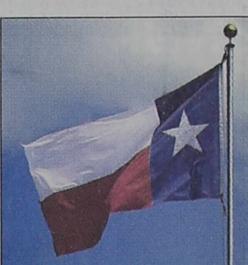


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Saturday is Election Day in Rockwall, Royse City, Fate

Three area municipalities – Rockwall, Royse City and Fate will hold the polls Saturday to determine contested elections. Voting will run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

In Rockwall, the election will take place at the Utley Freshman Center, 111 Townsend. Those casting early ballots in the Royse City election will go to the City Hall, 305 N. Arch St., Royse City. The Community Center, 104 S. W.E. Crawford, is the site for City election voters.

The following is an overview of the races to be decided:

Rockwall
 One of the three positions open on the Rockwall City Council will be contested in the election.

Place 2 seat, incumbent Mark Russo will be challenged by Ted Tucker. Teddy Nugen originally filed as a candidate, but has since withdrawn from the race.

Place 6 position, incumbent Margo Nielsen will be challenged for the Place 6 position by David White.

Place 4 office, incumbent, will see no challenger in his bid for the position to top the Place 4 office.

Royse City
 A contest exists on the City of Royse City ballot. Voters will be asked to decide between Jim McLeroy and Brooks Lam for the position of City Council, Place 4.

Place 2 and 6 – Clay Ellis and Tom Williams respectively – are running unopposed.

Fate
 In the City of Fate will be asked to decide between the incumbent Bill Broderick, and a challenger, Richard Johns. Incumbents for Places 2, 4 and 6 – Steve Skipworth, Sheri L. Reed and Tammy Ryan, respectively – will run unopposed.

McLendon-Chisholm City Council OKs road repair funding

At its April 27 meeting, members of the McLendon-Chisholm City Council continued grappling with the need for road repairs within the city. Council members authorized city manager Dave Butler to spend an additional \$100,000 to fill pot-holes on Pullen Road.

Repairs made necessary by uncommonly extreme winter weather have exhausted the city's existing road repairs budget. Council members acknowledge an inability to fund all needed road repairs on the city's current revenues and have been looking at various options for financing the needed repairs.

In addition to seeking funding, council members have discussed installing lower speed-limit signs and weight-limit signs to reduce traffic on the roads, especially Pullen Road.

Council members complain that Pullen Road often is used as a shortcut for vehicles in excess of the 20,000 pounds weight capacity. Council members are looking for ways to make heavy vehicles such as trucks and car carriers feel less welcome on the road.

The council will seek to ensure the boundary line between the city-controlled part of the road and city-controlled part is clearly marked.

At its regular business meeting, council members agreed to table action on re-zoning the city's general business district until their first meeting in June.

The council reviewed a Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation. The review was the second one this month, part of a process that has been in progress for more than two years in its current form.

The recommendation is to return zoning of a strip along State Hwy. 121 from residential on one side and agricultural on the other.

Mike Donegan and Mayor Pro-tem Steve Hatfield both own property on that strip and neither was in the room for the discussion. Donegan was absent from the meeting and Donegan excused himself from the room.

Council members tabled the item in order to take it up in a "visioning" session with the mayor-elect, Gary Moody. Councilman Jess Hatfield also asked that property owners and members of the Planning and Zoning Commission be part of the conversation.



The Twisted Sisters – Amy Ramirez, MaryAnn DeLuna, Leah Franklin, Jackie Hagered and Vonda Lattimer – were just one of the many teams participating in last week's Relay For Life activities. Photo courtesy of Mary Thacker/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County's Relay For Life rolls on despite rain threats

by Mary Thacker
 Threatening skies greeted participants in the opening festivities of the Rockwall County Relay For Life on April 30 at the Cain Middle School track.



Rockwall High School sophomore Olivia Britton, daughter of Mark and Venus Britton, was crowned 2010 Miss Teen Dallas for the United America pageant system on April 25 at the Richardson Woman's Club. Contestants were judged on personal interview, evening gown and on-stage interview. When asked why she wanted to be Miss Teen Dallas, she stated that the title would give her the opportunity to be a role model for other young women by demonstrating integrity, intelligence, poise and dignity. With the title she plans to continue to raise awareness and support for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. As Miss Teen Dallas, she will advance to the state pageant in Austin on June 6. A member of the National Honor Society, German Club, band and color guard, Britton is a part of the North Garland Fellowship Praise Dancers. Her career goal is to be an orthodontist. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Boy Scout Troop 314 kicked off activities with the presentation of the flags and the Pledge of Allegiance. The singing group Broadway Babies from the Rockwall Community Playhouse led the crowd in the national anthem.

Cullins Elementary School presented a check for \$2130.63 to the American Cancer Society, followed by the beginning of the Survivor Lap. Cancer survivors circled the track to the cheers, tears and laughter of the participants. Next, the caretakers took their victory lap, which was met with an outpouring of gratitude from family and friends. The two groups adjourned to the cafeteria for a barbecue meal catered courtesy of Eddie Deen's.

Children's activities provided entertainment for the youngsters, as the cake decorating contest began. Pulling in first and third place in the competition was the Regal Realtors team who were walking in honor and in memory of three colleagues.

At 8 p.m., a special presentation was made to the family of Cynthia Case, who had been team captain for the Presbyterian Pathfinders for many years and died the previous Friday from an aortic aneurysm. Her friends and family showed their love by sending donations to make her the highest fundraiser of the night.

On and around the track were more than 60 tents, each with its own theme. The Thyroid Cancer booth was organized by a Rockwall Girl Scout troop working toward its Silver Award. The girls researched thyroid cancer, known as the Butterfly Cancer by visiting an ENT doctor and endocrinologist. In addition, the troop gave away more than 800 homemade cookies and beaded butterfly-shaped pins. The scouts provided free face-painting to entertain the children, while their parents were educated about the disease and were taught a simple test for detecting thyroid cancer.

The Mark Hoar Memorial tent was brightly-colored and featured photos of Hoar, who lost his long battle with brain cancer this year. After losing her father to the disease, Rockwall-Heath High School freshman Anna Hoar decided to fight back by joining Relay.

Amy Parks Elementary won Best Tent for its birthday theme, which went along perfectly with the theme of the 2010 Relay, "Each lap gets us closer to a world with more birthdays."

The Hope Ceremony took place at 9 p.m. when the stadium lights were extinguished, and girls dressed as angels circulated to encourage the crowd to quiet down for the solemn part of Relay. The Rockwall Children's Chorus sang "A Song of Peace" while the luminarias in the stands were lighted to spell out the word hope. Behind the choir the names of those lost to cancer and cancer survivors scrolled across a screen.

Dr. Kenneth Ford of Baylor Hospital took the stage, detailing his experience with prostate cancer. After his speech, the youth choir sang "After the Storm Passes." At the conclusion of their song the luminarias in the stands read cure.

The skies cleared as the activities became more light-hearted

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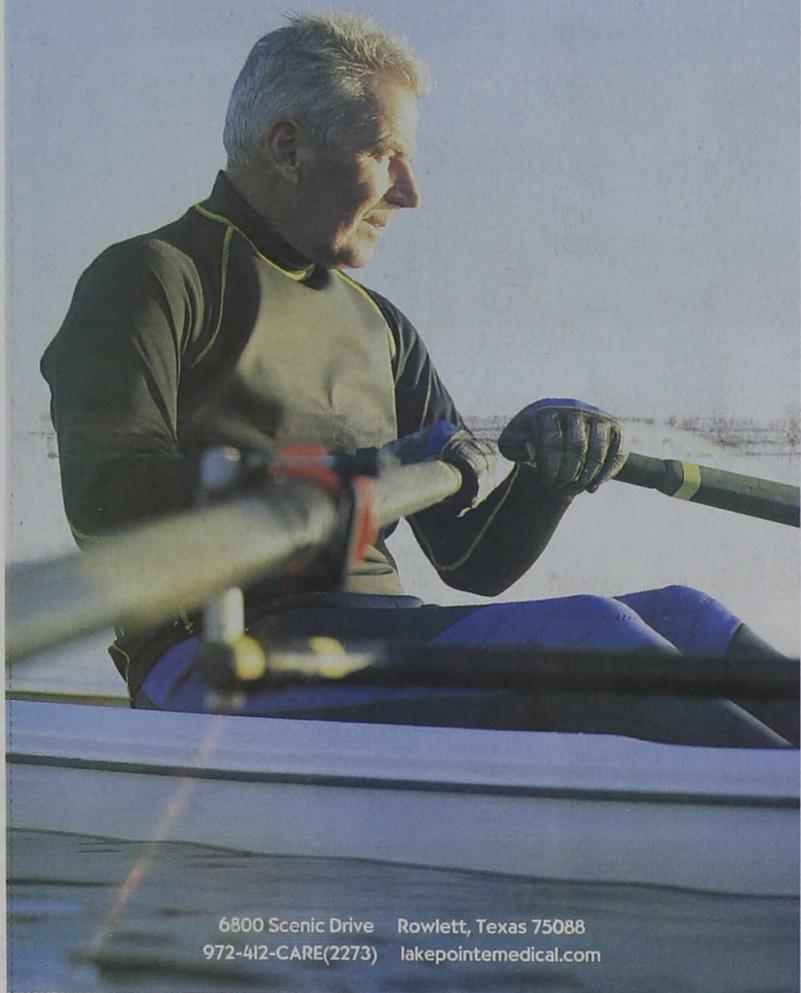
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New Zealand exchange student Emma Blackwell, second from the left, is shown with host family members Paige, Sarah and Hannah Lehmann of Rowlett.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Lehmans open hearts, home New Zealand exchange student

April is National Volunteer Month, a celebration of ordinary people doing extraordinary things to improve communities across the country. The act of volunteering is one of those tasks that often goes unnoticed and underappreciated.

A family in Rowlett -- Timothy and Amber Lehmann -- found a unique way to answer our nation's call to service. The Lehmans have opened their hearts and their home as host parents through non-profit EF Foundation to share America with Emma Blackwell of New Zealand.

Timothy and Amber's generosity of spirit not only gives their own children a global view; hosting Emma for an American high school year also enhances global awareness and cultural understanding in their community and in their local schools and creates a positive view of the United States that crosses oceans and lasts a lifetime.

There are few things that can broaden a child's world view like getting to know someone from another country. Hosting a high school foreign exchange student goes beyond a brief meeting and forges a lifelong bond between your children and students from abroad. The opportunities for interaction are almost endless, and it's a chance to not only bring the world into your home, but to share the best of America with someone from another country.

Amber Lehmann of Rowlett was first introduced to foreign exchange and EF Foundation as a high school student, spending her junior year in high school in Australia. Amber always knew that she would host a foreign exchange student when she had her own family.

"Hosting a foreign exchange

student has opened our family's view to the world. We wanted to share our home with a student so that they could learn about our culture and have a wonderful American experience, but at the same time, we are finding that we are learning much about the world and Emma's country. My husband, three daughters and I are building a bond with Emma and her family that I am sure will last a lifetime," said Amber. "EF Foundation did a great job matching our family to an amazing student with many common interests. We often joke, how can there be a family so much like us in New Zealand."

Emma said she is grateful for the experience as well.

"Even now I can't believe I'm really here, living in America. I'm so lucky to be having so many new experiences. My host family is amazing," she said.

