host its 4th annual Country Fair from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 111 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. The event will include live music and entertainment, vendors, food trucks, a silent auction, and beer and wine. Proceeds will fund the organization's ongoing projects benefitting women and children, including the Children's Advocacy Center. Visit rockwallcountryfair.com for more details.

Area News Briefs

Veterans BBQ, open house set May 27

The Memorial Weekend Veterans BBQ and Open House, Military Heritage, will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 27, at 20798 CR 590 in Nevada, Texas. Admission will be free. Military vehicles and equipment displays are planned, and all food and beverages will be provided free of charge to veterans and military service members. For more details visit militaryheritagecollection@yahoo.com.

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sewage disposal systems and facilities, to provide homeowners, who have successfully completed the basic maintenance course by a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality approved trainer, the option of maintaining their own septic system.

- Approved the minutes of the February 28, March 14, and March 28, 2017 minutes of the regular meetings.
- Denied a proposed change in rates by Onco Electric Delivery Company.
- Approved ordinance 2017-05 amending the code of ordinances related to solicitation on private property.

City Attorney David Paschal reminded the council that the ordinance prohibits solicitation on private property when a resident or other person verbally requests there be no solicitation, and when signage is posted. Approved resolution 2017-08R increasing the Master Fee Schedule to \$125 for new homes.

During the March 28 regular meeting, the city presented the 2016 Citizen of the Year award to resident Tish Bruckner. According to the minutes of the meeting, Bruckner "donated a kidney to save the life of her formerly gravely ill friend Kristine Swift, who lives in Florida."

The council went into a closed meeting. The minutes and agenda did not provide a reason for the closed meeting, or whether the council received legal advice. It is unknown at this time whether any legal advice received by the city is filed with the city and open for public review.

The council discussed and heard a presentation by Financial Advisor Boyd London of Hilltop Securities, Inc. London asked the council for direction to proceed with bond issuance for Sonoma Verde Phase 2. The council discussed possible concerns of traffic flow and safety.

- Approved the filing of the draft 2016 audited financial statements for the city and for the Sonoma Public Improvement District. It is unknown whether the statements include an audit of whether tax dollars are being released as payment for illegal and unlawful purposes.

Opinions

You are the true guardians of the galaxy

by John W. Whitehead
Future of Freedom Foundation

"When the rivers and air are polluted, when families and nations are at war, when homeless wanderers fill the highways, these are the traditional signs of a dark age."

— Pema Chodron, When Things Fall Apart

Those coming of age today will face some of the greatest obstacles ever encountered by young people.

They will find themselves overtaxed, burdened with excessive college debt, and struggling to find worthwhile employment in a debt-ridden economy on the brink of implosion. Their privacy will be eviscerated by the surveillance state. They will be the subjects of a military empire constantly waging war against shadowy enemies and government agents armed to the teeth ready and able to lock down the country at a moment's notice.

As such, they will find themselves forced to march in lockstep with a government that no longer exists to serve the people but which demands they be obedient slaves or suffer the consequences.

It's a dismal prospect, isn't it?

Unfortunately, we who should have known better failed to guard against such a future.

Worse, we neglected to maintain our freedoms or provide our young people with the tools necessary to survive, let alone succeed, in the impersonal jungle that is modern America.

We brought them into homes fractured by divorce, distracted by mindless entertainment, and obsessed with the pursuit of materialism. We institutionalized them in daycares and afterschool programs, substituting time with teachers and childcare workers for parental involvement. We turned them into test-takers instead of thinkers and automatons instead of activists.

We allowed them to languish in schools which not only look like prisons but function like prisons, as well—where conformity is the rule and freedom is the exception. We made them easy prey for our corporate overlords, while instilling in them the values of a celebrity-obsessed, technology-driven culture devoid of any true spirituality. And we taught them to believe that the pursuit of their own personal happiness trumped all other virtues, including any empathy whatsoever for their fellow human beings.

No, we haven't done this generation any favors.

