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## Royse City filmmaker second at UIL state contest

Shelby Doroshow, a junior at Royse City High School, recently won second place in the large school division of the state UIL Festival Film contest.

Her documentary, "Behind the Curtains," was selected from 192 films entered from across the state. Her winning documentary detailed the work behind the scenes of a summer theater musical production. Doroshow interviewed the actors throughout the production.

"It's truly such an honor. I had worked on the films for eight months," Doroshow said in a news release from the school district. She, her father, and her teacher, Steve Vaughn, attended the UIL Award Ceremony in Austin last week at the Paramount Theater.

"We got to see a lot of truly incredible films, but to watch my own films on a giant screen in a historical theatre was remarkable," Doroshow said.

This is not the first award the filmmaker has won. A few weeks ago, she won second place at the Dallas Library Teen Film Contest. She has also entered the national Toyota Drive 365 contest.

"She loves to make films and enter contests, she has a new project to work on every week" said Vaughn, her advanced video production teacher at RCHS.

Last fall, Doroshow was chosen from students from across the nation to be part of a national video documentary. The title of the documentary film is "No Limits: A New View of Disability." The production is sponsored by the Student Television Network, a national organization that supports and promotes high school video production programs.

"I just finished my part of the production. The leaders of the organization have since asked me to write the script for the entire production and I also made a trailer to promote the film," said Doroshow. "I spent months collaborating with the Partners in PE class at RCHS to produce a documentary about their students and how their disabilities do not hold them back."

In a few weeks, Doroshow will travel along with all of her advanced video team to the STN national competition in Anaheim, California, where her documentary will be shown for the first time. She will compete in convention recap and documentary events at nationals.

RCTV is celebrating its 10-year anniversary this school year. Over the past 10 years, RCTV has won seven national awards from STN. Each year, RCTV attends the STN national convention where they compete against 250 other schools in video production contests.

Students in the three-level program start with an intro class and advance to the top-level classes by their junior and senior years. Past students in the program have gone on to work professionally in video production. Several former students are working for their college production teams at both Texas A&M and the University of Texas.

To see Doroshow's productions, go to youtube.com and search Shelby Doroshow Productions.

## 64th Annual Rockwall Youth Fair set April 5-8

The 64th Annual Rockwall Youth Fair will run April 5-8 at the Rockwall Independent School District Agriculture Complex at 875 Riding Club Road.

The purpose of the Rockwall Youth Fair is to promote the education, constructive talents and leadership skills of the youth of the community by conducting clinics, training demonstrations, shows and auction sales for youth and to cooperate with the Rockwall County Extension Service, Rockwall 4-H Clubs, Rockwall FFA chapters and other youth organizations of Rockwall Public Schools.

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Shelby Doroshow holds her second place state trophy in front of the historic Paramount Theater in downtown Austin.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Couple brings teamwork to RCP's 'Wedding Singer'

"The Wedding Singer" is opening at Rockwall Community Playhouse this week with a cast that includes the husband-and-wife team of D.G. and Ashley Reeves.

Still somewhat new to Rockwall, the couple met in California at a country-western dance club about 10 years ago. D.G. was stationed with the Navy as an aviation mechanic when he met his future wife. He was a meat-eating Texas boy and she was a hippie vegetarian, but they hit it off.

D.G. credits his "good ole Texas charm" as the key to winning Ashley's heart. However, after dating for two months, D.G. was deployed to Iraq for a year. The pair got to know each other through e-mails, sporadic phone calls and rare visits.

"He actually told me over the phone that he was going to marry me before he told me that he loved me," Ashley said.

Upon his return from Iraq, the couple married in Ventura, California, and moved to Rowlett with the encouragement of D.G.'s childhood friend, who worked as a firefighter in Dallas. The couple settled into a rental and had their daughter, Ambyr.

They relocated to Rockwall on Dec. 15, 2015, less than two weeks before the duplex they were living in was hit by a monster tornado on Dec. 26. The garage and master bedroom were destroyed and the room that had been their daughter's bedroom was badly damaged.

"The house next door was just gone," Ashley said. "It was a God thing that we moved to Rockwall when we did."

D.G. works as a firefighter/paramedic at Station #26 in West Oak

Cliff.

"We're pretty fortunate at our station that everyone is in their early 30s, and we all have kids the same age," D.G. said.

The crew often takes family trips together. This year they are heading to Gulf Shores, Alabama.

D.G. auditioned for "The Wedding Singer" at the urging of his wife.

