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is in the air as Rockwall County high narching bands prepare for a new season



all High School "Orange Wave" Marching Band of Rockwall High School practices ning on Saturday August 11 near the high school building. The band has been preparing son since Thursday August 1. The Marching Band has 210 members for the 2013-2014 largest in its history. Their show for this season is entitled Love and War and features while new Beather. chaikovsky, Beethoven, Barber, Mozart, Verdi and the Rolling Stones. According to Chris Kosterman, "It is the contrast, both musically and visually, that compels our udges to experience Love and War." This year they will perform at six home halftime ay games, two parades, two pre-UIL contests and the Region 3 UIL Marching Contest. are Enrico Trevisani, Brittania Darrington and Kaan Toy.

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deal on the project by the end of its doors in June.

October of this year. The county

"The ultimate goal for this project is to serve more than 500 kids daily, make substantial event space available to the public at arge, provide multiple options for baseball and softball tournaments of all sizes and through a strategic business plan to establish sustainable revenue with the leasing and rental of the facilities that will ultimately provide revenue to the Boys & Girls Club into perpetuity," Potter said in the

The Boys and Girls Club of Rockwall now meets in the Dobbs Elementary School annex building in Rockwall and the Royse City Boys and Girls Club meets in the freestanding gym at Ruth Cherry Intermediate School. The Royse City Boys and Girls Club opened

The county is growing so quickly and needs more room for tis children, Potter said. Out of the 18,000 youths in Rockwall County, "we are only serving about 4,000, and we need to provide more sports, activities, and learning experiences for our

Fate Mayor Bill Broderick said he is pleased with the announcement as were members of the Fate City Council, its staff members and their friends and families present at the event.

The fundraising campaign will begin soon.

Those interested in learning more about the project, how to contribute funds, volunteer or get involved with club may contact Potter by calling 972-722-2462 or email Mpotter@bgcrockwall.com



The Rockwall-Heath Mighty Hawk Band has begun work on their Wild Hearts show for the 2013-4 season. Drum majors for this year are Marly Jordan, Bailey Panchalk and Amy Prentice. Dr. Andrew Tucker is the band director. Assisting Dr. Tucker is Jeff Johnson, Leighann Noel and Joseph Sivinski. Friday night at the Performing Arts Center, the band will perform at the Band Blowout from 6 to 9 p.m. The Mighty Hawk Band will perform pop hits and barbecue will be served after the performance. For more information, visit www.mightyhawkband.org.

Photo by Brittany Williams/Rockwall County News



The Royse City High School Mighty Bulldog Marching Band practices marching routines during the evening hours. Senior Bailee Pereida and senior Kali Singleton will be leading the Marching Band as drum majors for the 2013-2014 season. The band will be under the direction of band director Doug Fulwood (top left). With 115 band members, this is the largest band in the history of the school district. The name of the show this year is Mad World.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## Heath mayor presents \$20 million capital improvement plan to council

by Brittany Williams

During Tuesday night's joint town hall meeting and Heath City Council meeting, Mayor Lorne Liechty presented the proposed capital improvement plan.

To remain a first-class city, we must invest in the infrastructure and amenities that contribute to the high quality of life and strong property values we enjoy in Heath," the presentation stated.

The presentation also cited historically low interest rates that create an ideal time to invest in the community.

Some of the projects included the proposed plan that are scheduled to begin in the coming months are a Town Center Park driveway to alleviate traffic congestion around Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School; Terry Park Seawall repair; Stoneleigh

pedestrian bridge/trail connection; entry feature on the north side of the city; Heathland Crossing water line; and Shepherds Glen force main and gravity sewer

improvement. Also included in the plan is a plan to connect and extend a trail system. The proposed route will provide more than four miles of continuous trail to keep walkers and riders out of traffic.

According to the city's website, the capital improvement plan includes more than \$20 million in projects that the City Council has determined will benefit the entire community and deliver positive, visible improvements throughout the city. Of the \$20 million in projects, \$2.9 million will be completed with existing city funds, approximately \$8.175 million will be funded by the bond sale and the remaining balance will likely

be funded through future bond

Utility rates will not be increased and will not affect the ad valorem tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2013-

According to the presentation, "City Council is working hard to accomplish needed improvements efficiently and with as limited an impact to future city taxes as possible."

The complete presentation is available for viewing on the city's website at heathtx.com.