"They are so fun, understanding and great cooks. I've been to do so many new things because of them. I will be able to express how thankful I am."

EF Foundation is looking for families to open their homes to high school foreign exchange students for the 2011 school year. Families interested in learning more about how a student can visit www.ef-foundation.org or contact Ashlee.McClelland@EF.org

According to data compiled by The Council on State for International Education (CSJET), Texas number two in the latest ranking of states by the number of foreign exchange students (2009-2010 school year state is hosting 2,021 students for a full high school year semester).

Rockwall's farmers, markets open Saturday

Opening day of the Farmers Market, the kickoff of the San Jacinto Street Market and a special celebration marking Preservation Month will be offered Saturday on Rockwall's downtown square.

Farmers Market will open its season, featuring local and regional products, and the debut of the San Jacinto Street Art Market will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The art market, which will showcase handcrafted, one-of-a-kind creations from local and regional artisans, will be located on San Jacinto Street between Rusk and Washington streets.

Live music will be featured from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Patio, also located on San Jacinto.

A presentation denoting Preservation Month observance will begin at 9:30 a.m. on the courthouse lawn, followed by free walking tours of the town area.

A performance by Rockwall High School Band will be featured on the courthouse lawn beginning 10:30 a.m.

Relay for Life Race Results

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with the Macarena Lap Spaghetti Hair competition everybody's favorite, the Relay-Lap, which had men and women and parading the track with their purses for donations. Charlie H won the title of Miss-ter for the second year in a row collecting the most money.

At midnight the Fight Ceremony encouraged everyone to take a stand against cancer and work toward a Relay participants enjoyed Chicken Dance Lap, M Relay-Ville Lap, the Limb and the Crazy Slippers Lap.

On the main stage were events like Dress Hot Potato, Best Parrot Contest and Cheeto Belly rule of Relay seemed to be the later the hour, the more the activities.

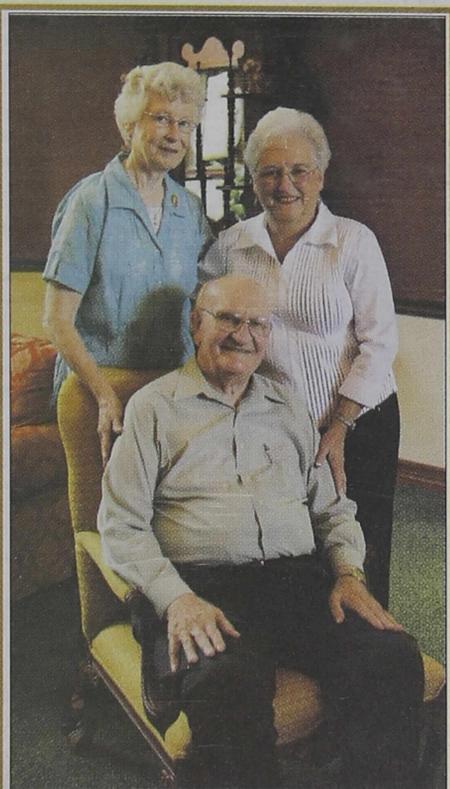
The Soroptomists won Most Spirited Award by participating in every activity.

Taco Cabana provided a night snack for the group a.m. to keep everyone full with energy.

The sunrise breakfast by Chiloso's was eclipsed by spectacular thunder and lightning show.

More than \$127,000 raised for the American Cancer Society. Top fundraisers were the Walkers of Light, Regal Realty and Presbyterian Pathfinders.

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CA rakes in honors at music, art competitions

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Rockwall County librarian Marcine McCulley, right, is shown holding the book "Renting Lacy: A Story of America's Prostituted Children" from Daughters of the American Revolution member Louise Davidson. Written by a former congresswoman and published in 2009, the book deals with the plight of thousands of children and exploited children in the U.S. The DAR donation to the library was made after Davidson unexpectedly met the book's author, Linda Smith, in the DFW Airport just a week after an "adoption" meeting was no accident, Davidson said. For more information about the author or her organization, Shared Hope International, visit sharedhope.org. Davidson also can provide more details on Shared Hope. Call 972-722-1592 or e-mail davidson10@yahoo.com.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Spiritual Matters...1 Corinthians 12:12-27

In Acts 1:5 Jesus Christ gave some important information to his disciples. He said, "For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the holy ghost [holy spirit], not many days hence." He had just told them to wait in Jerusalem for the promise for the Father. This came to pass, as recorded in Acts 2:4, when they were filled with holy spirit. From this time forward it became available for anybody who believed with the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, to be filled with holy spirit. The scripture in Romans 10:9-10 refer to this as righteousness. Last week we learned from 1 Corinthians 12:7-10 exactly how to profit from the manifestation of holy spirit. Verse 11 revealed that all nine ways work that one and the same spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 relays a wonderful message about the relationship between all saints in the body of Christ. "For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ. For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and

have been all made to drink into one spirit. For the body is not one member, but many" (verses 12-14).

What makes the whole body of believers one? They were all baptized by one spirit. Furthermore, God makes sure there is no confusion as to who can be filled with holy spirit. The word Gentiles refers to all people other than Jews. In other words, all people in the whole world can be filled with holy spirit. God did not exclude any category of people.

Verses 15-27 builds on this beautiful analogy with different members of the human body. Not one member is counted as useless in the body. If one member of the body does not function like another member, it is still part of the one body. As it is written, "But now has God set the members every one of them in the body, as it has pleased Him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, 'I have no need of you;' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary; and those members of the body, which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked."

Why? "That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." Finally, God reemphasizes, "Now you are the body of Christ, and members in particular."

The extensive use of figures of speech shows that God is placing great emphasis on the fellowship and functional importance of all the members of the body of Christ. From the most honorable, useful and appealingly wealthy people, to the lowly and financially poor members, all are fellow members of the same body. God gave this scripture because He knows the nature of the world and how it can influence the body of Christ. He placed great emphasis on it so that there might be no useless divisions in the body, and that all the members might have the same care for each other.

Worth National Cemetery. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall was in charge of arrangements.

She died Sunday, May 1.
Born Dec. 11, 1928, in Charleston, Ark., to Luther Burton (Vanmeter) Moore, she was a member of the Lake Pointe Church, retired from teaching school and working at Hobby Lobby's fabric store.

Survivors include her husband, Wallace Lee Duvall of Rockwall, Texas; her son, Ron Duvall and his wife, Betty, of Utopia; her daughter, Nancy, of Rockwall; her sister, Mona Lou Neighbors of Charleston; her children, Jeremy and Ian Duvall, Andrea and Chris Hinkle; her grandchildren, Jeremy and Ian Duvall, Andrea and Chris Hinkle; her great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Her parents and one brother preceded her in death.

Barbara Dorene Mitchell

Services for Barbara Dorene Mitchell of Rockwall were conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 6, 2010, in the First Baptist Church, M.L. J. Chapel, Rockwall, with Pastor Steve Swofford officiating. Burial will be in the McLendon-Chisholm Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died Monday, May 3.
Born June 11, 1932, in Floydada to Waymond and Louella Mitchell, she married Roy G. Mitchell on May 1, 1948. She retired from the Independent School District in 1998 after 35 years of service. A member of the First Baptist Church, she will be remembered for her devotion and friends, her generosity and hospitality.

Survivors include her sons, Roy G. Mitchell Jr. and Carol V. Mitchell and wife, Brenda; her daughter, Cathy Stamer and husband, Mark; her grandchildren, Nicole Hill and husband, Jason Mitchell and wife, Lindsay, Andy Mitchell and wife, Mandy, Joell and fiancée, Lora, Justin and Braden Stanert; her great-grandchildren, Cole, Hanna and Jack Hill and Garrett and Gage Mitchell; her sister, Lofland; her brothers, Ron and Kenneth Terry; and other family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Charlotte Seaman and her husband, Roy G. Mitchell.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to the Chisholm Cemetery Foundation, c/o Margaret O'Connor, 353 Road, Rockwall, TX 75082.

Neil Curry Swope

Memorial services for Neil Curry Swope, 82, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 8, 2010, at the family residence, 588 Eagle Pass in Roys City, with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He died Saturday, May 1.
Born Sept. 1, 1927, in Pittsburgh, Penn., to Allan Guy and Mary Elizabeth (McNiece) Swope, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He enjoyed flying and flew for the Shriners.

A member of Masonic Lodge 429 in Harmony, Penn., and the Lodge Council Chapter Consistory in the City of Pittsburgh, he enjoyed golfing and worked for Equifax as a supervisor. He was an Episcopalian.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Gwendolyn Grace Swope of Roys City; his daughters, Karen Jay of Round Rock and Cheryl Jay of Rockwall; and his grandchildren, Alyssia Indermuehle of Nantua, Marshall Jay of Round Rock and Bryan Jay of Austin.



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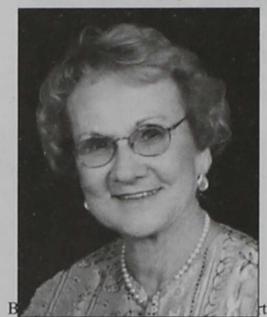
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Services for Bonnie F. Duvall, 81, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at the Lake Pointe Church Chapel with Pastor Travis Armstrong officiating.



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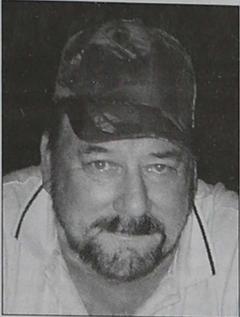
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Rockwall County Obituaries

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Richard Dallas Tolbert



Richard Dallas Tolbert, 61, of Rockwall, Texas, died on May 3, 2010, at Southern Home-Rockwall Chapel. He was born on April 29, 1948, in Meridian, Mississippi. He was a member of the Rockwall Baptist Church and worked for the city for 35 years. He is survived by his wife, Linda Tolbert, and sons Richard N. and John Tolbert, all of Fate; his brothers, Charlie "Butch" Tolbert of Colton, Texas, and Russell "Rusty" Tolbert of Russell, Miss.; his sisters, Sue Carol Branning, both of Collinsville, Texas; Petty Britt; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of family members and friends, including Barbara, E.V. and Jack Allison Tolbert. He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Tolbert.

Lois Ruth Vance



Lois Ruth Vance, 87, of Rockwall, Texas, died on May 7, 2010, in the First Baptist Church, M.L. Jones Chapel. She was born on May 25, 1922, in Roysse City, Texas. She was active in the Senior Center and was a member of the First Baptist Church and attended the Class. She had worked as a secretary for Universal Pictures for many years. She is survived by her grandchildren, Donna and Nate Dunham of Cedar Park, Texas; her sisters, Ruby Jordan and Betty Gatchell, both of Rockwall; and her great-grandchildren, Emily and Kendall Dunham, both of Cedar Park, Texas; and her son, Don Vance, preceded her in death. She is survived by her son, James O. Vance, and her son, Don Vance, preceded her in death. She is survived by her son, James O. Vance, and her son, Don Vance, preceded her in death.

Helping Hands Thrift Stores helps meet communities' needs

The Thrift Stores of Helping Hands are one of the best-kept shopping secrets in Rockwall County. Everything from antiques to designer clothes, books and furniture are sold at bargain prices.