"Theater is important to Ashley, so I did it to make her happy. I expected to be cast as someone who moves trees around in the background," he said. D.G.'s last role on stage was Frank N. Furter in "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" at Sam Houston State University.

"My friend and I auditioned on a dare and ended up with the two leads," he said.

The wardrobe for his "Wedding Singer" character, Glen, is much more "Miami Vice" than lingerie.

Ashley is playing Linda in the show, and she balances rehearsals with her 40-hour work week as a hair stylist in Dallas and looking after the couple's two daughters, Ambyr and Gentry.

A theatre lover since her teen years in Los Angeles, Ashley did hair and make-up for "The Wizard of Oz" at the Rockwall Community Playhouse before securing lead roles in "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," "A Grand Night for Singing" and "Love, Loss and What I Wore." She was in her first trimester of pregnancy during her role in "Scoundrels" and remembers throwing up backstage after her solos. Her daughter,

Gentry, was just 3 months old when rehearsals began for "Grand Night," and Ashley brought the baby with her to rehearsals.

D.G., who works one day on and two days off at the fire station, cares for his young girls while Ashley is on stage.

"He's amazing," Ashley said. "He's very hands-on. I'll come home and he'll be wearing a tiara. He'll do anything for his girls."

D.G. is equally complimentary about his wife's ability to be there for their family.

"She's a rock star," he said.

In addition to D.G. and Ashley Reeves, director Stacey Klutz has organized a cast that includes Joseph Burnam, Molly Pope, Tatianna Valentine, Wil Maxwell, Anthony Lamas, Shannon Souddress, Tina Smith, Prosper Inverness, Tyler Riddle, Vanessa Cooley, Gene Fields, Mary Duncan, Emily Maxwell, Aiden Valentine, Brandy Fields and Gabriel Chacon.

Performances are set for March 24-26 and 31 and April 1-2 and 7-9 (Fridays/ Saturdays 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.).

Tickets can be purchased online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org, by calling 972-722-3399 or at the box office 30 minutes before show time.

The theater is located at 609 E. Rusk, two blocks off the square in downtown Rockwall.

## Rockwall County News Briefs

### City to host Rockwall Council candidate forum

The City of Rockwall will host a forum at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, for candidates running for the Rockwall City Council. The event will be conducted at The Center, 108 E. Washington St., south of the downtown square. Judge Brian Williams will serve as the moderator of the forum, which will be open to the public.

### 'Pillow Talk' auditions slated April 1, 2

The Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk (two blocks off the square in downtown Rockwall), will host auditions for "Pillow Talk," directed by Monica Phillips, on Saturday, April 1, and Sunday, April 2. Auditions will begin at 1 p.m. on April 1 and 6:30 p.m. on April 2. Performances will be May 12-14, 19-21 and 26-28.

### Newcomers & Friends plan April 3 luncheon

Rockwall County Newcomers & Friends will have a gardening show expert speak on how beautiful new growth can enhance homes when the group meets April 13 for a luncheon at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City. Reservations must be made by April 3. Call Becky at 712-202-6916 or Cathy at 927-400-9934. This is a social organization for women of Rockwall County. Visit the group online at newcomersrock.com.

### T-shirt design contest offered in Fate

The City of Fate is hosting a T-shirt design contest as part of this year's fourth annual Celebrate Fate event. Potential designs will be accepted through April 3. Contest eligibility is limited to Fate residents who are 13 years old or older. A limit of three entries per person will be accepted. Designs must include no more than four colors; the complete design must be no larger than 8"x8". Entries must be submitted in .jpg, .png, .pdf, .ai or .eps format in a size no larger than 10 MB. More information can be found at <http://cityoffate.com/279/T-SHIRT-DESIGN-CONTEST>.

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D.G. and Ashley Reeves, a husband-and-wife team, are among cast members for "The Wedding Singer," which will open this week at the Rockwall Community Playhouse. The two are pictured above with their children, Ambyr and Gentry. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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## Multi-family apartment complex prompts concerns, over-population and safety

Rockwall Mayor Pro Tem Mike Townsend led the regular meeting, held Monday, March 20, 2017, of the City of Rockwall, Inc.

Six individuals spoke during the open forum. Five of the speakers addressed the issue of allowing the construction of a multi-family apartment complex on Discovery Boulevard between John King Blvd and FM 3549, near Rockwall Economic Development Corporation.

Leon Tuttle explained he's been a resident of Rockwall 45 years, spoke on the issue of ordinance Z2017-001 related to a zoning change from Light Industrial District to a Planned Development District for a multi-family apartment complex located east of the intersection of Discovery Boulevard and John King Blvd.

