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Evidently a lot of people were moved by the recent story we ran about the Meal a Day program needing a little help.

In the top photo (submitted), Karon Weatherman picks up a donation of more than 50 meals worth of food donated to Meal A Day from Sulphur Springs Health and Rehabilitation and a host of hospice and home health care donors.

The donors included Cooper Home Health, Hospice Plus, Home Helper, HCMH Hospice, Vibrant Home Health, First Choice Home Health, Cypress Basin Hospice, Cypress Home Health, Legacy Hospice and Sulphur Springs Health and Rehabilitation.

Then Lola Bullock, who works in the business office at Carriage House Manor, sent Luis Noble, our staff photographer the following e-mail:

After reading the weekend newspaper about the young lady from Florida who donated jewelry to the Meal a Day program, I was inspired to help our friends at Meal-A-Day as well. I consulted my co-workers and we decided to have a food drive. We had four teams: the Green Beans; the Purple Eggplants, the Red Radishes and the Yellow Pears!

We had a food drive competition; the Purple Eggplants won by providing three or more boxes full of non-perishables foods!

All participants did an outstanding job, I would especially like to thank the Carriage House Manor staff, we already ask so much of our co-workers, having fundraisers for Terrific Tuesdays and Breast Cancer Awareness, I really appreciated all of their generosity and support!!!

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Kerry Roy, Mack Newsome and Ian Smith load up Carriage House's donations in the lower photo (submitted).



Once again, residents of Hopkins County have made a difference.

As the English would say, "Good on ya'."

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My practically perfect spouse and I watched Rich O'Toole do an acoustic performance last week at the Double C Steakhouse in Winnsboro.

He's quite the singer/songwriter, in the best of Texas traditions, following in the footsteps of Townes Van Zandt, Guy Clark, Willie Nelson, Lyle Lovett and Robert Earl Keen.

O'Toole's a good storyteller and he's blessed with a great set of pipes. He and his band will be closing the show at this year's Catfish and Country at the Hopkins County Fall Festival tomorrow, so they'll probably be amped up and rocking out, but it's nice to know that he sounds good unplugged.

And, it doesn't hurt that he's a real nice kid. Always like to see "nice" on top of the world.

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Next September, Broadway diva Patti LuPone (*Evita*, *Sunset Boulevard*, *Gypsy*) and the versatile Mandy Patinkin will bring their revue to the Eisenmann Center in Richardson.

The two starred in *Evita* and are taking their show to the Great White Way from November 16, 2011 through January 13, 2012.

I saw LuPone's solo show Tuesday night at the Meyerson and can truthfully say it was one of the best nights I've spent in a theater.

She was marvelous in *Evita*, but when she does a one-night stand, she's not restrained to a single character. She's free to fly – and to take her audience on a glorious ride with her.

A group of us from Northeast Texas are planning to see the LuPone/Patinkin show.

The Eisenmann is a nice, intimate hall with great acoustics and there is a Capital Grille right up the tollway in Frisco.

Email me at thmathews@ssecho.com if you're interested in joining us. It's never too early to plan a good time.

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Thanks to everyone who has contacted me regarding possible stories. I'm going to get to them all, eventually. We can never have too much good news.