Just ask Tiffany R. Jones. Her hair salon, Vogue Hair Gallery in Rockwall, was furnished with "pre-loved" items from the stores.

"I've been a customer for years," Jones said. The salon's reception desk, the sofa in the waiting area, her station, the filing cabinet, television stand, supply cabinet and buffet table all came from the stores. Jones outfitted her business in style and saved money doing it.

A native of Rockwall, Jones opened her salon in December. She said she considers Helping Hands, a non-profit critical assistance agency, a ministry to the community.

"I love it," she said. "They help so many different people and they also provide items from the Thrift Store to people in need. It's such a big help to our community."

Melody East, manager of the Rockwall and Roysse City Thrift Stores, said new customers are often amazed at the finds they discover in the stores.

"It's really exciting for our regular customers because they truly do enjoy the thrill of the hunt and the joy of the find. We've got good stuff at true bargain prices," East said. "We made it even more enjoyable now with our new constant shopper program."

Merchandise comes from the Rockwall community, so East said local residents should remember Helping Hands when cleaning out closets and garages.

"When you shop the Thrift Stores of Helping Hands, you are helping: Rockwall residents in times of crisis, low income Rockwall children get vaccinated and get new toys at Christmas," she said.

Donated items can be dropped off at the Rockwall store, 950 Williams St. between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The Roysse City store accepts donated merchandise on Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

For larger items or for assistance with donations, call 972-771-HELP for pick-up service.

Tickets available for 2010 Tour of Gardens

Tickets are now available for the Rockwall County Master Gardener Association's 2010 Tour of Gardens event set for May 15.

The "at-your-leisure" tours will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Five private gardens with a variety of styles, the Helping Hands garden and the ever-growing and ever-changing Rockwall County Discovery Garden are scheduled to comprise this year's tour.

The selected gardens will showcase high-style and low-maintenance, small spaces, southern charm and Texas country while providing inspiration to homeowners interested in revamping their landscape or creating new outdoor living spaces. Ideas for water features, outdoor kitchens and swimming pools will be offered.

Tickets may be purchased at the Extension Office weekdays from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. or at any of the following locations: American National Bank on Ridge Road; Covington's Nursery; Culver's Restaurant; Land Art; Landscape Sources; or the Roysse City Tiger Mart. Tickets also may be purchased from any master gardener.

Tour addresses and maps will be provided with ticket purchase. Ticket-holders may tour the gardens in any order they choose; however, they should be sure to allow enough time to visit all gardens prior to the 2 p.m. closing time.

Tickets cost \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door.

For more details, visit rockmga.org.

Rockwall County Book Review

Bryson's A Short History of Nearly Everything

by Bill Bryson

Reviewed by Jerry Fudge

For the third time, I decided to write a review of this audio book.

As indicated by the asterisk in the cover, this is not your average history book. In fact, the emphasis of this book is on what scientists know what they don't know. For example, how do scientists know what caused the dinosaur extinction? How do scientists know that Yellowstone is the site of an active supervolcano?

In addressing questions such as these, Bryson also documents numerous detours and dead ends in science, illustrating not only the limits of knowledge, but also the human nature of scientists themselves.

For example, we learn about the Haldanes, a father-son team who tested the effects of toxic gas on each other, taking turns measuring how long it took for the other to pass out. We learn about Karl Sverre, a Swedish chemist who discovered

eight elements but received no credit for any of his discoveries. This same chemist had the unusual habit of tasting all of the chemicals he worked with - a practice that led to his untimely death at age 43. We learn how Sir Richard Owen, one of the leading paleontologists of the 19th century, was not content with his own discoveries and regularly took credit for discoveries of other scientists - driving one forlorn scientist to eventually commit suicide. As head of a prize committee, Sir Owen even awarded himself a prestigious prize for a pa-

per that was later discovered to have been plagiarized. We learn about a Scottish janitor who, without a high school education, published a series of scientific papers, including a seminal paper providing the first plausible theory for ice ages.

This book's only shortcoming is an assumption that we now know, as a result of science, that mankind is the result of a cosmic accident, which is ironic given the book's recurrent theme of how much science does not know and the limits of what science can and cannot say about our world. However, in spite of this materialistic worldview bias, the book is both fascinating and informative.

Finally, the audio quality is excellent. The text is read in a crisp British accent that is easy to listen to, even on the highway with road noise. I definitely recommend this audio book available at the Rockwall County Library.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Jerry Fudge is Rockwall County Library patron and the spouse of library staff member Denise Fudge.)

Save a Heart-Save a Life helping shelter animals

If heartworms are left untreated, most dogs will die.

Many animal shelters across the country opt to euthanize heartworm-positive animals, since the problem is relatively expensive to treat. Rockwall PAWS hopes the initial phase of the Save a Heart-

Save a Life program will save the lives of at least eight dogs. As additional funds become available, the group will expand the program.

The Rockwall PAWS program began in January, when a heartworm-positive dog named Taz was adopted from the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center.

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PCCS takes 2nd overall at state-level tournament



Poetry Community Christian School students recently won second place sweepstakes at the TCAL State Tournament for Academics, Speech, Drama and Music in San Antonio. High school team members included, front row, from the left, Megan Wood, Song Kim, Michelle Williams, Hannah Horton, Haley Jones, Jaynie Jones and Matthew Harrell and, at back, Alyssa Taramona, Justin Fussell, David Bruce, Caleb Taramona, Eddie Potet, Gunny Park, Austin Daniel, Reid Harrison, Rachel Roth, Rachel Huddleston, Nick McTaggart and John Stibbe. Not pictured are Micah Sweeney, A.J. Cummins, Shelby Nowland, Macie Wilhite and Jasmine Lesiuk.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

The high school team representing Poetry Christian High School won second place sweepstakes at the TCAL State Tournament for Academics, Speech, Drama and Music conducted in San Antonio April 30 and May 1. The PCCA team competed against more than 350 other high schools to earn the second-place finish.

- Individual results were as follows:
- Academics – Ready Writing, second place, Reid Harrison; Spelling, second place, Micah Sweeney; Current Events, second place, A.J. Cummins; Number Sense, fifth place, David Bruce; Number Sense, fifth place, Jaynie Jones; Creative Writing, third place, Matt Harrell; Science, second place, Reid Harrison, and fourth place, Austin Daniel; and Math, first place, Reid Harrison, third place, Austin Daniel, and fifth place, John Stibbe.
 - Speech – Poetry Interpretation, first place, Michelle Williams; Public Speaking, second place, Rachel Roth; Prose Interpretation, first place, Alyssa Taramona; and Dramatic Interpretation, second place, Caleb Taramona, and fifth place, Shelby Nowland; Monologue, fourth place, Justin Fussell, and fifth place, John Stibbe; Persuasive Speech, second place, Caleb Taramona, fourth place, Micah Sweeney, fifth place, Nick McTaggart; Duet Acting, fourth place, Jaynie Jones and Matt Harrell; and fifth place, Rachel Roth and Rachel Huddleston.
 - Drama – One Act Plays, second place, scenes from “Willy Wonka & Chocolate Factory” and “The Sound of Music”.
 - Art – Black & White Drawing, fifth place, Megan Wood; Graphic Design, fifth place, Megan Wood; Mixed Media, third place, Rachel Roth; Black & White Photography, second place, Megan Wood; and Color Photography, second place, Hannah Horton, third place, Rachel Roth, and sixth place, Macie Wilhite.
 - Music – Vocal Ensemble, first place, Jaynie Jones and Hayley Jones; Instrumental Solo, fourth place, John Stibbe, and fifth place, Megan Wood; Vocal Solo, third place, Rachel Huddleston.

Donations sought for benefit event

The June 12 Harbor Rock Concert, which will benefit the Rockwall County Boys & Girls Club, is seeking donations of prizes for the event. Organizers are hoping to receive contributions of “high-dollar” prizes including jewelry, televisions, trips and other items, according to a release issued last week.

Any individual, business or organization that contributes an item valued at \$500 or more will receive a pair of VIP tickets to the concert, advertising space on the Harbor Rock website and a hanging banner at the concert. For more details, contact Brenda Keilers at brend1018@aol.com or 500-6332.

Opinions

Who will bail out the U.S. government

by Jacob Hornberger

The Los Angeles Times is reporting that city governments, who are suffering severe financial strains, are looking to the federal government to bail them out. And the federal government, our nation's daddy, is responding favorably. Congressional Democrats are pushing a bill that would give cities and counties \$75 billion. That's on top of all the \$787 billion in “stimulus” money that was sent to localities last year.

Of course, as well all know, U.S. city governments aren't the only ones who are experiencing tough times. The Greek government is in desperate economic throes as well. Like U.S. cities, the Greek government wants a bailout too.

The Greek government has borrowed money to the hilt to pay for its ever-increasing welfare-state programs. The debt in Greece has gotten so large that investors are shying away from buying Greek bonds. They fear a default, one that would likely cost them at least 50 percent of their investment.

The problem is that Greek tax revenues are insufficient to cover the interest on the debt, much less reduce the principle. Moreover, Greek dole recipients don't want to let go of their dole, insisting that European taxpayers, especially those in Germany, help them out. As a backup plan the Greeks are also looking to U.S. taxpayers to come to their rescue, with the IMF serving as intermediary and buffer to protect U.S. public officials from the wrath of U.S. taxpayers.

But as everyone knows, the U.S. government is itself deeply in debt. It's also spending money and incurring new debt as if there were no tomorrow. It's also cranking up the printing presses to print up the money needed to sustain this house of cards.

Imagine that! All these deadbeat governments are looking to a deadbeat government to bail them out.

There really are some simple solutions to all this. For example, at both the state and federal level drugs could be legalized, which would enable federal, state, and local governments to lay off lots of officials whose jobs revolve around that immoral, idiotic, and destructive war. But needless to say, all too many public officials oppose losing their access to bribes, payoffs, asset forfeitures, and political power that accompany the war on drugs.

Localities could also eliminate all programs that don't directly relate to crimes of a violent nature. The problem, again, is that the people who benefit from all these programs, including the public officials, simply will not let go of their largess.

The problem at the federal level is no different. Statists will simply not let go of their favorite welfare-state programs, regulatory programs, and warfare-state programs, even if they are taking our country down.

Consider the welfare-state programs that form the biggest portion of federal domestic spending -- the so-called entitlements, such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. All we would have to do is repeal them, along with all other welfare-state programs, departments, and agencies. Yes, I said “repeal,” not “reform.”

But when Americans hear that, they have a conniption fit. As psychologically dependent on the dole system as the Greek people are, they simply cannot imagine that life could actually be possible without a system based on the dole.

So, while complaining about how bad federal spending, debt, taxes,

and inflation are becoming, except for libertarians Americans are committed to all the things that the feds are spending money on. I hope is that someone will come up with the magic reform to make it work.

It's no different with respect to the regulatory programs. Americans are so scared of speculators, profiteers, bankers, illegal aliens, and dealers that the thought of truly free enterprise -- that is, enterprise free of government control or regulation -- absolutely terrifies them.

It's the same with respect to the warfare state, which also consumes a large portion of federal spending. Despite 8 or 9 years of continuous occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan, Americans are still not willing to let go of their beloved empire and its imperial adventures. For terrorists and Muslims now seems to match or even exceed the fear of the communists, causing them to want to keep the troops in the Middle East, Korea, Europe, Africa, Latin America, and, well, all over the world.