Tuttle expressed concerns about the magnitude of the apartment project as compared to the wishes of Rockwall citizens. He briefly described a citywide activist organization that was formed during the 1980s, in order to block the city government's plans to allow the building of multi-family condos along the I-30 corridor that would increase the number of units to approximately 50%.

Jan Johnson also spoke against ordinance Z2017-001. Johnson explained she was born on a farm located north of Rockwall on Highway 205, during a time when there was no asphalt on the road.

Ms. Johnson broke into tears while saying, "I'm angry about what's happened to my town." She went on to strongly say, "What you have let happen to my town, and what you're voting for now!"

Johnson said she accepted the city allowing a few restaurants and other stores setting up in her town, and instructed the council members, "we don't have the infrastructure to handle this." She expressed concerns about congested traffic issues that lead to an increase in accidents.

Johnson expanded on problematic issues related to the city's growth and the need to build more schools. She said that the council is allowing for a significant population increase resulting in more traffic and infrastructure problems.

She boldly told the council, that after five generations of her family living in her town, she has considered moving from Rockwall because of the actions of past and present councils allowing "so much growth to happen without the infrastructure to handle it."

Bob Wacker spoke in favor of more population growth in Rockwall. In support, he read two paragraphs from a document that offered the "existing conditions of the city," by the City of Rockwall. According to the document, currently Rockwall is made up of 12% multi-family units, of which 42% are 30 years old. They are high occupancy and high rental units.

Bruce Foith also spoke against ordinance Z2017-001, and described personal feelings of shock when he learned the council was planning to allow 590 units on Discovery Blvd. He noted that traffic for 590 luxury apartments would be feeding into John King Blvd or 549. He said there would be too many cars for the area.

Foith strongly questioned the decision to replace "Light Industrial" with Planned Development District for a multi-family apartment complex. He also noted the possibly increase in the number of children to approximately 1200 that would be included in the traffic, along with future students walking to school or possibly bus traffic.

Foith said he was "really disappointed" the ordinance was approved on the particular property.

Gene Lambreth of Heath spoke in favor of ordinance Z2017-001. Lambreth said he has been an owner of the property at issue for about 18 years. He said the primary interest for the property has been for multi-family apartment units because there is so much flood plain on it, that it can't be used for anything else.

Lambreth said he did not know what to do with the property if its not used for this purpose.

Dedra Rowe, owner of a business in downtown Rockwall, spoke about the issue of the downtown park and restrooms design. She expressed concerns about the design being to "contemporary," and out of line with the multi-million dollar downtown renovation design. She said, "the rendering does not reflect the same look, nor the same materials."

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## On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

### Jesus' example of sonship living ...

While reading through the accounts of Jesus' sufferings, it is only reasonable to ask why it's so important? Considering his Father raised him from the dead, and caused him to rest at His right hand of power and authority over all angels and mankind, it would seem to be irrelevant to spend time reading and learning about his encounters with the Jewish leadership and Roman government during his last days on earth.

Peter's letter brought out some extremely important truths that help to wrap our minds around this matter.

1 Peter chapter two starts by describing who God's children are, in Jesus the living Messiah and Son of the Creator. It describes where they stand as God's children.

It says in verse 2, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow thereby: If so be you have tasted that the Lord is gracious."

Next, we see the contrast between they who believe reasonable milk of God's word, and they who are disobedient to the words of truth.

The disobedient refers to people who do not believe the words about Jesus' death and resurrection. In context, it related to the Jews who were disobedient to the truth even after Jesus was raised from the dead. They were the same people who arranged for his death.

In verse 9 it perfectly describes God's people, "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

Next, it says that as "strangers, we are to abstain from fleshly lusts. This is not primarily about sexual attraction, but about all things that people passionately lust for in life.

In the united States of America, many people are rightfully passionate about freedom and politics, but are soon drawn away from the spiritual matters of liberty that is in our Lord Jesus.

## Breakfast to benefit Reading for Adults

Pancakes, syrup, scrambled eggs and sausage will be on the menu at the all-you-can-eat breakfast benefiting the Rockwall County Reading For Adults Program on Saturday, April 8, at Applebee's, 687 E. I-30, Rockwall.

Reading For Adults volunteers and tutors will staff the restaurant for two hours, starting at 8 a.m., greeting and serving customers.

This will be the seventh annual fundraiser held at Applebee's.