Other items on the agenda

discussed by council included:

A resolution authorizing the Morrish Lane drainage improvements project and acceptance of the related easement. A motion to approve it was made and the motion passed

unanimously. A resolution was presented to council that would authorize the mayor to execute a "Local Project Advance Funding Agreement for Voluntary Local Government Contributions to Transportation Improvement Projects with No Required Match." A motion was made to approve the agreement and it passed unanimously

For more information, visit

Classifieds and Legals: Pages 5 & 6 Texas Crossword and **Opinions:** 





of the new Boys and Girls Club facility to be built in Fate were unveiled earlier this month of the Rockwall Boys and Girls Club of Rockwall County. The and sports complex will be built on 45 acres at I-30 and Hwy. 551 and will be named the Is Club of Greater Rockwall. The announcement was made at the organization's Aug. 10 allenge fundraiser conducted at the South Fork Ranch in Parker. mages/Rockwall County News



nal Award Winning Heath Highsteppers Drill Team conducted their annual Mini Camp for the K-6th grad girls from the surrounding elementary schools. The camp nday July 29 through Thursday August 6. Over 90 girls attended the camp and learned dances, chants, games and crafts. The Mini Camp Dancers are invited to the Mini Camp Varsity game during the 2013 varsity football season. The Highsteppers expressed their thanks to all the Mini Girls' parents for letting them be a ives and look forward to seeing them in the future. The Heath drill team is directed by Monica Lyon. rtesy/Rockwall County News



# Royse City concerned by traffic iss all County surrounding Erby Campbell proje

by Millie Jean Coppedge

Andrew Holick, top engineer for Texas Department of Transportation, his Boy Scout service project. He has chosen to build an spoke to the Royse City City Council Aug. 13 regarding the advisory speed limits for both the construction section of the Erby Campbell city, was built in 1882 and was the home of Byrd Royse Overpass Project and the service roads.

Several of the city council members noted that the speed limit signs are confusing for drivers of the area. Councilman Tom Crowley said that in one section of the construction there is a 40 mph sign, then only a few feet further down the road another one that reads 60 mph. Crowley asked Holick if the 60 mph sign could be covered. Holick said no. City manager Carl Alsabrook said the city will have to go with the advisory speeds TxDOT has put up.

Attorney Jason Day added that in order to lower the speeds or change any of the signs, certain requirements must be met by state law.

Councilman James Branch said it looks like TxDOT is "dragging their feet" in getting things done in connection with contractor Webber.

It was noted again at this meeting, the same observation as two weeks ago, that there has been an accident every day since the construction started. The public still is concerned about the condition of the I-30 as no new striping has been done, making lanes difficult to see. The lanes are narrow and the pavement is rough in many places.

In other business, Aaron Savalto addressed the City Co around the house at 107 N. Houston St. The house, now

of Royse City. This house historical preservation of do under the direction

Tauna Ratliff of Human en Funeral Home-Royse City shared with the that the city will stay with B Shield health insurance for 1957, in Big Spring, period of Oct. 1, 2013, thro-2014. She said the employee lallas police sergeant same level of benefits with City of Dallas for 31 increase in price. Currently, 50 percent of the dependents inde his wife of 25 year 100 percent of the employo

Also on the agenda was use the hotel/motel tax fund any cousins an asphalt parking lot where suggested memorial contri Building once stood in the officer Fund, 1412 Griffin St East Main. There is only as there now. The funds, whi at \$167,000, come from collected through local hote Construction will cost an esti and will provide much-need the downtown area, especie large events are conducted passed unanimously. City

they hope the project

by the end of the year Alsabrook remin attendance of the co of the Back 2 School 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. A downtown area. The include games, inflat candy, popcorn, fr a dunk tank, man activities and live m begins Aug. 19 for Aug. 26 for students.

Royse City Count present were Mayor Mayor Pro Tem Bill Bell, Matt Tom Crowley. Also Alsabrook, city Day and city secre Craft. Council conducted in the Poli Building, 100 W. M. second and fourth each month beginni The next meeting wi

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of Royse City Aug. 13 regarding his Scout Service Project. He plans to build and paint a fence around the historical house at 107 N. Houston St. built in 1882.