Dismantling all the welfare-state programs, the regulatory programs, and the warfare-state programs would resolve America's fiscal problems immediately. Alas, however, the American people are still not willing to let go of their socialism, interventionism, and imperialism.

Thus, America continues to travel down the same road that Greece traveled down. While the Greeks are looking to German taxpayers and American taxpayers to bail them out, who will be bailing out Germany and the United States when they reach the point where Greece is today?

Jacob Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation (fff.org)

False assumptions about immigration ...

by Timothy W. Burnett

Two weeks ago, on Fox News' America's Newsroom, two guests with opposing views about immigration were interviewed about the new Arizona immigration law. The guests were Gabe Gonzalez (Fair Immigration Reform Movement) and Roy Beck (NumbersUSA) who lobbies for less immigration. The subject was immigration reform involving children born in the United States. Beck argued that children should not be treated as naturalized citizens if one of their parents are not “citizens.” Gonzalez argued against Beck's opinion.

A review of the U.S. Constitution reveals some important information that helps to settle the matter. It does not authorize the Federal Government to regulate and control “immigration.” The same law of the land does authorize the government to develop “uniform rules of naturalization.”

The federal government is not authorized to set regulations that require the arrest, penalizing, imprisoning and deportation of immigrants. Instead, it authorizes the government to set up procedures for immigrants who voluntarily choose to become “naturalized” citizens.

Two possible exceptions involve immigrants who are arrested for, or have a history of “aggravated felony,” and/or who have entered labor agreements with creations of federal government such as corporations and joint-stock companies (and their subsidiaries).

U.S.C. Title 8 Section 1226 addresses Arrest, Detention, and Release of Aliens. The circumstances justifying these actions involve “aggravated felony” offenses. It does not involve basic misdemeanor offenses. Nor does it have anything to do with regulating “immigration.” It is simply related to qualifying immigrants who want to become “naturalized citizens.” Immigrants who have been convicted of “aggravated felony” charges or have a history of convictions, would disqualify them for “naturalized” citizenship.

Title 8 Section 1324a addresses Unlawful Employment of Aliens. The terms “employment,” “employer,” and “employee” can only refer to those terms related to federal employment statutes. The only entities the federal government is authorized to regulate, in violation of constitutional limitations, are those that are created by the federal government. Such entities would include corporations and joint-stock companies (along with their subsidiaries).

Is it really a dangerous thing that people from neighboring countries want to work? Or could it be that certain people want to regulate competition between potential laborers. Everyone wants to get a job and receive the highest pay. Maybe this is more about free market labor competition for jobs, versus an attempt by unions to knock out their labor competition? It's something to consider and study on.

What about immigration inspection and examination checkpoint stations? Anyone traveling across the U.S. on Interstate Highway 10 will be forced off the road to pass through a forced checkpoint. The stated reason for the checkpoint is related to immigration. One person offered a thought-provoking comment, “what would happen if I chose to not pass through the checkpoint and continued on my way?” This is a reasonable question. What code actually requires travelers to stop at “immigration” inspection and examination checkpoints?

Once again, a review of the code offers some insight into this subject. Correction...the code offers nothing on the subject. It does not empower any agency of the government to set up forced immigration related checkpoints, except for border entry points. There is no authorization in the constitution and the statutes for forced checkpoint inspection and examination stations at any point other than border entries. In other words, they are not authorized to set up checkpoints along any roads, highways and/or interstates other than corridors at border entry points. Considering the government's lack of constitutional authority to regulate immigration at all, there appears to be no constitutional authority to set up similar checkpoints even at border entry points.

During the Fox News interview, Roy Beck offered a sad comment. He basically explained that our country should become more like other nations in the world. His well articulated comment suggests the need to discard the basic principles of freedom and immigration that our country was founded on. When we apply the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation and the Constitution, the United States of America is uniquely different from all other nations. The United States of America and Texas should stand out uniquely from other nations of the world.

Immigration is not something to be feared. It involves people from neighboring countries with different reasons to come across the border. Some people may want to come across to work for someone who might

pay more than what could be made in their home country. Others might be so happy to live in one of the United States, that they want to become “naturalized” citizens.

Certain people have used slanderous descriptors such as “terrorists” “dangerous” in the context of immigration. They compare immigrants with a mysterious and dangerous boogie-man enemy. Some even go as far as to suggest that immigration is tantamount to a take-over of the United States.

What are some of the stated concerns of immigration? The popular ones are child trafficking and criminal activity. Concerns of child trafficking and other criminal activities by certain immigrants are already addressed by the current executive and judicial branches of government. It's already available to investigate possible criminal activity.

If people in a neighborhood are concerned about seeing large numbers of children being escorted in and out of a home, they can make a call to the Sheriff's office who can then investigate and determine whether there is a need to file an affidavit of warrant for child trafficking. Affidavit of warrant can be filed. Magistrates have the option of signing on to arrest warrants. District Attorney's are authorized to investigate and prosecute criminal complaints. Or they can refer the cases to be handled at the federal level.

No matter who is involved, the county, state and federal governments already have systems in place to handle these suspected criminal matters. It is irrelevant whether the suspected criminal activity involves immigrants, or “naturalized citizens,” or sovereign people. The solution is already in place.

Here is a difficult question to ask, “Why?” Why are people afraid of immigration?

Why are people angry with immigrants?

What information are people relying on to entertain these high charged emotions and beliefs about immigration? What is the source of the information? Do long-held beliefs fit the real facts? Are they based on true or false assumptions? Unwelcome questions like this stir up deep held mixed emotions and push people to dig down deep in their hearts to understand the origin and reason for the fearful and angry attitudes.

In the end...all fear and strife originates from within the heart. Yet also does hospitality, kindness, tender compassion and love.

Helping Hands offers plan to assist with health care

The Health Center at Helping Hands has come up with a plan designed to help individuals, groups and small business owners obtain basic health care while keeping costs down.

The center's new Health Maintenance Card program costs \$300, but provides approximately \$700 worth of health care to card holders. It is not an insurance plan.

"Many people today forego routine health care because they can't afford insurance premiums or because their deductibles are too high to allow routine tests and doctor visits," said Crystal Rooney, center manager. "To make it more affordable for them to access preventative care, the Health Center at Helping Hands is offering the Health Maintenance Card program...."

A card holder is entitled to the following health care offerings each year:

- Four office visits
- An annual PAP smear (women)
- PSA (adult males)
- One flu shot
- Labs, if needed: general health panel, lipid panel, CBC, CMP
- A discount on any additional labs needed.

"We all know that preventative care is necessary for good health and contributes to less time away from work," Rooney said. "The Health Maintenance Card program offers business owners a low-cost way to keep their employees healthy at a convenient location in

downtown Rockwall."

Designed by Rooney, the plan also helps provide "peace of mind to people unable to afford necessary routine health care," she said.

"Too many people are skipping preventative care, and we know that regular check-ups and tests help keep a person healthy and often avoid major problems later in life," she said. "We want to be your health care home with our plan for affordable health care to keep you well and to keep our community healthy."

The center is located at 102 S. First St., Suite B.

For more information about the program, contact Rooney at 972-772-8194.



Crystal Rooney of the Health Center at Helping Hands is shown sharing information about the new health maintenance card to Diane Jones, a local businesswoman, during the Rockwall County's recent Business Expo. The health maintenance card is available to individuals and small businesses.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Cynthia Holley's kindergarten class at Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary recently re-enacted the story "Mrs. Wishy Washy's Farm," as part of its studies. Madison Garcia played the main character, Mrs. Wishy Washy, with Matthew Thompson playing the role of the cow, Noah Gray, the pig, and Mariam Dominguez serving as the duck.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



For the third year, the Rockwall High School National Honor Society raised money for the American Cancer Society. This year the group raised more than \$2,750 to win the Bronze Award. Pictured from the left are group members Tim Schroeter, Paris Sibley, Hillary Persons, Darby Rich, Austin Cain, Cindy Cho, Timmy Clark, Kim McKenzie (one of the group's co-sponsors), Matt Bell and Jennifer Broze.

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Lenk plans fundraiser, sets example for peers

Christian Lenk, a sixth grade student at Amy Parks-Heath, inspired the Saturday fundraiser that students hope can help deliver safe drinking water to residents of Africa.

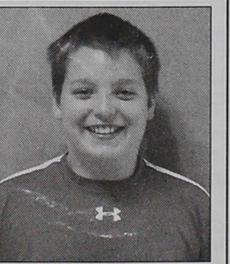
Students at Amy Parks-Heath and Grace Hartman Elementary have been working to "put others before self." In their English classes, students recently wrote papers on service themes – the elderly, community safety, animals in danger, homelessness and hunger, for example – and then brainstormed ideas to address these issues. The students also came up with ideas of things they could do to help meet the identified needs and now are in the process of carrying out their service projects.

After learning of an individual from his church who went to Africa and helped successfully dig a well for a village there, Lenk opted to support the Themba Foundation. His idea was to generate money for the effort through a city-wide garage sale, which will be conducted Saturday at the Rockwall High School parking lot.

Anyone who wants to set up and sell in the sale will be charged \$5;

the proceeds from items sold. Set-up will run from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m., with tear-down set for 1 p.m.

Lenk's teacher shared his idea with other students, as well as a teacher from Grace Hartman. That led to students making plans for similar activities, including "Snow Cones for Snow Leopards," the sale of T-shirt for Relay For Life and a fundraising event to benefit the Patriot Paws organization.



Christian Lenk

Reconstruction closing portion of Quail Run

Quail Run Road will be closed beginning Monday from Memorial Drive to Hays Road, weather permitting.

The closure has been scheduled to accommodate pavement reconstruction, according to a City of Rockwall news release issued earlier this week.

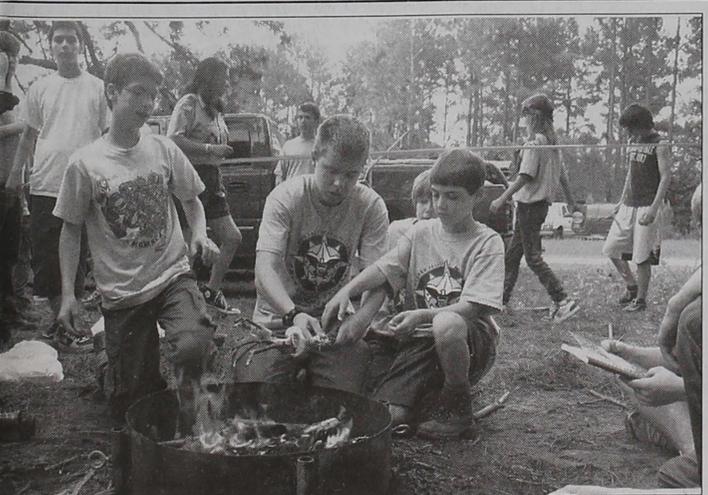
Drivers should look for detour signs.

Anyone with questions regarding this project should contact Jim Raines, City of Rockwall construction inspector, at 214-543-3255 or Kathleen Lappen, the city's project manager, at 972-771-7746.