Serving Rockwall County for more than 16 years, RFA provides free adult educational services. Classes include English as a Second Language (ESL), GED studies and preparation, citizenship preparation and adult literacy. With more than 300 adult students and 70 local volunteer tutors, the program is headquartered in the Rockwall County Library, with several alternative locations for classes.

Adults interested in class schedules or testing for ESL, GED or citizenship courses should visit the Literacy Center in the Rockwall County Library or call (972) 204-7705.

Funded by grants and the Rockwall County Library Friends of the Library, the RFA also is supported by private and corporate gifts and donations. Proceeds from the breakfast will be used for teaching materials, such as white boards and display easels and language software for the Literacy Center.

For more information about how to donate or become a volunteer tutor, contact (972) 204-7705.

Tickets for the breakfast can be purchased at the Literacy Center of the Rockwall County Library or at the door. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 10 and under.

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The Developer, D. R. Horton - Texas, Ltd., will be the Payor for the contract for Rockwall County Municipal Utility District No. 6. Plans, specifications and bid documents are available at <http://www.civcastusa.com>; Keyword: 04021-06F01.

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### Vendors sought for Country Fair in June

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### Sign-ups underway for RSM Summer Camps

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

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# Opinions

## Crises in America

by Timothy Buchanan  
BarbWire

Just 60 days into his term as president, Donald Trump has brought to the attention of the public serious problems that must be rectified for the welfare of the nation. These are serious and troubling problems that are egregious, dangerous and unacceptable in the United States of America. Ultimately, correcting them will require a national outcry to shut them down.

### Security Leaks

Since the November election, we have witnessed the illegal and criminal release of classified information by NBC and other news media. On January 5, 2017, NBC's Lester Holt broadcast information about a Top Secret Intelligence report prior to its presentation to president-elect Trump. Classified information about conversations involving General Flynn were illegally leaked by U.S. intelligence agencies to the media.

Just last week, MSNBC's Rachel Maddow illegally showed President Trump's 2005 federal income tax return, and on Friday, March 17th, NBC reported details of the Pentagon's Secret plan to defeat ISIS, requested by the president. Each of these leaks is a felony punishable by a prison sentence.

Contrary to the opinion of the media, the Constitution's First Amendment freedom of the press does not shield criminals who violate federal law. These leaks of classified and confidential personal information are dangerous breaches of the rule of law that cannot be tolerated. When national defense information is compromised, all Americans are put at great risk. The lives of our military men and women are maliciously put in grave danger by this lawlessness.

### Judicial Corruption

Scripture warns, "You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality"; yet, our courts are full of corrupt judges who supplant the Constitution with their personal political viewpoints. From U.S. District Judge James Robart in Washington to Judge Derrick Watson in Hawaii, both of whom have moved to pervert justice with reckless militant liberal kookery, our courts are in a shambles.

The Constitution gives every U.S. president unilateral authority to block anyone from entering the United States who he decides may pose a threat to national security or safety for any reason or no

reason. Both of these reprobate judges have seized for themselves authority that they are not provided under the Constitution or in any federal statute. Congress has oversight of the courts, but has been reluctant to use that role to rid U.S. courts of judges who violate or exceed their authority.

Some may say that judicial activism cuts both ways—that conservative judges abuse their positions in a similar way—but it's a false charge. While their perspectives certainly differ from liberals, conservative judges, out of respect for the Constitution and their reputations, restrain themselves from taking on power to which they are not entitled.

### Media Malpractice

In the past two months, America's news media have reported numerous false news stories repeatedly, even after they have been debunked. One of these is the so-called Russian election hacking. The origin of this fake story was the false and malicious accusation by Democrat candidate, Hillary Clinton, and nothing more.

The computers of the Democrat National Committee were not hacked. Rather, they were invaded through the negligence of Clinton pal, John Podesta, through a simple phishing scheme. Podesta fell victim to an email scam whereby he was directed to change his password. When he made the change, his password was stolen. Nevertheless, our national news media, which has become as credible in recent weeks as the Politburo in the former Soviet Union, repeated this lie incessantly through implication and deceit.

America has an informational crisis today. Sources of information that should be reliable are no longer trustworthy. Through numerous methods and schemes, they present carefully worded false information to the public. The radical liberal viewpoint habitually dominates every news story or is delivered to the exclusion of every sensible alternative.

President Trump was roundly criticized for pronouncing that the news media is the enemy of the American people, but he was right—they are the most pernicious of national security foes, deceiving the very people they pretend to inform. Destructive anti-American propaganda has replaced journalism and honest news reporting.