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The motion was approved to greats, Arthur and Vivian Bro

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reported at N ce are investigating the rep nk, located in the 2400 bloc

news release from the police ed the bank, showed a wea from a teller's drawer. s been described as a years of age, wearing a 4 a black, short-sleeved also wore light-colored gl es, according to the news information about this e Department at 972-771 41 972-771-TIPS (8477). Ti word 'Rockwall,' followed

Funeral Home 57, in Big Spring, sident of Rockwall as police sergeant y of Dallas for 31



e his wife of 25 years, Leanne Marie (Hopkins) two children, Alan Scott Browning and Alaina Marie nts, Arthur and Vivian Browning of Willis; his brother, f Alma; his sister, Angela Boone of Sugarland; his

iggested memorial contributions may be made to the ficer Fund, 1412 Griffin St. East, Dallas, TX 75215 or Assistance Program, Attn: Debbie Branton, P.O. Box

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ing Hands plans school supply drive

y Helping Hands has organized a school supply drive e less fortunate children in the community with the or a successful school year. In lieu of donated items, ns and gift cards also will be accepted. Donated pped off or mailed to Helping Hands, 950 Williams Rockwall, TX 75087. Donations also may be made lhelpinghands.com. For more details contact info@

supply drive set for Boys & Girls Club

can help send Boys and Girls Club members from back to school with the tools they need to dropping s at one of these community partner locations: Chase ocations), Culvers, Old Navy and Staples. All items to the local club and distributed to members prior to

**RSVPs** due for first FOL meeting

the first Friends of the Rockwall County Library a.m. Sept. 10 at the library's Community Room, are ot. 3. Linda Robinson, USO Honor Flight coordinator vorth, will be the featured speaker. Following the con will be served by Zach's Catering. Cost is \$15, or. Call 972-771-8976 or email cplagens65@aol.com

ic input sought on Harry Myers pool

ockwall is seeking public input regarding proposed arry Myers municipal pool. The city's Parks & Rec host a public forum at the next Parks & Recreation neeting at 6 p.m. Sept. 4 at City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. vation costs necessary to remain in compliance with cials are considering removing the pool from the park vith a large splash pad with re-circulated water. The eplace all of the plumbing in the pool. Public input determine the course of action to be taken. For more 71-7761.

Doggie Splash Day set Sept. 7

arks & Recreation Department's annual Doggie Splash 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Harry Myers Park pool, n. Cost will be \$5 per dog; owners get in free of charge. accinations will be required for each dog prior to entry ers will be held responsible for their pets' behavior. set at RHS, RHHS, Quest vents at Rockwall High School, Rockwall-Heath High

iest Academy will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 9,

HHS Homecoming Cookout planned Heath High School Homecoming Cookout will begin owing the homecoming parade, which is scheduled to (Continued on Page 7)

### prors needed for er Duck Regatta

ck Regatta ducks are ready to race, but too may ducks

in prizes while supporting two local nonprofits – Meals e Boys & Girls Club.

nnual fundraisers for the two nonprofits. Thousands of

pected to watch the 5,000 rubber ducks that will fill the larbor before racing for the finish line.

races scheduled: corporate and baby. Corporate ducks onsored by businesses, organizations and individuals, ated by its owner, then put on display and judged prior

inducted Sept. 21 during the Rockwall Duck Fest, which 21 at The Harbor. Duck Fest will open to the public at 3 h arts, crafts, vendors and food. At 7:30 p.m., live music imphitheater. On Sept. 21, activities will begin at 7 a.m. ash 5k, followed by the public opening at 10 a.m., with fts and food. The Corporate Duck Beauty Pageant will to noon, with judging set at noon. The Corporate Duck p.m., followed by the Baby Duck Race at 3 p.m. s or to adopt a duck, visit rockwallduckrace.org.

#### reported at MidSouth Bank

e are investigating the report of an aggravated robbery k, located in the 2400 block of Ridge Road, at about 10

news release from the police department, an unidentified d the bank, showed a weapon and took an undisclosed from a teller's drawer.

nas been described as a light-skinned black male, years of age, wearing a red ball cap, a black stocking d a black, short-sleeved shirt over a dark gray, longalso wore light-colored gloves, white athletic pants and es, according to the news release.

bes, according to the flew stockast. information about this robbery should contact the Department at 972-771-7721 or Rockwall County 1972-771-TIPS (8477). Tips also may be submitted by ord 'Rockwall,' followed by the tip, and sending it to

ay You Saw It In "The County News"

# all County Obituaries Helping Hands Health Center adds new staff members

The Health Center of Helping Hands has added two new medical staff nembers, according to a news release issued last week.