Based on the current political climate, things could very well get much worse before they ever take a turn for the better. Here are a few pieces of advice that will hopefully help those coming of age today survive the perils of the journey that awaits:

Be an individual

For all of its claims to champion the individual, American culture advocates a stark conformity which, as John F. Kennedy warned, is "the jailer of freedom, and the enemy of growth." Worry less about fitting in with the rest of the world and instead, as Henry David Thoreau urged, become "a Columbus to whole new continents and worlds within you, opening new channels, not of trade, but of thought."

Learn your rights

We're losing our freedoms for one simple reason: most of us don't know anything about our freedoms. At a minimum, anyone who has

graduated from high school, let alone college, should know the Bill of Rights backwards and forwards. However, the average young person, let alone citizen, has very little knowledge of their rights for the simple reason that the schools no longer teach them. So grab a copy of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and study them at home. And when the time comes, stand up for your rights before it's too late.

Speak truth to power

Don't be naive about those in positions of authority. As James Madison, who wrote our Bill of Rights, observed, "All men having power ought to be distrusted." We must learn the lessons of history. People in power, more often than not, abuse that power. To maintain our freedoms, this will mean challenging government officials whenever they exceed the bounds of their office.

Resist all things that numb you

Don't measure your worth by what you own or earn. Likewise, don't become mindless consumers unaware of the world around you. Resist all things that numb you, put you to sleep or help you "cope" with so-called reality. Those who establish the rules and laws that govern society's actions desire compliant subjects. However, as George Orwell warned, "Until they become conscious, they will never rebel, and until after they rebelled, they cannot become conscious." It is these conscious individuals who change the world for the better.

Don't let technology turn you into zombies

Technology anesthetizes us to the all-too-real tragedies that surround us. Techno-gadgets are merely distractions from what's really going on in America and around the world. As a result, we've begun mimicking the inhuman technology that surrounds us and have lost our humanity. We've become sleepwalkers. If you're going to make a difference in the world, you're going to have to pull the earbuds out, turn off the cell phones and spend much less time viewing screens.

Help others

We all have a calling in life. And I believe it boils down to one thing: You are here on this planet to help other people. In fact, none of us can exist very long without help from others. If we're going to see any positive change for freedom, then we must change our view of what it means to be human and regain a sense of what it means to love and help one another. That will mean gaining the courage to stand up for the oppressed.

Give voice to moral outrage

As Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter." There is no shortage of issues on which to take a stand. For instance, on any given night, over half a million people in the U.S. are homeless, and half of them are elderly. There are 46 million Americans living at or below the poverty line, and 16 million children living in households without adequate access to food. Congress creates, on average, more than 50 new criminal laws each year. With more than 2 million Americans in prison, and close to 7 million adults in correctional care, the United States has the largest prison population in the world. At least 2.7 million children in the United States have at least one parent in prison. At least 400 to 500 innocent people are killed by police officers every year. Americans are now eight times more likely to die in a police confrontation than they are to be killed by a terrorist. On an average

day in America, over 100 Americans have their homes raided by SWAT teams. It costs the American taxpayer \$52.6 billion every year to be spied on by the government intelligence agencies tasked with surveillance, data collection, counterintelligence and covert activities. All the while, since 9/11, the U.S. has spent more than \$1.6 trillion to wage wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and police the rest of the world. This is an egregious affront to anyone who believes in freedom.

Cultivate spirituality, reject materialism and

put people first

When the things that matter most have been subordinated to materialism, we have lost our moral compass. We must change our values to reflect something more meaningful than technology, materialism and politics. Standing at the pulpit of the Riverside Church in New York City in April 1967, Martin Luther King Jr. urged his listeners:

[W]e as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values. We must rapidly begin the shift from a "thing-oriented" society to a "person-oriented" society. When machines and computers, profit motive and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered.