Because the media has violated the trust of the people, new media sources are replacing them, doing the jobs they refuse to do.

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### Required Notices

#### NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

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

Oncor's rate filing, based on the system-wide financial results for a 12-month test year ending on December 31, 2016, adjusted for known and measureable changes, supports a net increase in transmission and distribution rates of approximately \$317 million over adjusted test-year revenues, or approximately a 7.5% increase over adjusted test-year revenues of \$4,214.2 million. Test-year revenues have been adjusted to normalize billing units, to remove the revenues associated with Oncor's Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor, and to increase test-year revenues to reflect Transmission Cost of Service ("TCOS") and Transmission Cost Recovery Factor ("TCRF") adjustments. TCOS revenue was adjusted to include the September 15, 2016 interim update rates at 2016 Option 2 ERCOT 4CP. TCRF revenue was adjusted to equal the March 1, 2017 TCRF revenue requirement reflected on Line 2, Attachment A of Oncor's petition filed and approved in Docket No. 46616. If approved, the increased rates will be charged to Oncor's direct customers, all retail electric providers ("REPs"), in those portions of Oncor's service area under the original jurisdiction of the Commission. Each such REP is potentially affected by the proposed change. Depending on the REPs' actions, the end-use customer classes of such REPs are potentially affected by the proposed change. In addition, the result could be a change in Oncor's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Oncor has requested an April 21, 2017 effective date for its proposed rate change.

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#### Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC

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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition, at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this Citation, on MONDAY, THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M. before the Honorable 382<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Rockwall County, Texas at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane of said County in Rockwall, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition, was filed in said Court on 02/01/2017, A.D., in this case numbered 1-17-0107 on the docket of said court, and styled, In the Matter of the Marriage of EBONIE J CLARK and DARYL D CLARK and In the Interest of MYKAH CLARK.

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# Uncle Mort on Facebook...

by Dr. Don Newbury

The new owner of the thicket's general store has "hit the ground running" on her promise to introduce changes, one of 'em featuring "bait and grab." (When dealing with clientele like my 104-year-old Uncle Mort, grabbing is easier than switching.

Anyways, she's got him "hooked" on the Internet's Facebook site, and as far as he's concerned—a shorter distance than he admits—she can delete all the other websites.

Maybe Mort is a distant relative of late comedian Grady Nutt, who said when radio airwaves rocked with the sounds of gospel singing, his dad dared anyone to mess with the frequency knob on his radio. All he wanted to hear was the Stamps-Baxter quartet's daily show. To make sure, he sawed the knob off so no one could change stations when he wasn't looking...

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Her plan to bring Mort and his domino-playing buddies into the 21st century—the "bait part" of the formula—is in place. A Facebook devotee, she whiled away downtime recently while the guys shuffled dominoes and argued, with occasional threats thrown in.

None have home computers, so she is offering a "special" for the week. There's no charge for 30-minute computer access; she thinks it will be a "soft place" for losers to find solace after games.

Mort asked about Facebook, and soon wanted to know more. Much of the "more" centers on the owner's promise to add some computers she'll have for rental soon. Then, the "grab" part begins....

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Mort was "much obliged" for the access she granted to her list of FB "friends." Now, he's "hooked" on the "ponderables" (as well as "imponderables") posed online.

This, he thinks, is his kind of place. The FB bunch seems always bent on topics that cause his mind to whirl.

He cited several questions begging answers during a recent session, including these: "What if a person comes down with amnesia and déjà vu at the same time?... If one uses spot remover on his dog, will he be able to find him again?... Why do they have a 'permanent press' setting on irons?... When people mention life being difficult, is it okay to ask them, 'Compared to what?'..."

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"Some are claims that deserve to be mulled over," my uncle said. I didn't have to ask for examples. They came at me like West Texas flood waters after a long drought. (Sudden thought: If it is a short drought, would it even be a drought?)

Here are some declarations Mort passed along: "I had the right to remain silent, but being Irish, I guess I was too stubborn.... I live on a one-way, dead-end street; not sure how I got here.... Everywhere is within walking distance if you have time. Depression keeps the jukebox playing.... And how about this chiller left on an answering machine: 'I got rid of the body; now what do you want me to do?'"

Whatever, now Mort has more reasons than domino or "42" playing to wander into the general store....

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Uncle Mort didn't take long to get a bunch of his FB "friends" sideways. All it took was mentioning the arguments that keep popping up, pro and con, about Daylight Saving Time.