The new mid-level healthcare providers are Joann Coons, a physician's assistant, and Annie Abraham, an adjunct clinical instructor at Texas Woman's University in Dallas

Coons holds a bachelor's degree from St. Louis University, School of Allied Health Profession, and Physician Assistance program. Prior to that time she worked as a registered nurse and emergency medical technician in Missouri. For 11 years she was employed by Lincoln County Memorial Hospital as a rural staff physician assistant and rotated through two family practice clinics in Troy, Mo.

Abraham teaches courses in advanced assessment/differential

diagnosis, family health nursing, nurse preceptorship and professional project. She received her MSN from the University of Texas at Arlington as a family nurse practitioner and will work one day a week at the Health

The two join Nikki Johnston, FNP, who has been with the Health Center since 2011. She is a graduate of Graceland University in Independence, Mo., with a MSN specializing in family nurse practitioner.

The Health Center served more than 4,700 uninsured, underinsured,

cash-pay, Medicaid and Medicare patients in 2012, according to the new release. Through the Health Center, healthcare providers assist patients

For more details, visit rockwallhelpinghands.com

#### Sept. 17 program to offer insight into dementia

"Your Window Into Their World," will be offered Sept. 17 at the Arbor House, 5250 Medical Drive, Rockwall.

The program, sponsored by Area Agency on Aging of North Central Texas and Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County, is designed for family caregivers, professionals and anyone who works with older adults. It will provide insight into the "realities of living with dementia while experiencing the overwhelming effect of trying to perform everyday tasks for a person living with memory loss" and will take participants; from the beginning to late stages of the disease process

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by Timothy W. Burnett Know God by His word ...

God in heaven wants all people to come to the knowledge of His word and believe unto receiving His dynamic promises.

It's been said that because God can not be seen, then He must not

exist. What is missing with this reasoning is the long history of God's faithful servants who spoke by the spirit of God words that came to pass.

In the first letter to Timothy, Paul said, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in rightesousness; that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

The word "perfect" is more accurately translated "adjusted." The term was also used for chiropractic alignment.

The word "throughly furnished" was translated from a word that meant fully equipt from the inside. It was also used for ships that were equipt for long journeys on the seas.

What about "all good works?" This is the end result. When people devote lots of time to reading, studying and meditating on God's word, they profit by learning right teaching, by learning where they have been believing wrongly (reproof)

and by correcting their thinking to the right information. In the end, they are fully equipt from the inside for the long journey of life unto all good works.

Just as Jesus walked by the spirit of God and believed God's word without being able to see Him with his eyes, so also are all people capable of believing God's words of truth and righteousness.

Why? Because Jesus, the Messiah from God, was raised from the dead by God; is alive and sitting at God's right hand of all authority as His first born child.

Just as people truly know each other by their word, so also can people know God by learning and believing His word.

# Habitat for Humanity seeks homeowners, volunteers

The local Habitat for Humanity chapter is in need of a homeowner is a desire to help others. for the next build, which is scheduled to begin in late fall. Anyone who knows of an individual or family who might be qualified should visit rockwallhabitat.org or inquire at rockwallhabitat@yahoo.com for more details.

The organization also is in need of a volunteer coordinator to help keep volunteers organized. No experience is required; all that is needed

As the organization finishes up its current build during the next couple of months, there will be an opening for a construction director to lead building efforts on future homes. This volunteer position does require a knowledge of construction and, ideally, home building.

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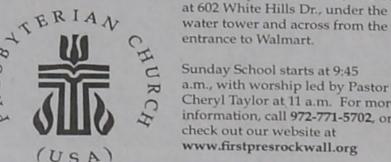
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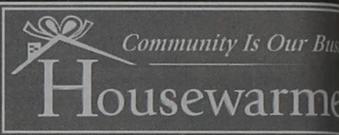
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I was absolutely amazed at the quality of talent we have amongst us. It was very much in evidence last week when a tremendous treat was gifted to us lucky enough to be in the audience.

And believe me, I do not give out rave reviews very often; surely Rodgers & Hammerstein are up there still smiling.