Pitch in and do your part to make the world a better place

Don't rely on someone else to do the heavy lifting for you. Don't wait around for someone else to fix what ails you, your community or nation. As Gandhi urged: "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

Say no to war

Addressing the graduates at Binghamton Central High School in 1968, at a time when the country was waging war "on different fields, on different levels, and with different weapons," Twilight Zone creator Rod Serling declared:

Too many wars are fought almost as if by rote. Too many wars are fought out of sloganry, out of battle hymns, out of aged, musty appeals to patriotism that went out with knighthood and moats. Love your country because it is eminently worthy of your affection. Respect it because it deserves your respect. Be loyal to it because it cannot survive without your loyalty. But do not accept the shedding of blood as a natural function or a prescribed way of history—even if history points this up by its repetition. That men die for causes does not necessarily sanctify that cause. And that men are maimed and torn to pieces every fifteen and twenty years does not immortalize or deify the act of war... find another means that does not come with the killing of your fellow-man.

Prepare yourselves for what lies ahead

The demons of our age—some of whom disguise themselves as politicians—delight in fomenting violence, sowing distrust and prejudice, and persuading the public to support tyranny disguised as patriotism. Overcoming the evils of our age will require more than intellect and activism. It will require decency, morality, goodness, truth and toughness. As Sterling concluded in his remarks to the graduating class of 1968:

"Toughness is the singular quality most required of you... we have left you a world far more botched than the one that was left to us... Part of your challenge is to seek out truth, to come up with a point of view not dictated to you by anyone, be he a congressman, even a minister... Are you tough enough to take the divisiveness of this land of ours, the fact that everything is polarized, black and white, this or that, absolutely right or absolutely wrong. This is one of the challenges. Be prepared to seek out the middle ground... that wondrous and very difficult-to-find Valhalla where man can look to both sides and see the errant truths that exist on both sides. If you must swing left or you must swing right—respect the other side. Honor the motives that come from the other side. Argue, debate, rebut—but don't close those wondrous minds of yours to opposition. In their eyes, you're the opposition. And ultimately... ultimately—you end divisiveness by compromise. And so long as men walk and breathe—there must be compromise..."

Are you tough enough to face one of the uglier stains upon the fabric of our democracy—prejudice? It's the basic root of most evil. It's a part of the sickness of man. And it's a part of man's admission, his constant sick admission, that to exist he must find a scapegoat. To explain away his own deficiencies—he must try to find someone who he believes more deficient... Make your judgment of your fellow-man on what he says and what he believes and the way he acts. Be tough enough, please, to live with prejudice and give battle to it. It warps, it poisons, it distorts and it is self-destructive. It has fallout worse than a bomb... and worst of all it cheapens and demeans anyone who permits himself the luxury of hating."

As I make clear in my book *Battlefield America: The War on the American People* the only way we'll ever achieve change in this country is for the American people to finally say "enough is enough" and fight for the things that truly matter.

It doesn't matter how old you are or what your political ideology is. If you have something to say, speak up. Get active, and if need be, pick up a picket sign and get in the streets. And when civil liberties are violated, don't remain silent about it.

Wake up, stand up, and make your activism count for something more than politics.

You are the true guardians of the galaxy.

President Trump: Toss your generals' war escalation plan in the trash

by Ron Paul

Ron Paul Institute for Peace and Prosperity

By the end of this month, Defense Secretary James Mattis and National Security Advisor HR McMaster will deliver to President Trump their plans for military escalations in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria. President Trump would be wise to rip the plans up and send his national security team back to the drawing board—or replace them. There is no way another "surge" in Afghanistan and Iraq (plus a new one in Syria) puts America first. There is no way doing the same thing over again will succeed any better than it did the last time.

Near the tenth anniversary of the US war on Afghanistan—seven years ago—I went to the Floor of Congress to point out that the war makes no sense. The original authorization had little to do with eliminating the Taliban. It was a resolution to retaliate against those who attacked the United States on September 11, 2001. From what we know now, the government of Saudi Arabia had far more to do with the financing and planning of 9/11 than did the Taliban. But we're still pumping money into that lost cause. We are still killing Afghans and in so doing creating the next generation of terrorists.