"Sure thought the issue was nailed down, sealed tight; I'm talkin' permanently in place, when it was voted in," he challenged, hoping one of his "friends" on line would take the bait. One "Facebooker," calling himself HolierThanThou, was ready to argue on the Internet. He asked Mort why in the world he thought that.

My Uncle, with Baptist leanings that calmed him and his kin down a bit when the 20s were at "full roar," silenced the guy with a single phrase: "Once saved, always saved."

Geezers gathered quickly that day, and with the arrival of the fourth one, the shuffle of dominoes meant the computer would be in sleep mode for a spell....

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Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Inquiries/comments to newbury@speakerdoc.com. phone 817-447-3872, web site, www.speakerdoc.com.

# Rockwall soccer take District Championship

The Rockwall Lady Jackets soccer team is set to take-on Oak Ridge for the Bi-District round of UIL playoffs, 6:00 p.m., Thursday, March 23, 2017, in Palestine.

The winner will meet for the Area round to play against the winner between Garland Naaman Forest and Lake Highlands.

The Lady Jackets will enter the playoffs as District Champions with an overall record of 17-1-1 and 13-0-1 in District 11-6A.

The seasoned team shut out every team except two. They tied 1-1, March 3, against Tyler Lee. During pre-District play, the Lady Jackets fell 4-0 to Sachse.

"The pride I have in this team is beyond words," exclaimed Head Coach Melissa Garcia. "The way they work together, support each other, the maturity in the way they handle each game and every challenge is inspirational," said Garcia.

According to season statistics provided by Coach Garcia, leading scorers were Lauren Baker with 17 Points and 1 Assist, Nicole Pugsley with 11 and 3, and Katie Givens' 9 points and 5 Assists.

Other season scorers were Alana Wickham with 7 Points and 6 Assists; Micah Larkin, 7 and 7; Ariell Hopkins, 5 and 1; Savannah McKenzie, 5 and 1; Trinita Fisher, 3 and 1; Alyssa Higdon, 2 and 2;

Keely Hampton, 1 and 3; Julia Pereida, 1 and 1; Zoe Elledge, 1 and 1; Brooke Patterson, 1 Point.

Rockwall Yellowjackets soccer team will advance to the Bi-District round of UIL playoffs against Conroe, 8:00 p.m., Thurs. March 23, in Palestine. The winner will play for Area against the winner between Sachse and Richardson Pearce.

The Yellowjackets enter the playoffs 13-5-2 overall and 7-2-5 in District 11-6A.

Rockwall started District with three losses to Longview 0-0, Tyler Lee 3-2, and Mesquite 2-0, and blasted forward into a winning streak through the end of District.

According to Head Coach Troy Williams, Forward Jackson Padilla led the district in scoring with 10 goals and 9 assists. Johnathan Vick finished with 7 goals including one "hat trick."

During District play, the team won 4 of 5 penalty kick shoot-outs with Colin Burgiel as Goal Keeper.

Williams explained, "The team spent most of district in second and third place positions, and like a prize fighter who plays cautiously

## Rockwall ISD baseball begins District 11-6A action

The Rockwall Yellowjackets varsity baseball team began District play with shut-outs against John Tyler, 10-0 on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at Tyler, and 20-0 on Friday March 17 at home.

The Jackets entered District play with an overall record of 17-3, after winning five out of six games in the Highland Park Tournament, March 9-11, starting with a 13-3 loss to Flower Mound. Following the initial loss, the team defeated Rowlett 3-1; Midland 2-1; Denton Guyer 8-1; Carroll 11-4; and Sachse 4-2.

The team also won 5 of 6 games during the Jesuit Classic, March 2-4, starting with wins against Sherman 8-0 and Bishop Lynch 3-1, the Jackets faced a 9-1 loss to Forney. Rockwall went on to finish the tournament with wins against Denton 5-1, and Plano West 2-1.

The Yellowjackets are scheduled to play against Rockwall-Heath Tuesday, March 21 at home, and Friday March 24 at the RHHS field.

Both games will be held at 7:00 p.m.

The team will travel to Longview for a 7:00 p.m. game, Tuesday March 28, followed by another game against Longview the following Friday, March 31 at the RHS field.

The Rockwall-Heath Hawks began District play with a 16-0 shut-out against Tyler HS, Tuesday, March 14, at the RHHS field.

On Fri., March 10, the Hawks defeated North Mesquite 6-0 during the Frisco Tournament of Champions. The Rockwall-Heath team also defeated the Rockwall HS team 3-1, Tues., March 7.