Joan Ream Heath

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# Opinions

# Should you be able to buy food directly from farmer Hotel Anne

# The government doesn't think so

by David E. Gumpert ronpaulinstitute.com

This would seem to embody the USDA's advisory, "Know your farmer, know your food," right? Not exactly.

For the USDA and its sister food regulator, the FDA, there's a problem: many of the farmers are distributing the food via private contracts like herd shares and leasing arrangements, which fall outside the regulatory system of state and local retail licenses and inspections that govern

public food sales.

In response, federal and state regulators are seeking legal sanctions against farmers in Maine, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and California, among others. These sanctions include injunctions, fines, and even prison sentences. Food sold by unlicensed and uninspected farmers is potentially dangerous say the regulators, since it can carry pathogens like salmonella, campylobacter, and E.coli O157:H7, leading to mild or

Most recently, Wisconsin's attorney general appointed a special prosecutor to file criminal misdemeanor charges against an Amish farmer for alleged failure to have retail and dairy licenses, and the proceedings turned into a high-profile jury trial in late May that highlighted the depth of conflict: following five days of intense proceedings, the 12-person jury acquitted the farmer, Vernon Hershberger, on all the licensing charges, while convicting him of violating a 2010 holding order on his food, which he had publicly admitted.

Why are hard-working normally law-abiding farmers aligning with urban and suburban consumers to flaunt well-established food safety regulations and statutes? Why are parents, who want only the best for their children, seeking out food that regulators say could be dangerous? And, why are regulators and prosecutors feeling so threatened by this

Members of these private food groups often buy from local farmers because they want food from animals that are treated humanely, allowed to roam on pasture, and not treated with antibiotics. "I really want food that is full of nutrients and the animals to be happy and content," says Jenny DeLoney, a Madison, WI, mother of three young children who buys from Hershberger.

To these individuals, many of whom are parents, safety means not only food free of pathogens, but food free of pesticides, antibiotic residues, and excessive processing. It means food created the old-fashioned way from animals allowed to eat grass instead of feed made from genetically modified (GMO) grains—and sold the old-fashioned way, privately by the farmer to the consumer, who is free to visit the farm and see the animals. Many of these consumers have viewed the secretly-made videos of downer cows being prodded into slaughterhouses and chickens so crammed into coops they can barely breathe.

These consumers are clearly interpreting "safety" differently than the regulators. Some of these consumers are going further than claiming contract rights-they are pushing their towns and cities to legitimize private farmer-consumer arrangements. In Maine, residents of ten coastal towns have approved so-called "food sovereignty" ordinances that legalize unregulated food sales; towns in other states, including Massachusetts and Vermont, and as far away as Santa Cruz, CA, have passed similar ordinances.

The new legal offensive isn't going over well with regulators anywhere. Aside from the Hershberger action in Wisconsin, and a similar one in Minnesota, Maine's Department of Agriculture filed suit against a twocow farmer, Dan Brown, in one of the food-sovereignty towns, Blue Hill, seeking fines and, in effect, to invalidate all the Maine ordinances. In April, a state court ruled against the farmer, and in effect against the towns; sentencing is due within several weeks, and the case could well

The jury in the criminal misdemeanor case of Minnesota farmer Alvin Schlangen last September acquitted him of all charges after several hours of deliberation. But the regulators' push against privately-distributed food continues unabated. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture has moved forward with a local prosecutor in Schlangen's rural county, pressing similar criminal charges as the ones he was acquitted of in Minneapolis. He is scheduled to go on trial again in August. And in

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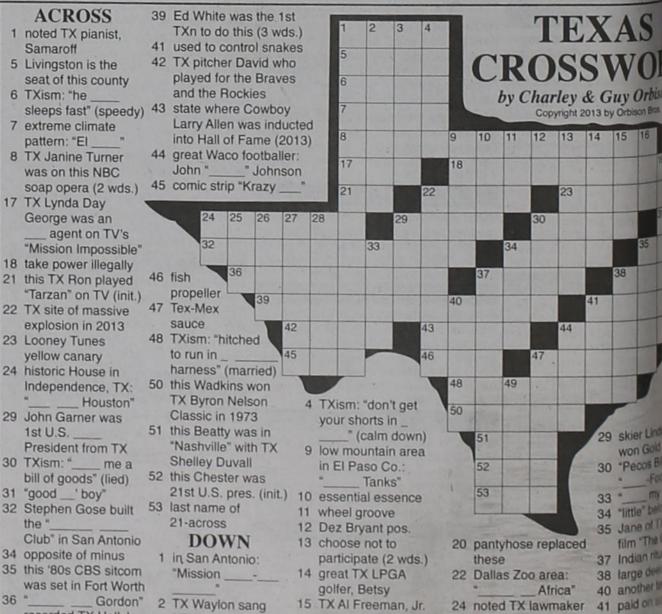
charges were filed in late 2011. At its heart, this is a struggle over a steady erosion of confidence in the integrity of our industrial food system, which has been hit by disturbing disclosures seemingly on a weekly basis. In just the last few weeks, for example, we have seen shrimp, cookies, and veggie burgers recalled by the FDA for being sold with undeclared