Cory Pantoja, a fifth grade student at Doris Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary, recently won second in the state poster contest sponsored by The Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for the contest was the battle of Bunker Hill. In recognition of his win, Pantoja received a \$100 savings bond and a plaque. Pictured above with the award winner are, from the left, Cory Wiese, principal; Sarah Cook, RISD social studies curriculum director; Pantoja; and John L. Morhe poster contest chairman.

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Pictured from the left are Dillon Waggoner, Johnathan Milliser and Julen Zurutuza, part of the Rockwall-Heath Boy Scout Troop 314 that traveled to Clements Scout Ranch Camp Miesenbach in Texas on April 17. The boys participated in the annual Boy Scout Camporee, and the theme for this year's event was cooking. Each scout participated in various cooking demonstrations and contests, and the trio shown above participated in the utensil-less cooking event. During the Camporee, Dillon Wilcoxson and Mathew Graves were "called out" for induction into the Order of the Arrow. Johnny Schmemann, Chris Allen, Jeremy Balyiss, Evan Bakkal and Malachi Morrell earned their status in the OA.

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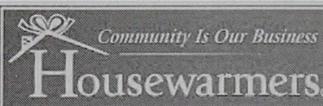
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Rockwall County News Briefs

FOL meeting reservations due today

The final Friends of the Library meeting will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the home of Barbara Allan. New officers will be installed and the Hartman and Celia Hays awards will be presented. Kathleen Broze will cater lunch. Reservations are required and must be made by 5 p.m. today (Friday): 972-771-8976 or eplagens65@aol.com.

Tri-County Choral Concert is today

The Tri-County Choral Society's 2010 Spring Concert, "It's Broadway, Baby!" is set for 6:30 p.m. today (Friday) at the Royse City Middle School. Tickets will cost \$6 at the door. For more details call Annie Cornelius at 972-816-9626 or visit tri-countychoralsociety.art.officelive.com.

'On Golden Pond' opens tonight

Performances of the Rockwall Community Playhouse's "On Golden Pond" are set for today, Saturday and Sunday and May 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23. Friday and Saturday shows will be at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Directed by Lloyd Turney, the show will feature Doug and Barbara Luke as Norman and Ethel. Tickets are available online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org or by calling the box office at 972-722-3399.

Saturday garage sale to aid school project

From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, students of Amy Parks-Heath and Grace Hartman Elementary will host a community garage sale in the RHS parking lot. Open to anyone in the community, cost will be \$5 to set up a table in a designated parking spot; set-up will be from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m., with 1 p.m. tear-down. The fee will benefit the sixth graders' dream to aid in building a water well for an African village through the Themba Foundation. For details e-mail abbiehansen@hotmail.com. Area residents are encouraged to drop by and shop.

Farmers Market open Saturday

The Rockwall Farmers Market will open for another season on Kaufman Street on the Square on Saturday. This year's market will include vegetables, pies, soaps, lavender products and many other items. Members of the Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer local gardening questions, and the RHS Jazz Band will perform at 10:30 a.m.

RCP plans Saturday auditions

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's upcoming children's musical will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at the RCP, 609 E. Rusk. Rehearsals will begin May 24, running from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. until school it out, then from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. June 7-18. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. June 22-27. If cast, tuition of \$150 will be due at the first rehearsal; limited scholarships are available based on need. Those planning to audition should be prepared to perform 16 to 18 bars of a song; bring sheet music or a CD.

Holistic Health Fair set Saturday

Rockwall's 4th Annual Holistic Health Fair will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at The Center, corner of Washington and Goliad. Admission will be free; giveaways and prizes are planned. Participants will have the opportunity to meet with various practitioners and vendors, attend presentations and learn more about holistic health topics. For details call Parks & Rec at 972-771-7740.

NAMI groups to meet Saturday

Two free NAMI support groups – one for those with mental illness (Room 121) and one for their family members (Room 123, B Building) – will take place from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. Call Hal or Dee Whitfield at 972-412-6030 for more information.

Community Band performs Saturday

The Rockwall Community Band will host its 9th Annual Spring Concert at 7 p.m. Saturday at the new Utey Performing Arts Center, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall. The band is comprised of volunteer musicians of all ages; membership is open to anyone interested. Rehearsals are at 7 p.m. each Monday. For more information on the group visit therockwallcommunityband.org. Admission to the concert will be free.

RHHS prom events set Saturday

The RHHS Senior Prom is set for 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday at Southfork Ranch. Tickets cost \$150 for students who've not paid class dues. For details contact Cathy at 972-771-7669 or 972-979-8086. The drug-free After Prom at Shenanigans will run from 12:15 a.m. to 5 a.m. Tax-deductible donations are needed. Call Nora, 972-358-0412, or Elizabeth, 214-906-9608, or mail checks to RHHS, Attn: Julie Durst, 801 Laurence Drive, Heath, TX 75032.

FOL luncheon set for Tuesday

The Royse City Friends of the Library Mad Hatter Luncheon will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Melody Room at City Hall. A Chinese auction and program are planned. Cost will be \$20 per person; sponsorships remain available. Reservations required; call Mary Johnson at 469-387-9620.

Shattered Dreams set Wednesday

A showing of the Rockwall-Heath High School 2010 Shattered Dreams program will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Performing Arts Center auditorium at RHHS. For more details contact Cathy Night, 972-772-2717.

Me & My Monkey plans Thursday concert

The Concert by the Lake series continues. Thursday at The Harbor Amphitheater. This week's band is Me & My Monkey, a Beatles cover band. Admission to all concerts, which begin at 7:30 p.m., is free. Participants are urged to bring blankets or lawn chairs to the amphitheater, which is located behind the Hilton.

Brown Bag Series to focus on fashion

The final lecture in the Rockwall County Historical Foundation's Brown Bag Series prior to the summer break will be at noon May 14 and will focus on local fashion trends through the years. Photos, artifacts and live models will round out the presentation. The free, family friendly program will be in the Historic Courthouse on the square.

Older Americans celebration slated

The Rockwall County Committee on Aging will host an Older Americans celebration at 1 p.m. May 14 at the Rockwall County Library. Each May, Rockwall County organizations, the five mayors and city governments and individuals nominate outstanding seniors to receive awards. The ceremony will feature Congressman Ralph Hall, who will present awards. For more details call 972-771-9514.

LCC to award scholarships

The Lakeside Civic chorus, which annually awards scholarships to high school students attending college and majoring in music, will host auditions for vocalists and instrumentalists from 9 a.m. to noon May 15 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Rockwall. To audition, be prepared to perform one or two works (students may bring accompanist or one will be provided), complete an application and undergo a brief interview. Contact Ken Frerichs, 214-773-5460, to schedule an interview time.

Tickets available for Tour of Gardens

Tickets are now available for the Rockwall County Master Gardener Association's 2010 Tour of Gardens event set for May 15. The tour, which will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., will feature five private gardens, the Helping Hands garden and the Rockwall County Discovery Garden. Tickets cost \$8 in advance at the Extension Office, sponsoring businesses or from any master gardener, or \$10 on the day of the tour. Visit rockmga.org for details.

Psalom to perform May 16

Eastridge Church of Christ will host a free concert by Psalom, an a cappella quartet from St. Petersburg, Russia, beginning at 6:30 p.m. May 16. The concert is designed to provide local residents with the opportunity to fellowship with individuals of different cultures and backgrounds. For more details, visit eastridge.cc.

Just Say You Saw It In "The County News"



Dyana Harrison, a designer from Tulsa, Okla., is shown awarding Samantha Sneed, center, with the 2010 "It Dress" award at Rockwall Heath High School's fourth annual fashion show conducted April 14 in Rockwall. Also pictured is Amber Featherstone, the show emcee. The show kicked off with a luncheon served by students from the Rockwall Culinary Arts program. Harrison unveiled the students' designs, which ranged from evening wear to sportswear. The event showcased a wealth of the students' talent in photography, set construction, fashion conception and clothing production. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Special Olympics track team competes twice

The Rockwall County Special Olympics track team has opened its season, competing in two meets.

Rockwall participated Saturday, April 10, in the 36th annual Hunt County Special Olympic Track Meet at Texas A&M-Commerce's stadium. A week later, Rockwall competed in Mesquite.

The team members are Scott Wendt, Cole Randolph, Kyle O'Connor, Jamie Wylie, Ashley Francis, Lauren Murphree, Matt Bendorf, Troy Fraser, Allen Catapano, Joey Casper, Garrett Welch, David Keith, Luke Pitre, Mark Nabonne, Ryan Schneider and Taylor Howell.

Downtown walking tours slated Saturday in Rockwall

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the City of Rockwall Main Street Program will kick off National Preservation Month activities with a brief overview of downtown history and free guided walking tours beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday on the courthouse lawn (facing Goliad Street).

May has been designated as National Preservation Month, and the city and foundation are partnering to give area residents the opportunity to learn more about the historic downtown area.

The City of Rockwall was platted in 1854, and the downtown walking tour, which will cover approximately a quarter of a mile, will showcase the general history of the downtown area and 22 of its structures. A brochure that includes photos and a written history of the downtown area will be provided to each participant.

Previews of the walking map to be provided are available at rockwallcountyhistoricalfoundation.com/tours.htm.

The tours will address the evolution of the downtown area from a rowdy wild west town to its current incarnation.

In addition to the tours, the day will include numerous other activities: Farmers Market, the opening of the San Jacinto Street Art Market and live music.

For more details, contact Sheri Fowler at 214-926-6466.

Me & My Monkey takes stage for next Concert by the Lake

The City of Rockwall's Concert by the Lake series is under way and will continue Thursday with Me & My Monkey, a Beatles cover band.

May and June performances, according to a city news release, will include Random Axis, a variety band, May 20; Hanna's Reef, a Jimmy Buffet cover band, May 27; Petty Theft, a Tom Petty cover band, June 3; Mars Hill, variety, June 10; Voodoo Blue, a Stevie Ray cover band, June 17; and Fast Lane, an Eagles cover group, on June 24.

All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at The Harbor Amphitheater. Admission is free.

Each Thursday event in 2009 drew between 3,000 to 5,000 people, including those who choose to access the site via boat.

Participants are urged to bring blankets, lawn chairs, picnic baskets and coolers to enjoy each week's concert. Free parking is available at the intersection of lakefront Trail and Summer Lee Drive.

For a complete listing of upcoming performances, visit rockwall.com/parks or check the city's "Fun Guide."

For more information call 972-771-7714.

RCISD hosts workshops for area school officials

The Royse City Independent School District hosted two days of Texas Association of School Business Officials workshops in April in the district's administrative offices.

Workshop topics included plant maintenance and operations, PEIMS and business ethics.

More than 75 school employees from school districts as far away as Houston, Plainview and Pittsburg, Texas, attended the event.

Officials attending the workshops credit toward their required 60 hours needed every three years to maintain professional certification. The purpose of the continuing education requirement is to verify that certificate holders remain knowledgeable and current in their fields of expertise, according to a RCISD news release.

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Admission will be free of charge; no tickets will be required.

Founded in 2001, the band is comprised of volunteer musicians of all ages, representing a variety of occupations and professions. Band members come from throughout the area. Membership is open to anyone interested. Rehearsals are at 7 p.m. each Monday.

For more details, visit therockwallcommunityband.org.

ESL student cookbook available for purchase

Members of the English as a Second Language Future 1 class at Rockwall County Library has turned its love of food into an international cookbook.