The war against ISIS will not end with its defeat in Mosul and Raqqa. We will not pack up and go home. Instead, the Pentagon and State Department have both said that US troops would remain in Iraq after ISIS is defeated. The continued presence of US troops in Iraq will provide all the recruiting needed for more ISIS or ISIS-like resistance groups to arise, which will in turn lead to a permanent US occupation

of Iraq. The US "experts" have completely misdiagnosed the problem so it no surprise that their solutions will not work. They have claimed that al-Qaeda and ISIS arose in Iraq because we left, when actually they arose because we invaded in the first place.

General David Petraeus is said to have a lot of influence over HR McMaster, and in Syria he is pushing for the kind of US troop "surge" that he still believes was successful in Iraq. The two are said to favor thousands of US troops to fight ISIS in eastern Syria instead of relying on the US-sponsored and Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces to do the job. This "surge" into Syria would also lead to a lengthy US occupation of a large part of that country, as it is unlikely that the US would return the territory to the Syrian government. Would it remain an outpost of armed rebels that could be unleashed on Assad at the US President's will? It's hard to know from week to week whether "regime change" in Syria is a US priority or not. But we do know that a long-term US occupation of half of Syria would be illegal, dangerous, and enormously expensive.

President Trump's Generals all seem to be pushing for a major US military escalation in the Middle East and south Asia. The President goes back and forth, one minute saying "we're not going into Syria," while the next seeming to favor another surge. He has given the military much decision-making latitude and may be persuaded by his Generals that the only solution is to go in big. If he follows such advice, it is likely his presidency itself will be buried in that graveyard of empires.

After the downpour you write a memoir



Musings of a
20-something ...

Brittany
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Heath, Texas

A lot has happened since I last wrote. I'm 29 and I never thought the words "I'm divorced" would come out of my mouth. Let alone before my 30th birthday.

But they have.

So, I got this idea a few months ago to write a book. A memoir.

Yes, I'm 29 and writing a book about my life.

The idea though sat on a shelf in my brain.

I never put pen to paper.

Initially, the idea was to write an autobiography under a pseudonym.

Walking the line between fact and fiction. Using some of my own life experiences, but elaborating and making them larger than life.

I attended a Christian writers group that meets once a month a couple weeks ago. Walking out of that meeting, the idea was off the shelf and back in my hands ready for exploration and adventure.

Now, I don't have much done. Just a couple paragraphs that I'm not happy with just yet. But the outline. That's on point.

The plan has evolved. Almost into something else entirely.

Today, this is what it is. Tomorrow it could be something else completely.

Where it stands right now, it's a memoir.

I mean, I'd read my book. But that's me and my biased opinion.

I was only married for five months before I walked out on my husband.

I never saw myself growing old with him. I just thought I loved him and when you love someone you marry them.

No one, literally no one, thought that we were good together.

I think I needed to see that side of the spectrum though to realize and appreciate the man that I now can call my boyfriend.

He has shown me that good guys do exist and that chivalry is not dead.

Now, I'm not going to run out and get a "No Regrets" tattoo by any means. But I think a book will be a good outlet for me. It'll be cheaper than retail therapy, that's for sure.

This is already not easy. Remembering those moments and those nights that I don't want to remember.

Trying to remember the times I have blocked out.

I blocked them out for a reason.

I have a story to tell though. I know I do.

I'm excited to see how it plays out.

Writing a book is out of my wheelhouse. My education in journalism has taught me to condense my writing. This is not a 500 word article. This is a book that will be tens; maybe hundreds of pages.

In 20 or 50 years, it will be interesting to look back at it and see how much I have changed; how my outlook on life will have changed.