Also in recent weeks, members of Congress and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control have escalated warnings about the growing danger of antibiotic resistant pathogens emerging from farm animals, which consume about 80 percent of all antibiotics in the U.S. The Atlantic reported last summer that medical specialists are seeing a spike in women with urinary tract infections caused by antibiotic-resistant bacteria, likely transmitted by chicken meat.

This erosion in the confidence of the food system carries serious implications. It financially threatens large corporations if long-established food brands

come under prolonged and severe public questioning. economic performance if foods deemed "safe" become sca more expensive. And it is potentially explosive politically people lose confidence in the professionalism of the food are supposed to be protecting us from tainted food, and enc to exit the public food system for private solutions like the Minnesota, Wisconsin, Maine, and elsewhere. Just look at the corporate response to recent consumer-led campaigns to la

genetically-modified ingredients. As more consumers become intent on making the final what foods they are going to feed themselves and their regulators become just as intent on asserting what they authority over inspecting and licensing all food, ugly scenario citizens battling government authorities over access to foods likely to proliferate. It's an unfortunate recipe for a new



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m to offer insight into dementia

entia Tour, "Your Window Into Their World," will be the Arbor House, 5250 Medical Drive, Rockwall. The I by Area Agency on Aging of North Central Texas els Senior Services of Rockwall County, is designed rs, professionals and anyone who works with older de insight into the "realities of living with dementia he overwhelming effect of trying to perform everyday living with memory loss" and will take participants to late stages of the disease process. Tours will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. by reservation only. To make a 9-338-0204.

#### Isan Fine Arts Festival slated

ounty Alliance for the Arts will host The Harbor Festival Sept. 21. Works from some of North Texas' isans will be featured in the day-long event. Items tured include sculpture, glass, leather, paint, drawing, y, digital, ceramics, metalwork, photography, mixed and graphics. Live entertainment also will be featured. oceeds will benefit the Alliance. A limited number of available. For more details visit rockwallarts.org.

lealth Fair planned at The Center

alth Fair open to individuals ages 55 and older will enter from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 2. Organized by the Rec Center, the event will include a variety of vendors

 health care providers, doctors, retirement community and much more.
 Door prizes also will be offered. For more details call 972-771-7740 or visit rockwall.com/parks.

#### 'Nuncrackers' auditions slated Oct. 5

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's musical comedy 'Nuncrackers' will begin at 1 p.m. Oct. 5 at the RCP, 609 E. Rusk. Those auditioning should bring a headshot, resume, 16 bars of a prepared classic Christmas song to sing and be prepared for a cold reading from the script. Callbacks, if required, will take place at 7 p.m. Oct. 7. Performances are set for Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 1, 6-8 and 13-15. Visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org for more details.

#### Rockwall firefighters plan Oct. 12 open house

Rockwall firefighters will host their 10th annual open house from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 12 at Fire Station #2, 920 Rockwall Parkway. The free family event will include food, activities, fire safety tips for home and family, and the opportunity to visit with firefighters and view firefighting

#### Outdoor family campout set Nov. 2-3

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host an outdoor family campout at Harry Myers Park Nov. 2-3. The event will run from 4 p.m. Nov. 2 to 10 a.m. Nov. 3. The event will include fishing, disc golf, canoes and other activities. Participants will receive campout T-shirts and should bring tents and sleeping bags. A hot breakfast and coffee will be provided for the morning of Nov. 3. Cost is \$59 per family or \$39 for Rockwall families (up to six individuals who reside in the same household); limited registrations available. For more details call 972-771-7740.