Students and their tutors, who in recent weeks often found themselves enjoying snacks to celebrate holidays and birthdays, have teamed up to propose a cookbook that reflects that many cultures embodied in the group. Recipes are written in English and feature photos of the contributing students.

The ESL Cookbook contained more than 80 recipes from 14 countries. Anyone interested in purchasing a cookbook should contact Gloria Bishop, ESL coordinator for the Rockwall County Library, at 1215 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall, TX 75087.

For more information on the ESL program, call 972-204-7705.

Rockwall County Commissioners Court to hold Special Meeting May 11

by Amy Van Vleck

A special Rockwall County Commissioners Court meeting has been set for 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 7 to consider roads and possible road bonds.

At a meeting Tuesday, May 4, the court discussed issues regarding the contract for the Juvenile Services Information System (JSIS).

Angie Scalf, Juvenile Services Director, presented the commission's update regarding the JSIS and its limitations. The court took no action on the matter, as the Juvenile Services board had already made a decision regarding the current contract. Ms. Scalf informed the court of the decision regarding the contract for the department's Juvenile Case Management System.

Commissioner Dennis Bailey presented the court with a future agenda of discussing the new courthouse's physical address.

The next meeting of the Rockwall County Commissioners Court will be on Tuesday, May 11, at 9 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse in downtown Rockwall, 101 E. Rusk Street, third floor.

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HCA student takes fifth, sixth at state science contest

A Heritage Christian Academy student finished in fifth and sixth place in two separate events at the TAPPS State Academic Meet.

Asa Burke captured fifth place in Advanced Mathematics and sixth place in the Science contest.

The state competition was conducted April 9-10.

Neal earns Dean's List at DePaul University

Katherine Neal of Heath was named to the Dean's List for the 2009-2010 winter quarter, according to a news release issued last week by DePaul University, Chicago.

To earn Dean's List commendation, a full-time student must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or more on a 4.0 scale.

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Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks Cheerleaders and Mascots

Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks varsity cheerleaders and mascots for 2010-2011 are mascots (front) Andee Aulbaugh and Chandler Cox; (middle row) cheerleaders Katelyn Brown, Morgan Iles, Ashley Fladeland, Allie Lincoln, Rebecca Eddy, Rylie Mike-Mayer, Lauren Hartnett, Kayla Hall and Lauren Statham; (back row) Savannah Smith, Meagan Naegele, Meagan Delozier, Jordyn Leeuw, Coach Shanon Zais, Cayley Lott, Tara Woessner, Brittany Buchanan, Chasity Rooney, Alexis Roland, Holley Noe, Kaylea Wisner, Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Rockwall High School Yellowjackets Cheerleaders

The following students were tapped to cheer for the Yellowjackets as varsity squad members at back, from the left, juniors Alex Smith, Ali Arguelles, Kristin Stone, Lauren Phillips, Katelyn Smith, Kathryn Canavan, Jennifer Owens (mascot), Ellie Moses, Lindsay Loy, Sarah Melton, and Natalie Fernandez. Shown at front are seniors Catherine Dorsey, Allie Wentzel, Jacey Blalock, Kristin Kyles, Kaitlyn McGuire, Rain Ramsey and Katy Spangler. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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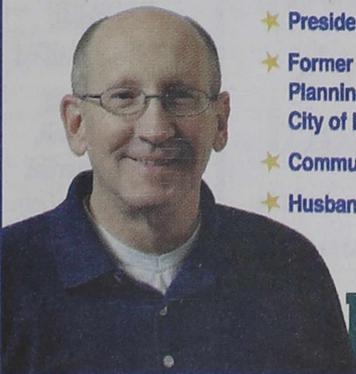
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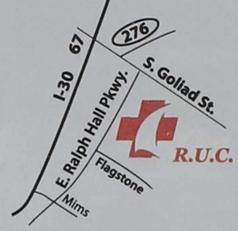
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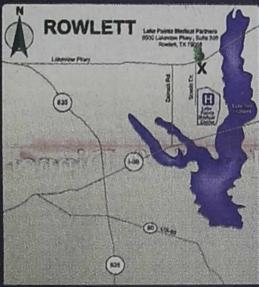
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Eagles easily advance to Regional softball

Heritage Christian Academy spotted Dickinson Pine Drive Christian School two runs in the first inning, then used a 18-5 rout in a TAPPS 1A/2A Area playoff game Tuesday. The lineup because of illness and injuries, HCA allowed two of Pine Drive's first three batters to lead off the game with a walk and scored on Kayla Gilstrap's single. Gilstrap scored on a wild pitch. Miller. She then struck out two batters to end the inning. She took the mound, Miller had enough runs to win the game. HCA's Lady Eagles scored six runs in the first inning at RISE.

and scored on Lauren Pettit's two-out triple. Jenna Huckabee's first of three hits drove in Pettit to walk, stolen bases, an error and a wild pitch led to two more runs before Monica Whitmire singled for a 6-2 lead.

grew to 11-2 after a five-run second inning, and 18-3 when HCA scored seven times in the third. Priscilla Anderton singled to drive in a run and Anabel Burke tripled down the left field line to score. Huckabee's triple drove in three runs with a third-inning triple, and three more scored when Pine Drive overran a fly ball by Trapane.

and just two hits until the fifth inning, when Sukanic and Sarah Amador each singled with one out. A wild pitch scored, and Amador went home when Kara Giardina grounded out. The game ended when Miller got past catcher Whitmire, who caught the ball off the screen and tagged out a runner trying to score.

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Heritage Christian Lady Eagles' Megan Trapane (13) hits an RBI single against Dickinson Pine Drive Christian School during Tuesday's game in Rockwall. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

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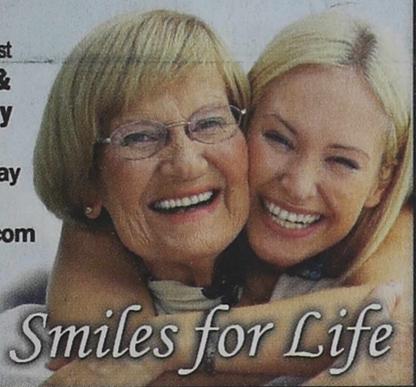
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Richardson, Fuller regional champs to state track

High jumper Johnathan Fuller and triple jumper Brianna Richardson will represent Rockwall-Heath at the state 4A track and field championships after winning championships in their best event at the Region II-4A meet.

Fuller, a junior, cleared 6 feet, 6

inches in the regional meet Monday and Tuesday at the University of North Texas' Fouts Field in Denton.

"He put in very hard work throughout the entire season, and it paid off by him winning the Region II high jump championship."

Richardson, a sophomore, went

40-2 in the girls' triple jump. She could do even better at the state meet because her personal best is 41-1.

The state 4A championships will be Friday, May 14, at Mike A. Myers Stadium at the University of Texas in Austin.

Hawks begin playoff hunt against Centennial

by Lary Bump

The 32-0 regular-season record means only preferential seeding in the playoffs.

The high national rankings in various high school baseball polls — number one by USA Today — mean even less.

What does matter now for Rockwall-Heath in what could be a dream season is the Hawks' success in the playoffs.

The District 10-4A champions will begin their playoff run with a best-of-three Bi-District series against Frisco Centennial, the fourth-place team from District 9-4A.

Until Friday, April 30, RHHS wasn't assured of being a district

champion. Heading into that night's final regular-season game, the Hawks held a one-game lead over Highland Park, whose only loss had come against Rockwall-Heath.

RHHS won again, riding a four-run second inning to a 6-1 victory over the Scots. Sophomore Jake Thompson improved his pitching record to 7-0 by striking out seven batters in 5 1/3 innings, and helped himself with a double. The Hawks' eight hits also included a double by Nick Petersen. Trevor Holland went 3-for-3, scoring two runs and driving in another.

The Hawks enter the playoffs on a 32-game winning streak, but Centennial is stumbling in on a two-

game losing streak. The Titans (22-11) finished the district season in a three-way tie for third place at 8-6, and lost a seeding game for third place to Frisco Wakeland 15-0.

Rockwall-Heath head coach Greg Harvey isn't taking Centennial lightly.

He said, "They're more of a pitching and defense team than power hitters. They have a real good pitcher, Kyle Nelson."

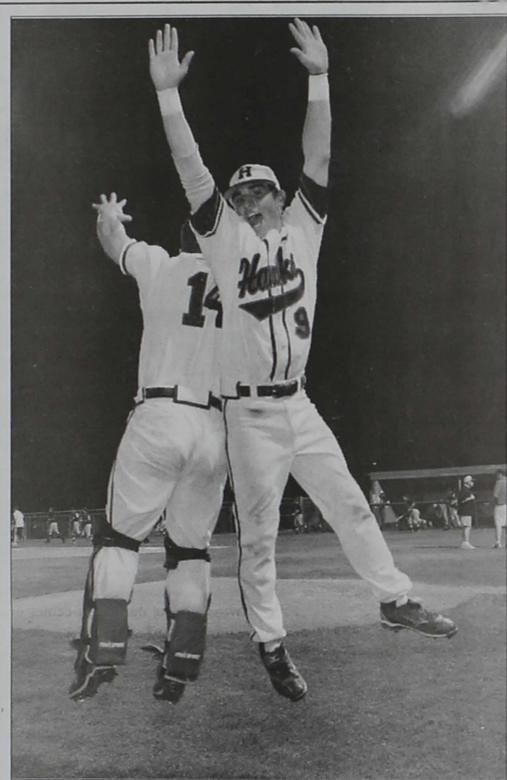
In 46 innings, Nelson had compiled a 6-1 record by striking out 94 batters, better than two per inning. His team has held opponents to no runs or one run in nine games; Centennial has scored in double figures eight times.

Hitting leaders for the Titans have been Garrett Killgore with a .431 batting average and 26 runs batted in and Austin Schotts with four home runs and a .347 average.

Harvey said he hadn't decided on a pitching rotation for the Centennial series. We could expect James Baune (9-0) and Thompson to pitch, with Jovan Hernandez (5-0) also a possibility for a start.

RHHS' offense has been overpowering, with Hernandez holding a .524 average with nine homers and 49 RBI. The Hawks' other best run producers at Thompson (.435, five homers, 41 RBI) and Holland (.505, 29 RBI).

A sampling of national polls as of Wednesday morning showed the Hawks ranked second by ESPN RISE and MaxPreps, third by rivals.com, eighth by Easton Sports/Collegiate Baseball Magazine, ninth in the Massey Ratings at highschool-sports.net and 18th by Baseball America.



Hawks' Drew Benefield (14) and Trevor Holland (9) enjoy some celebration time following their team's 6-1 District Championship win over Highland Park last Friday night. Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News flickr.com/photos/carls_sideline_pics

Bohrstedt begins state play Monday

Rockwall-Heath's Brady Bohrstedt will meet Kevin Rodriguez of Magnolia West in the state 4A boys' tennis quarterfinals Monday at 9 a.m. at Lakeway World of Tennis outside Austin.

If Bohrstedt wins, he would advance to a semifinal match on the same courts at 2:30 p.m. Monday against the winner of a quarterfinal between Denton's Hee Won Kim and Lake Travis' Austin Mayo. The final match is scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday at World of Tennis.

Bohrstedt, a senior, is this year's District 10-4A and Region II-4A champion.