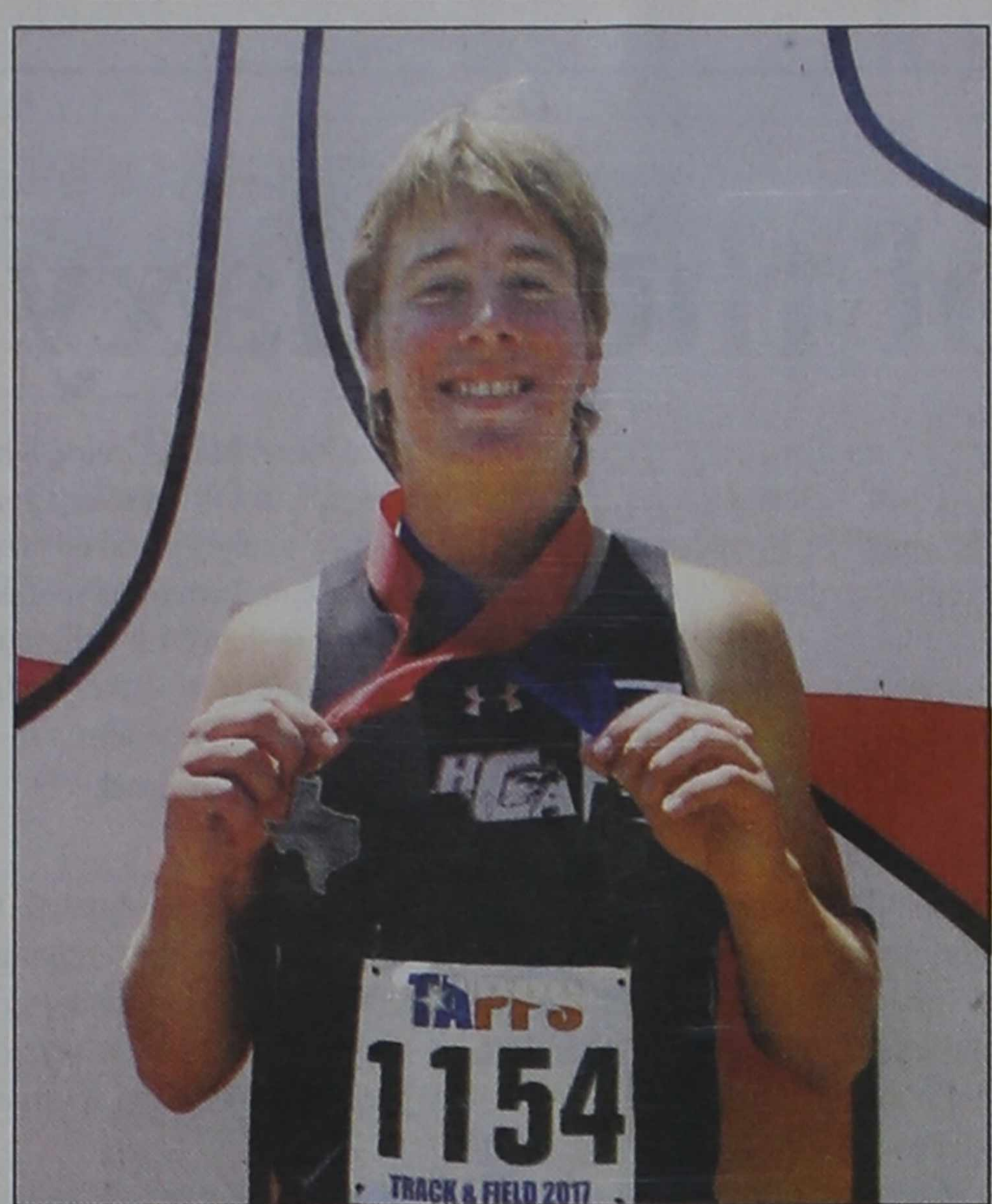
With social media now, it will be a little easier than it was on the previous generation to look back. But having a book written in my own words will be interesting to look back at.

I am still rediscovering myself and writing this book is just a product of that.

Two years ago, I never would have even had this idea, let alone acted upon. I was under a thundercloud every waking minute and I was just waiting for the downpour.

So, here I am. 29 and divorced. Writing a memoir.

The funny thing is, memoir is the word I missed in a spelling bee in sixth grade.