#### Auditions set at RCP for 'Foreigner'

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's rendition of "The Foreigner," which will be performed Feb. 7-9, 14-16 and 21-23, will take place at 1 p.m. Dec. 14 at the playhouse, which is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org

#### **Rockwall County Entertainment**

rmonic performance set Aug. 31

kwall Philharmonic Orchestra will present "A Toast a" beginning at 8 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Band Shell a" beginning at 8 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Land ckwall. Admission will be free of charge. For more

#### ilt oil painting classes offered

'arks & Rec Department will offer monthly adult with the Robert Garden School of Art beginning y Myers Community Center. The first class, Mt. Fuji oms, will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 9. Open 14 and older, the session will cost \$55 or \$43 for 5. For more details and upcoming session dates call isit rockwall.com/parks

#### -Scary Haunted Hayride slated

Parks & Rec Department will host a Not-so-Scary Dct. 18 in Harry Myers Park East. Sessions will run 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. o children up to the age of 5. The event will include unce, spooky snacks and storytelling; each child will Pre-registration is required for this event. Fee per is \$15 for Rockwall residents, \$25 for non-residents. all 972-771-7740 or visit rockwall.com/parks

#### Royse City FunFest scheduled Oct. 19

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce will host its 24th Annual FunFest Oct. 19. The event will include a children's carnival, live bands, arts and crafts vendors, food, a children's pageant, doggy contest, pie-eating and Hula Hoop contests, a truck pull and a professional DJ. Also scheduled is the inaugural RunFest, as well as the Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast, Girl Scout Spaghetti Dinner, blood drive and animal adoptions. For more details or to reserve vendor space, call the chamber at 972-636-5000 or email info@

roysecitychamber.com. A vendor applications and rules are available at roysecitychamber.com.

#### H'ween Extravaganza set at The Harbor

The Halloween Extravaganza at The Harbor will begin at 6 p.m. Oct. 26. The free event, organized by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will include carnival games, bounce houses, music, entertainment, a costume contest and other activities.

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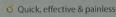
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#### 2013 Property Tax Rates in City of Fate

This notice concerns 2013 property tax rates for City of Fate. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

t year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes			\$1,009,810
Last year's debt taxes			\$184,219
Last year's total taxes			\$1,194,029
Last year's tax base			\$484,786,303
Last year's total tax rate			0.246300/\$100

#### This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes	
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,227,85
+This year's adjusted tax base	
(after subtracting value of new property)	\$490,837,06
=This year's effective tax rate	0.250100/\$10

#### This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care \$1,040,862 expenditures) \$490,837,067 0.212000/\$100 +This year's adjusted tax base =This year's effective operating rate ×1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate +This year's debt rate 0.228900/\$100 0.045100/\$100

=This year's rollback rate

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If City of Fate adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.250100 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2012 taxes by \$ 68,390.

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances:

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund M&O & I&S

0.274000/\$100

\$234,458

Schedule B: 2013 Debt Service:
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Principal or Interest to be Other

Beautiful of Beaut	Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Paid from Property Taxes	Amounts to be Paid	Payment
2010 Comb Tax and Rev Co	85,000	137,214	0	222,214
2013 Tax Note	53,514	0	0	53,514
Total required for 2013 debt s	ervice			\$275,728
- Amount (if any) paid from fur	nds listed in Sched	ale A		\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from oth	ner resources			\$41,270
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in	2013			\$234,458
+ Amount added in anticipation its taxes in 2013	that the unit will c	ollect only 100	.000000% of	\$0

= Total Debt Levy

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 841 Justin Road, Rockwall, TX 75087.

Name of person preparing this notice: Ray E. Helm

Title: Chief Appraiser

Date prepared: August 6, 2013



The teachers at Fort Elementary in Royse City have been busy getting their classrooms ready for the return of the students for the 2013-2014 school year. Pictured are Amanda Nichol, left, a kindergarten teacher, and Stacy Kluttz, a fourth grade history teacher, working to prepare for the first day of school. Classes begin Aug. 26. For more information, including school supply lists, visit reisd.org.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

## Lady Falcons win 1st volleyball trophy

The Fulton School's first volleyball tournament was a big success. The Lady Falcons hosted a 12-team event Thursday and Friday, Aug. 15 and 16, that seemed to come off without a hitch at Forney Sports Center. In addition, Fulton's second-year team won its first trophy with a

third-place finish. Miller Grove won the tournament, defeating Westlake in the finals. After losing in the semifinals, Fulton took on Waxahachie Prep in the third-place match and won two games to one.