The Hawks are schedule to take on the Yellowjackets March 21 at the RHHS field, and March 24 at the RHS field.

On Tues., March 28, the Hawks will meet North Mesquite at home, followed by the same match-up on Fri. at Copeland Field in Mesquite. All games will start at 7:00 p.m.

## Rockwall County Sports Notes

### Rockwall ISD to host track meet

The Rockin' "R" Relays Track & Field Meet is set for Friday, April 7, 2017 at Wilkerson Sanders Stadium. Field events will begin 1:30 p.m.; 3200M run begins at 4:00 p.m.; and the running finals begin at 6:00 p.m. Teams attending will be Rockwall, Rockwall-Heath, North Mesquite, Mesquite, Mesquite Poteet, Mesquite Horn, Plano, Plano West, Forney, Wylie East, Rowlett, Sachse, North Garland, Naaman Forest, Lakeview Centennial and Garland.

## Rockwall County Sports Schedule

**Rockwall**  
**Thurs 3/23**  
 Gymnastics, 5:30 p.m., Battle for the Rock, RHS gym.  
 Soccer women, 6:00 p.m., Oak Ridge at Palestine (Bi-District).  
 Scr men, 8:00 p.m., Conroe at Palestine (Bi-District).  
**Fri 3/24**  
 Baseball, 7:00 p.m., at Rockwall-Heath.  
 Softball, 7:00 p.m., at Mesquite.  
 Track, Nahum Martinez Invita-

tional, at Wylie ISD Stadium.  
**Sat 3/25**  
 Track, Sheaner Relays (qualifiers only), at Dallas Jesuit Hagar Std.  
**Tue 3/28**  
 Bsb, 7:00 p.m. at Longview.  
 Sfb, 7:00 p.m., North Mesquite (Home).  
**Rockwall-Heath**  
**Thurs 3/23**  
 Gym, 5:30 p.m., Battle of the Rock, at RHS.

**Fri 3/24**  
 Bsb, 7:00 p.m., Rockwall (H).  
 Sfb, 7:00 p.m., Longview (H).  
 Track, Nahum Martinez Invitational, at Wylie ISD Stadium.  
**Sat 3/25**  
 Track, Sheaner Relays (qualifiers only), at Dallas Jesuit Hagar Std.  
**Tue 3/28**  
 Bsb, 7:00 p.m., North Mesquite (H).  
 Sfb, 7:00 p.m., at Mesquite Horn.

**Royse City**  
**Thurs 3/23**  
 Tennis, J.V. at Prosper.  
**Fri 3/24**  
 Bsb, 7:30 p.m., at Forney.  
 Sfb, 7:00 p.m., at Highland Park.  
 Track, Raider Relays, at Sunnyvale.  
**Sat 3/25**  
 Tennis Varsity, at Prosper.  
**Tue 3/28**  
 Bsb, 7:30 p.m., at Wylie East.  
 Sfb, 7:00 p.m., Lovejoy (H).

## RCISD to host pre-K, kinder registration April 6

The Royse City Independent School District will host its annual registration event for potential kindergarten and pre-kindergarten age students, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. April 6 on all elementary school campuses.

Children who will be age 5 by Sept. 1 of this year will be eligible to attend kindergarten, a full-day program.

To register a child, the news release states registrants should bring:

- Proof of residency (utility bill, contract of purchase/lease of home)
- Original birth certificate (not a copy)
- Social Security card
- Up-to-date immunization record
- Driver's license of parent/guardian

Children who will be age 4 by Sept. 1 of this year will be eligible for pre-kindergarten.

Pre-K qualifications include:

- Enrolled in Head Start program the previous year
- Income-based (bring the four most current pay stubs for everyone residing in household)
- Limited English proficiency
- Homeless
- Been in foster care
- Parent in the armed services or parent lost while on duty

The following documents are needed:

- Proof of residency (utility bill, contract of purchase/lease of home)
- Original birth certificate (not a copy)
- Social Security card
- Up-to-date immunization record
- Driver's license or parent/guardian

Vendors sought for Country Fair in June

The Rockwall Soroptimists are accepting applications for vendors for their fourth annual Country Fair, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellow Jacket Lane.

The event will include live music, dancing, vendors, food, a kid zone with rides, vintage games sponsored by local nonprofits, and other activities. Tickets will be sold for the vintage games and kid zone rides.

Sponsorships also are available. Proceeds will benefit the organization's ongoing projects benefiting women and children, including the new Children's Advocacy Center of Rockwall at the Soroptimist House.