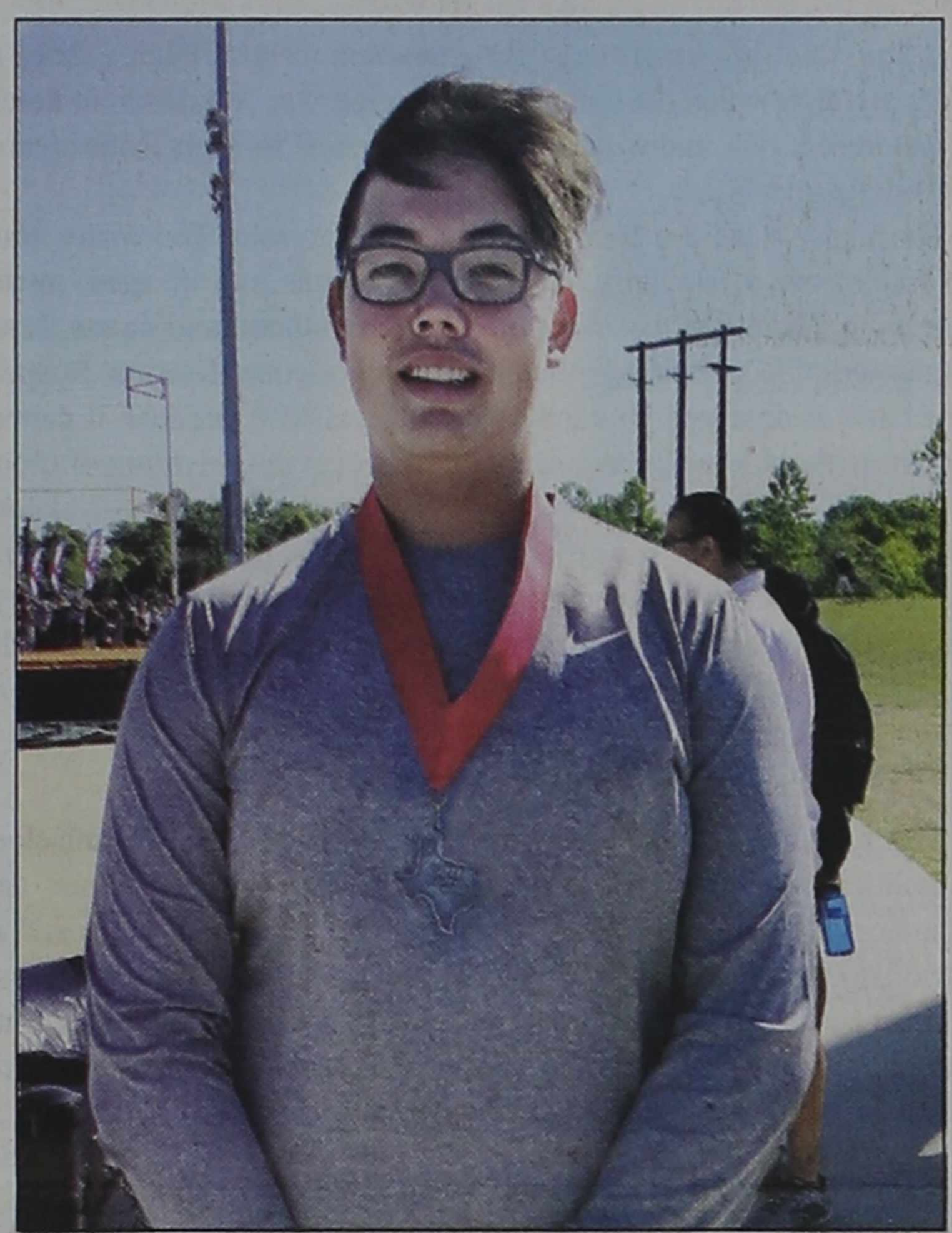
Tyler Treadway displays his medals earned May 6, 2017, during the TAPPS State Track & Field Meet at Baylor University's Clyde Hart Field in Waco. Treadway finished first with a time of 40.91 seconds in the 300 Meter Hurdles, and finished second in the 110M Hurdles with a time of 15.93 seconds. Treadway attends Heritage Christian Academy Rockwall.

