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Christmas Album
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Waldo & Ruth Ross left us millions

By Mark Frost
Chronicle Editor

You probably have never even heard of the Waldo T. & Ruth S. Ross Charitable Trust Foundation — but it's rapidly become an enormous, sometimes crucial benefactor to local organizations like the Chapman Historical Museum, Hyde Collection, three local churches and others.

Quiet LG couple put \$6-million in trust for local causes

The Foundation, started in 2009, has \$6-million in assets. It was funded by the late low-profile couple who operated Ross's Store, predecessor of the current Cleverdale Store on the east side of Lake George. These were not people who in any way exuded

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Praise for Chronicle classic photo show, Mark's guided tour, Max's India

Dear Mark,

Thank You for the wonderful 'Chronicle Classic Photos' show at the Chapman Museum & your personal guided tour on

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It was a scene like the high points of 'It's A Wonderful Life,' writes Mark Frost. ▶ **6** More pix ▶ **38**
Chronicle photo/Gordon Woodworth



Hometown Holiday celebrated Glens Falls state championship football team
In front of Crandall Public Library at the start of last Friday's Hometown Holiday celebration, **Glens Falls High School football coach Pat Lilac** — with team members above him — **accepted a Warren County congratulatory proclamation from Claudia Braymer**, the city's Ward 3 county supervisor. Next to her, **Mayor Jack Diamond** had a proclamation, too.

Saw 'Hamilton' in NYC

By Sandra Hutchinson
Chronicle Associate Publisher

Ten months after finally securing much-coveted tickets to the Broadway smash hit *Hamilton*, my husband and I finally got to see it last Wednesday evening.

We tried to make the most of our short time in the city. Here's an overview:

1. Hamilton! Does the hip hop historical musical live up to its hype? Yes it does! It's a work of genius by Lin-Manuel Miranda about the life of Alexander Ham-

ilton (based on Ron Chernow's biography).

Hamilton, of course, was one of the nation's founding fathers. He was General George Washington's chief aide during the American Revolution and was key in the development of the Constitution, principal author of the Federalist papers that helped it win ratification, and the first Secretary of the Treasury.

The show is raucous and ener-

gizing. It's already sold-out until next fall in New York, although you can purchase tickets to see it with much shorter lead times through ticket re-sellers at inflated prices.

Even so, we paid \$549 per ticket — list price! — for [what turned out to be great 14th row] orchestra seats through the theatre last spring. I can only imagine what the people paid who were right behind us in line entering the theatre and the ones seated next to us inside. Both said they bought their tickets within the last two weeks.

Maybe see it in Chicago! It

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That & more in a whirlwind 27 hours

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