Lady Hawks' Brianna Richardson wins the UIL Regional Championships in the triple jump with a distance of 40' 2" at Fouts Field UNT. Richardson qualified to compete in the UIL State meet at Austin.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Hawks' Jonathan Fuller clears the bar at 6' 6" earned a spot in the UIL Regional Championship last weekend at UNT's Fouts Field, Denton. Fuller will advance to compete in the State meet in Austin.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Lady Hawks take on unbeaten Hillcrest

by Lary Bump

Playing an undefeated team in a one-game Area playoff might not faze the Rockwall-Heath softball team.

They're fresh off a 6-2 Bi-District victory Saturday against McKinney. The team ranked 25th in a statewide 4A poll was seeded higher and favored to defeat the Lady Hawks.

When asked about Friday's 6 p.m. game against Dallas Hillcrest (20-0) at Richardson Berkner, RHHS head coach Christin Thompson said, "I think the girls can do it. We played McKinney, which was a very good team. The girls are very excited about this game."

For much of Saturday's contest at Wylie High School, the Lady Hawks were frustrated. From the second through the fourth innings, they put 10 runners on base through seven hits, two walks and a Lionettes error. Yet Rockwall-Heath came away with only one run.

Thus, the Lady Hawks trailed 2-1 entering the fifth inning.

The game may have turned when they prevented McKinney from scoring after the Lionettes loaded the bases with one out in the top of the fifth. Jenny Guzman then hit a line drive at RHHS second baseman Emily Coltharp, who caught the ball for one out and threw to first base before MHS' Meredith Baker could get back to the base for a double play.

Thompson said, "Emily is in her first year on the varsity, and she has really stepped up."

In the bottom of the fifth, Madie Rice and Sarah Deimling both singled with no one out. Rice scored the tying run when pitcher Victoria Combs grounded out for the second out.

Kayleigh Lutz then singled to right field to drive in Rice, and

Deimling also scored when catcher Gina Guajardo dropped a throw. Katie Robertson doubled to drive in a run, and Coltharp's double sent Robertson home with the inning's fifth run and the final 6-2 margin.

According to Thompson, the Lady Hawks weren't disappointed even after a ground-ball double play, two runners thrown out at home plate and another forced out at third base combined to hold them to a single run through four innings.

"They could see we were hitting the ball. They didn't give up. They've been working so hard, and

they're getting better every game."

Combs also has been improving during her senior year. She allowed nine hits through the first five innings, but McKinney didn't score except during a three-batter spurt in the third inning when Ashley Thomas hit an inside the park home run, Jenny Gilbert doubled and Guajardo tripled. Combs then struck out the Lionettes' fourth and fifth batters to end that inning.

A difference between Hillcrest and McKinney is that the Lionettes have stars. Thomas is committed to play college softball at Georgia tech, and

Gilbert at Ball State.

"I don't think they have a stand-out," Thompson said of Hillcrest. "They've hitting well and have good defense."

In fact, Hillcrest has won each of its last 17 games by at least 10 runs. Included was an 11-0 shutout of Dallas Pinkston in a single-game Bi-District playoff. The leading pitcher, Sarah Fife is 9-0 with 62 strikeouts in 31 innings. Pacing the offense is Linda Buehler, with a .630 batting average, two home runs and 31 runs batted in.



Lady Hawks' first baseman Shannon Burkett is poised ready to catch a toss from second teammate Emily Coltharp (4) during last weekend's Bi-district game against McKinney. This key double play off a line drive to Coltharp kept McKinney from scoring with bases loaded.

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Royse City Lady Bulldogs advance to Area round playoffs

Booker looked in surprise at her coach as she approached third base swinging her arm around," Royse City's shortstop said of head coach Booker. "I was surprised. I'm not the person to steal a base, however, a hitter. She leads District 10-4A with a .522 batting average. She came to bat with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning of the Centennial's Shelby McCoy had not allowed a hit.

Rockwall athletes fall short of state track

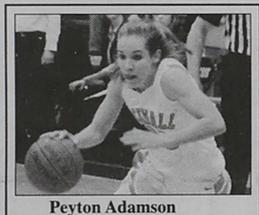
Strong performances, Rockwall came away from the Regionals Monday and Tuesday without a state qualifier. Going to the state meet as one of the top two finishers in the boys' 100-meter relay and Alicia Janke, who both finished fourth in the 100-meter. Teammate Lindsay Loy also cleared 11-0 but finished sixth in the 110-meter hurdles. Philis produced two personal records while placing fifth in both the 100-meter (1:19.44) and 1,600 meters (4:27.2). All other sixth-place finish was by Kaitlin Ross in the girls' 800, with a time of 1:19.33. The race for the Yellowjackets were Josh Broach in the 100-meter (0:19.33) and the 4X100 relay team of Will Beasley, Broach, and Spencer Edwards. Broach was ninth in the shot put at 35-1, and Alexandria Castell finished with a discus throw of 100-6. Her competitors were Justin Boss with a 12-6 pole vault; Dillon Adams and Andrew as part of the boys' 4X200 relay; Niki McKnight, Gibby and Shelby Soldat in the girls' 4X400 relay, and McKnight, Leah Dawe and Tierra Williams in the girls' 4X200 relay. Head coach Will McCrary, "Overall, I am proud of the kids and the fact that they gave at the regional meet. Several of the kids turned in personal bests or performances."

Rockwall will be losing just two boys and two girls to graduation. "This is a very young team. That gets me excited to know that returning next year and the years to come after that."

Adamson selected for All-Star game

Adamson's high school career isn't quite over. Adamson was named a first-team All-Star in the girls' basketball league in the All-Star game.

Adamson has signed a letter of intent to play college basketball at Division I Missouri-Kansas City.



Peyton Adamson

Exabebe headlines HCA track qualifiers

Jessa Huckabee will lead a group of nine Heritage Christian athletes at this weekend's TAPPS 2A state track and field championships in Waco. Huckabee qualified in three events – the long jump, triple jump and 100-meter hurdles. During this season, she achieved TAPPS 2A's second-best (34 feet, 8 1/2 inches) in the triple jump, the third-best long jump (11 1/2 inches behind the top 2A performance) and the fourth-best (50.31 seconds) in the 100-meter hurdles.

Other HCA's nine representatives are from the girls' track team that competed in both the TAPPS District 2-2A and East Texas Private Championships.

Mica Whitmire will compete Friday and Saturday at Baylor's outdoor Track Complex in the 800- and 1,600-meter runs. Her best time this season have been 2 minutes, 38.94 seconds in the 800 and 6:06.94 in the 1,600.

In the high jump, the Lady Eagles' Anabel Burke has had the best TAPPS performance this season, clearing 5-1. Jordan Miller also will compete as a jumper in the discus.

Heritage Christian's 4X400-meter relay team of Rachel McMillan, Hailee Morgan, Megan Trapano and Anna LeTourneau also qualified for the state championships.

Andrew Waters will compete in the boys' high jump. His season best has been 5-8.

High school schedules

The Fulton School Falcons
Friday, May 7 – Track and field: at TAPPS 1A State Championships, Hartson Track Complex, Baylor University, Waco
Saturday, May 8 – Track and field: at TAPPS 1A State Championships, Hartson Track Complex, Baylor University, Waco, 9 a.m.

Heritage Christian Academy Eagles
Friday, May 7 – Track and field: at TAPPS 2A State Championships, Hartson Track Complex, Baylor University, Waco
Saturday, May 8 – Track and field: at TAPPS 2A State Championships, Hartson Track Complex, Baylor University, Waco, 9 a.m.

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors
Friday, May 7 – Track and field: at TAPPS 2A State Championships, Hartson Track Complex, Baylor University, Waco
Saturday, May 8 – Track and field: at TAPPS 2A State Championships, Hartson Track Complex, Baylor University, Waco, 9 a.m.

Rockwall Yellowjackets
Friday, May 7 – Varsity baseball: at Bi-District playoff game 2 vs. Hebron, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 8 – Varsity baseball: at Bi-District playoff game 3, if necessary vs. McKinney, Hebron, 1 p.m.

Rockwall-Heath Hawks
Friday, May 7 – Varsity softball: at Area playoff game vs. Dallas Hillcrest, 6 p.m.
Saturday, May 8 – Varsity softball: home for Bi-District playoff game 2 vs. Frisco Centennial, 1 p.m.

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Then, in what must have seemed like déjà vu to Royse City fans, Arredondo lined a single to left-center field.

And just as she had in the ninth inning the night before at Centennial, freshman Kyla Simmons laid down a sacrifice bunt. Those Lady Bulldogs fans already were thinking, "OK, next it will be Kourtney Kelley winning the game again with a hit."

Only Kelley never got a chance to bat. McCoy, who had shown impeccable control with only one intentional walk allowed, made one bad throw. The ball sailed past the Lady Titans' second baseman and down the right field line.

Thus was Arredondo chugging toward third base. At that point, Booker was thinking back to a decision she and her staff had made after the senior's single.

"The coaches hesitated about leaving her in to run because we've got a girl with a little more speed, but we figured Dezy's a little bit smarter on the bases."

The decisions to keep Arredondo in the game and to have her try to score paid off when right fielder McKenzie Jones' throw sailed halfway up the third base line. That allowed Arredondo to score the game's only run in both 1-0 victories that allowed RC to sweep both games of the best-of-three Bi-

Jackets' hitters have to shine vs. McKinney pitchers

by Lary Bump
Thus far in 2010, Rockwall's baseball players have been giant frighteners, but not giant killers.

They'll have a chance to play the David role this weekend when they take on McKinney in a best-of-three Bi-District playoff series.

The games are all being played at Hebron High School. The series was scheduled to begin Thursday and continue with games Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday (if necessary) at 1 p.m.

Said RHS head coach Jeff Payne, "I've never been to Hebron, but some of the players have. It's supposed to be very nice."

It would be nicer for Rockwall if the Yellowjackets could defeat the Lions.

McKinney (23-4), the District 9-4A champion, is ranked eighth among the state's 4A teams.

That status might not be daunting to the Yellowjackets. They took Rockwall-Heath, the No. 1 team in 4A – and in the nation, according to the USA Today poll – into extra innings before losing 4-3.

The Jackets and Payne still aren't accepting that near-miss as a moral victory.

Payne said, "The Heath game was a blown lead and a loss. There's really nothing to feel good about in a loss. The players will tell you that."

Though RHS is 19-12-1, the Jackets weren't even sure they would be in the playoffs until winning their final regular-season game. Their 23-1 victory at home over Greenville gave them a 7-7 record in District 10-4A. That clinched fourth place, the district's final playoff spot, when Richardson

District playoff series.

That's actually three consecutive 1-0 wins for the Lady Bulldogs (21-12) and pitcher Alicia Pille, who also shut out Rockwall-Heath Saturday, April 24, in a game that determined the district's second seed for the playoffs.

Pille had pitched a nine-inning, three-hit, 1-0 shutout Friday over a team ranked 18th in one poll of 4A teams.

On Saturday, she struck out 14 and pitched a two-hitter, with both hits on bunts. Pille was so dominant in the series that the Lady Titans (22-11) bunted in 11 of their 27 plate appearances Sunday. Their inability to sacrifice – Centennial was 1-for-5 in bunting runners over – and to field RC's seventh-inning bunt made a bigger difference than Royse City's 8-6 advantage in hits for the two games.