Courtesy photo by Tracey Treadway / Rockwall County News



Tyler Treadway gains on another runner to ultimately win the 300 Meter hurdles, May 6, 2017, during the TAPPS State Track & Field meet, at Baylor University's Clyde Hart Field in Waco. Treadway is a student at Heritage Christian Academy Rockwall.

Courtesy photo by Tracey Treadway/Rockwall County News



Paden Elliot of Heritage Christian Academy Rockwall, finished second place with a throw of 126-07 in the Discus event, May 5, 2017, during the TAPPS State Track & Field Meet at Baylor University's Clyde Hart Field in Waco.

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Burks-Magee takes UIL state track championship in 400M Dash

Morgan Burks-Magee (Sr) of Rockwall-Heath, took the UIL State Track & Field championship in the 400 Meter Dash 6A, with a time of 53.51 seconds. She crossed the finish line just ahead of Allen's Esther Ekeanyanwu.

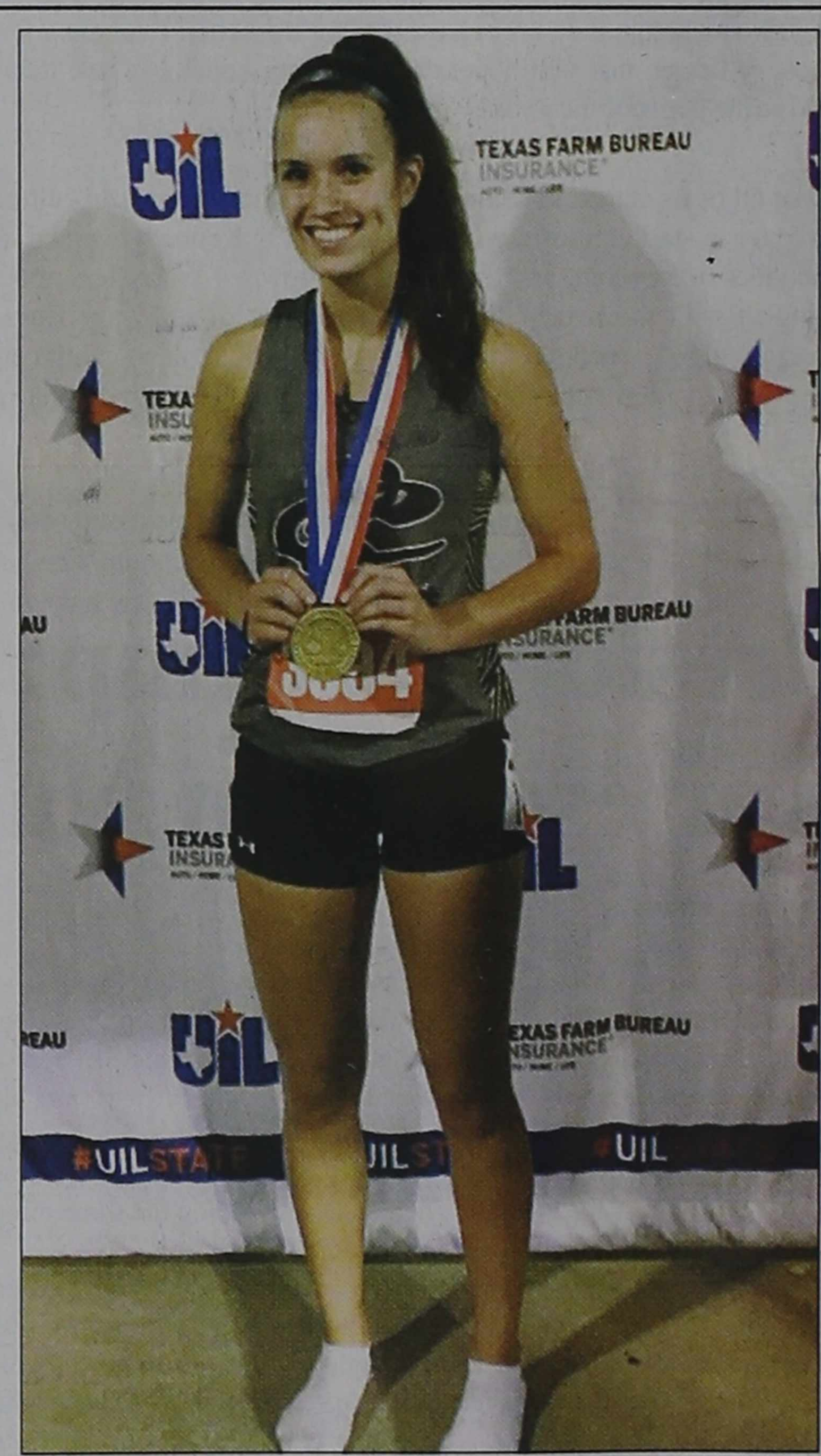
Royse City's Michaela Travers (Sr) took third place in the Women's 300M Hurdles with a time of 43.91 seconds, in a tight race for second place by Omonigho Oboh of Fort Bend Elkin, who finished in 43.90 seconds.