Admission will be free to the public. Vendors will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Sign-ups underway for RSM Summer Camps

Sign-ups for the Rockwall Summer Musicals 2017 Summer Camps are underway.

The "Fiddler on the Roof" Summer Camp will run June 26-30 from 9 a.m. to noon for youths ages 5-7 and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for those ages 8-18.

The "Peter Pan" Summer Camp will run Aug. 14-18, from 9 a.m. to noon for youths ages 5-7 and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for those ages 8-18.

Registration includes the workshop, a final performance, a ticket and a T-shirt.

Scholarships are available.

## Area News Briefs

### Dallas Blooms runs through April 9

The largest floral festival in the Southwest, Dallas Blooms, will run at the Dallas Arboretum through April 9 with the theme Peace, Love and Flower Power. The event will include more than 500,000 spring-blooming blossoms. Each weekend will highlight a different 1960s motif. The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens is located on the southeastern shore of White Rock Lake at 9525 Garland Rd., Dallas. It is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. General admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 65 and older, \$10 for children ages 3-12 and free for members and children ages 2 and younger. For more details visit dallasarboretum.org.

Just Say You Saw It In the "County News"



The Half Metal Jackets attended the North Texas VEX Starstruck Middle School Regional Championship at Berkner High School in Richardson. The team won the Excellence Award for Middle Schools, which advanced the team to the state competition in Greenville. Students attend RISD's Utley Middle and Stevenson Elementary Schools. In addition to coaches Mr. Kevin Fisher & Mr. Ryan Montgomery, the team is mentored by RHS Full Metal Jackets robotics students, Brandon Taylor, Noah Heitbrink and Lauren Knoff. Team members shown above are (left to right) Chloe Charbonneau, Austin Taylor, Josh Sadler and Mackenzie Ash (not pictured) Marqelle Fisher, Averleigh Fisher, Aubren Montgomery, and Nick Rodriguez.

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## Rockwall regular meeting ...

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Rowe was disappointed that the city did not solicit input from the downtown merchants.

Foith came back to the podium to request a filibuster rule, and spoke to Lambreth's comments. Foith did not agree that there were no other options due to flood plain issues as expressed by Lambreth, and that commercial property could be built on the same land with more dirt used to solve the flood plain problem.

Councilman David White moved to approve ordinance Z2017-001, and Dennis Lewis seconded the motion. After the second, Lewis continued to offer discussion about his opinion that there is a need for more multi-family apartments in Rockwall.

Lewis addressed Foith's concerns about the safety of children by indicating that his children had to cross Highway 66 while walking to Reinhardt Elementary School. He went on to say that although he understands the concerns of child safety, we vote in favor of the ordinance.

Upon final approval, it is unknown whether the city will comply with state law related to publication of the required notice for ordinance Z2017-001.

The ordinance passed 4-2 upon the second reading, with Scott Milder and Kevin Fowler casting the opposing votes.

In other business, the council:

- Approved an amendment to the sign ordinance Section 32-366 Functional Standards Table.
- Approved 5-1, ordinance Z2017-004 to amend Section 4 Specific Use Permits to establish general regulations related to abandonment, expiration and revocation of Specific Use Permits, and expiration of period of one year for all Specific Use Permits and Conditional Use

Permits issued by the City that are inactive, abandoned or pending. White cast the opposing vote.

- Approved the Fire Department Strategic Plan. John Hohenshelt spoke to the council about his involvement with the strategic plan. Hohenshelt expressed his disappointment with the City Manager Richard Crowley and Fire Chief Mark Poindexter for delays in establishing the strategic plan. He indicated that it's been nearly 18 months since start of the project. He went on to express a lack of understanding about why all the other departments completed the same task last calendar year. Milder agreed with Hohenshelt's concerns, and recommend passing on the agenda item until the next meeting.

• Approved authorizing the City Manager and the Fire Chief enter into an agreement with Medic Rescue Inc. as Rockwall County EMS, to allow the Fire Department to become a First Responder Organization.

- Approved the downtown park and restrooms design and funding. White moved to approve the design that was approved. The council then approved the funding.

• Approved a budget amendment for expenditure from the City's Tree Mitigation Fund in the amount of \$36,000 to purchase and install landscaping materials in existing beds and medians, due to loss of foliage during recent drastic temperature changes and other damage.

- Approved appointments to fill a vacancy on the city's Architectural Review Board. The appointment will be filled by John Womble who will serve the remaining term to August 2018.