"I've been telling the team that once we end the district, the playoffs are not going to be 7-to-8 games. You've just got to generate a run when you can and play good defense," Booker said.

The Lady Bulldogs' next opportunity to do that would come Friday at 7:30 p.m. in a one-game Area playoff game at Royse City against Seagoville. The District 11-4A champions (17-4) had advanced with a 12-2 Bi-District victory over Dallas Woodrow Wilson.

Pearce lost to Carrollton Newman Smith to drop to 6-8.

Against Greenville (1-13 in the district), winning pitcher Thomas Anderson allowed just three hits. Rockwall pounded 19 hits, including five for extra bases. Steve Bean and Spencer Edwards each hit a double and a triple, and J.D. Deloach had a triple.

Payne said, "It was good to hit well and put the other team away early. We haven't done that enough lately. I think it can only help with our confidence heading into Lee and Lipka."

Lee and Lipka are Zach Lee and Matt Lipka. They're two of McKinney's starting pitchers, both expected to be selected in next month's Major League Baseball amateur draft.

The 6'4" Lee has a fastball that has been clocked at 94 miles per hour. If he is drafted, he would have to choose between signing a pro contract and playing quarterback for LSU's football team. He has said he'd also like to play baseball for the Tigers. When he isn't pitching, Lee plays first base.

Lipka, shorter and stockier at 6'1", has committed to play baseball at the University of Alabama. When he's not pitching, he plays shortstop, which could be his position as a pro. As a wide receiver for McKinney's football team, Lipka caught 22 touchdown passes from Lee last fall.

"They're the best pitchers we'll see all season," Payne said. Rockwall can choose from among Wesley Cox, Cole Harris and Anderson as starting pitchers.

Lady Jackets down North, face Adamson next

by Lary Bump
Make it 13 in a row for the Rockwall softball team.

The Lady Jackets didn't even need a third game to defeat McKinney North in last weekend's best-of-three Bi-District playoff series. RHS scored twin – well, fraternal twin – 8-3 victories over the Lady Bulldogs to stretch its winning streak to 13 games.

The Friday, April 30, game at North was tight until Rockwall scored three runs in the top of the seventh inning. At the Campbell Complex the next day, RHS built an 8-1 lead before three seventh-inning errors allowed McKinney to score twice and end the game with two runners on base.

In Friday's game, winning pitcher Laycee Holcomb retired Lady Bulldogs leadoff batter Haley Wagner, representing the tying run, to end the sixth inning. Holcomb hit a one-out double in the top of the seventh. She scored on an error, then Kennedy Harrison tripled to drive in two more runs.

"They weren't just big hits, they were extra-base hits," RHS head coach Shadie Acosta said of the drives to the outfield by Holcomb and Kennedy. Batting eighth in the lineup, Kennedy also hit a double against losing pitcher Megan Dunn. "We feel confident from top to bottom in our lineup."

On Saturday, it was the top of the batting order that made the biggest difference. Carlie Jenkins led off the bottom of the first inning with a single to left field and scored the game's first run. In the second, her triple to right field drove in two runs for a 3-0 lead.

Rockwall threatened to win by the 10-run mercy rule in the fourth inning, which included a two-run double to center field by Jenkins. She also scored in that inning on one

of Audrey Farfan's three singles.

The Lady Jackets led 7-0 and had the bases loaded with one out in the fourth, but didn't score again against reliever Taylor Buckalew.

After that, the wind shifted and was blowing out to left-center field. Holcomb lost her chance for a shutout when North's 6-foot-2 first baseman, Taylor McAllister, hit a shot over the fence in left-center and off a headlight of a car parked on the hill.

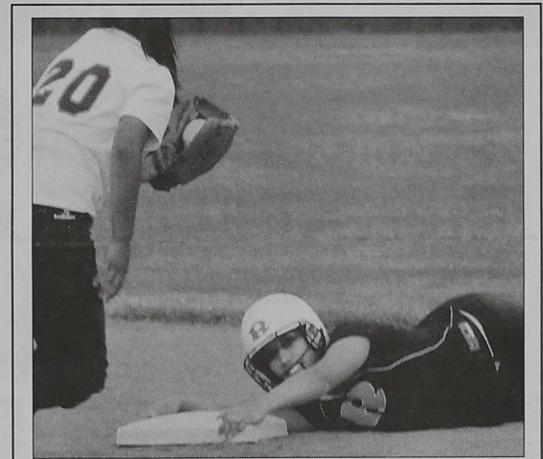
Acosta smiled and said, "That was definitely a home run. She didn't need any wind."

The Lady Jackets (20-11-2) regained a seven-run lead on Jamie Bain's run-scoring single in the sixth. Holcomb retired the first two batters in the seventh before defensive lapses by three of RHS' three infielders led to the series' final two runs.

Acosta said, "Carlie really made a difference today. She sets the tone for the whole team. Kennedy (who went 2-for-3 Saturday) has been hitting the ball hard for a couple of weeks."

Rockwall was scheduled to play Dallas Adamson (17-6) in a one-game Area playoff Thursday at Duncanville High School.

"We're peaking," Acosta said, "and this is the time of year to be peaking."



Lady Jackets' Audrey Farfan latches on to second base during last Saturday's playoffs game against McKinney North at the RHS field.

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Lady Eagles advance to Regional...

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At that point, it became an official game. With the 10-run mercy rule, Heritage Christian's 13-run margin was enough to end the contest.

Miller finished with a four-hitter that included nine strikeouts and four earned runs. She, Trapano and shortstop Erika Mendoza had been sick coming into the game, and Rachel McMillan's finger injury caused her to be moved off of first base to center field.

"Our bats were on pretty good," head coach Rick Trapano said of his team's 14-hit attack. "Some rookies did pretty well; they've got to start hitting our stride."

As a district champion, HCA (19-4-1 overall) also will host a Regional game Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at RISE. Wichita Falls Notre Dame Catholic, which defeated San Antonio Lutheran in the Area round, will be the opponent.

Trapano said, "I've seen Wichita Falls Notre Dame. They have a good pitcher and solid defense, but they're probably not deep in sticks. We'll have to play a good offensive game and tight defense."

Sports Notes

FCA to host Saturday event

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will host an event Saturday at The Harbor. Planned are 5K, 10K, 10K Relay and Kids K events beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Eclipse Fitness. For more details, contact Jeff Jacobs at 214-837-3505 or visit runrockwall.com.

PCCS golf tourney set Saturday

PCCS will host its 6th Annual Golf Tournament Saturday at Buffalo Creek. The event will be a four-player scramble with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start, putting contest and other prizes. For more details call Quatona Blake at 972-563-7227 or e-mail pccsevents@poetrychristian.org. Registration forms also may be found at poetrychristian.org.

Memorial volleyball tourney slated

The 2010 JFS Memorial Volleyball Tournament, a fundraiser for the Rockwall YMCA, will take place May 22 at Rockwall High School. This 6-on-6 indoor tournament is designed to raise funds for the YMCA's Partners With Youth Program, which provides financial

assistance for children who would not otherwise be able to participate in YMCA activities. The tourney will have several age groups. Registration forms are available at the Rockwall YMCA, 1210 N. Goliad; entry fee is \$25 per player. Registration deadline is May 14. For more details call 972-722-9622 or e-mail glancaster@ymcadallas.org.

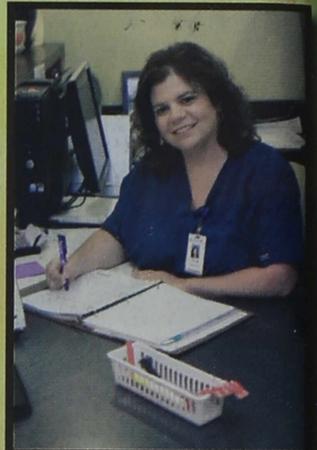
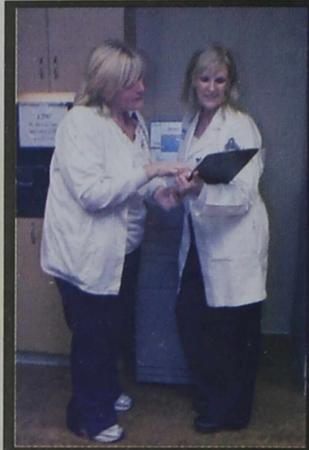
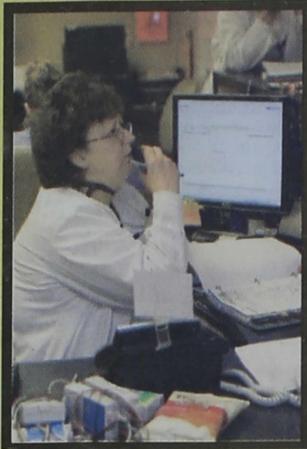
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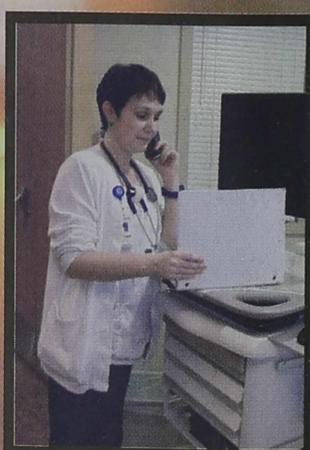
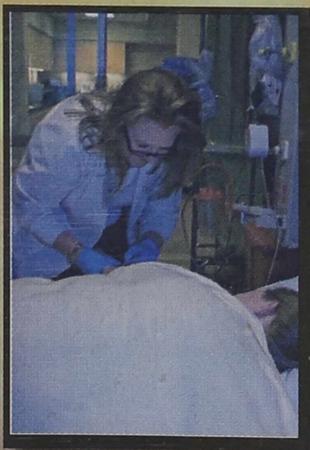
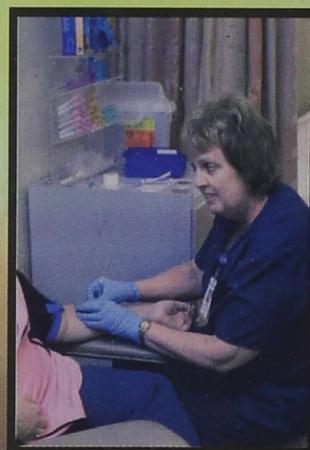
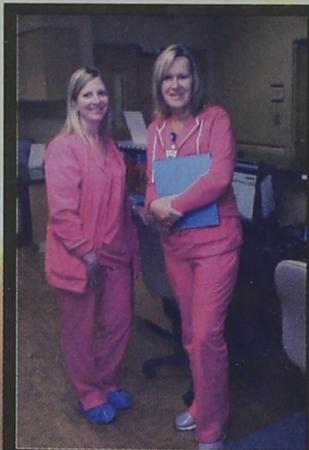
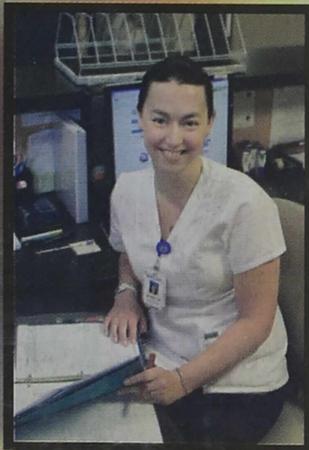
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