According to Royse City High School Coach Tiffany Null, "Michaela is one of the hardest working kids I have ever coached. Last year she got fifth at regionals, and since that meet she has come back ready to work and get better everyday! She competes not only with her physical strength but also with all of her heart."

The championship was seized by April Polansky of Four Bluff, with a time of 43.67 seconds.

Other individual results

- Rockwall
- Liah Collins – Women's 800M Run, 8, 2:19.13.
- Chika Iwuamadi – Women's 400M Dash, 7, 55.72.
- Sarah Graves – Women's Pole Vault, No Height.



Michaela Travers, of Royse City High School, shows her medal after finishing third in the 300 Meter Hurdles with a time of 43.91, Saturday, May 13, 2017, during the UIL State Track and Field Meet at University of Texas Austin. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Congratulations Class of 2017 Team Members!



(Left to right) Preston Maxwell (Rockwall-Heath High School), Lesley Segovia (Rockwall-Heath), Arianna Campos (Homeschooled), Emily Green (Rockwall High School), Mallory Cothran (Rockwall) and Dylan Sparks (Rowlett High School).

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Baseball and Softball results/playoff schedules Rockwall

Baseball

5/11/2017, Rowlett, Area playoff game 1, 9-3 (Win). Diego Muniz pitched 6 innings, with 2 earned runs. Will Frizzell closed the game with one inning and 2 strikeouts. Beau Wimpee got a Homerun, walk and 2 runs scored. Justin Childers earned 2 Runs Batted In. Bennett Laurence, Muniz and Helmer logged 2 hits each. Frizzell and Muniz both hit doubles. Helmer pitched 6 innings. Frizzell with the save in 1 inning and 2 strikeouts. Helmer went 1 for 4 with 2 RBI game winning performance. Childers went 1 for 3 with a game tying RBI. Laurence went 1 for 2 with 2 runs scored. Frizzell with 3 walks.

The Yellowjackets advance to the Regional Quarterfinals playoff series against Conroe Oak Ridge, 7:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday, May 17-18, and 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 19 (if needed), at Corsicana High school.

Softball

5/11, Conroe Oak Ridge, Region 2 Quarterfinals game 1, 1-6 (Loss); game 2, 1-7 (Loss).

Rockwall-Heath

Baseball

5/11, Dallas Jesuit, Area playoff 6-1 (Win).
5/12, Dallas Jesuit, 13-3 (W).
Regional Quarterfinals schedule against The Woodlands
Thurs. May 18, 7:30 p.m., at Georgetown Eastview
Fri, 4:00 p.m., at Georgetown.
Sat, 10:30 a.m., at Georgetown (if needed).