Wesley Cox's "how I spent my summer vacation" essay would include traveling through the Virginias and New England.

It would indicate that along the way he also strengthened his credentials to be considered for a professional baseball career.

The 2010 RHS graduate and rising senior at the University of Texas-San Antonio pitched in two different summer collegiate baseball leagues. Most notably, he was the winning pitcher in the first game as finished the second as the Cotuit Kettleers swept the best-of-three Cape Cod Baseball League championship series Aug. 14 and 15.

Yes, that Cape Cod League. The most prestigious "wood bat" college league, which spawned many major league players. The one featured in "Summer Catch," starring Freddie Prinze Jr. and Jessica Biel.

Cox's road from Rockwall to Massachusetts' Cape Cod included stops

in Texarkana, San Antonio and Front Royal, Va.

After earning second-team All-District 10-4A honors as a Yellowjackets senior, he pitched well enough for 2 years at Texarkana College to receive an offer from NCAA Division I UTSA. In 26 games with the Western Athletic Conference champions this spring, Cox had a 2-1 record with a 4.08 earned run average and one save.

"The coach (Jason Marshall) called me into his office and asked me if I wanted to play summer ball," Cox said. "I said yes because I wanted to go out and get my name out there." Marshall had arranged for four Roadrunners to play for the Front

Royal (Va.) Cardinals of the Valley League. Cox and Justin Anderson were the only UTSA players who went there. Cox posted a 3-1 record and a 3.21 ERA in 12 games for Front Royal, digits. We didn't have much time off, but we did go to the

with 33 strikeouts in 28 innings. When the season ended late in July, he was ready to return home until manager Jake Weghorst called Cox in and told him he had an opportunity

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to play for Cotuit, where his college coach had playe be an idiot to pass up that opportunity," Cox said.

So he canceled his flight home and instead flew to Royal teammate Dalton Potts, whom the Kettleen arrived in time to pitch 3 2/3 scoreless innings in thre regular season, and another 10 in the playoffs.

Those weren't empty innings either. Cox earned a that sent Cotuit into the semifinals before closing out!

Orleans as the Kettleers won their 14th championship He said, "You just have to rise to the occasion. I kne be bigger, better hitters there. It's like when you move you have to know you're good enough."

No doubt major league organizations took accomplishments on Cape Cod.

That thought has him pumped for the fall season at I "I can't wait for the season to start," he said, back h I can work into a starter role. Last year I came out of the team. I don't know if I'll have to rest because I pite summer, but I'll probably work on weights. I want to on my (90-mph) fastball and develop a changeup."

Even without seeing "Summer Catch," Cox had learne Cod League. He said, "It was awesome. It was some about. You hear about the Cape Cod League and how g

"One of my favorite things was the weather. The hi 88, and everybody was saying how hot it was. Back hon That was Shark Week, so I didn't want to go in the watt

However, Cox's summer on the cape made him ev about the possibility of testing the waters in pro basebal

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Fulton, HCA home for scrimmages Satu Coming off encouraging performances in road football scrimmages last Saturday, He Academy and The Fulton School return home for scrimmages Saturday morning.

HCA is scheduled to take on Dallas Academy, the defending Texas Christian Athletic Fello state champion on the Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo's outdoor field at 10 a.m. At the same time School, Fulton will be taking on Johnson County Home School and Melissa Christian Homesch North Texas in a middle school scrimmage. The varsity teams are scheduled to take the field Heritage Christian head coach Robert Huckabee admitted that the Eagles were "rusty" as t

began at Crowley Nazarene Christian Academy, "but we got better as the day went along. It we expected from a first scrimmage."

Fulton head coach Josh Johnson said, "The boys played well," in a four-way scrimmage at Academy. The Falcons were focused primarily on host team Lucas, the TCAF runner-up to I last year. Those teams ran two series of 12 plays against each other, with the Falcons scoring the and Lucas two.

They scored nearly at will against outmanned Arlington Newman, and scored one touchdown Richardson Canyon Creek Christian Academy with a goal-line stand as its series ended.

Johnson said, "There are no winners in a scrimmage. The winners are the teams that come took 11 boys, and came home with all 11 healthy."

Huckabee noted that scrimmages also are a time to experiment. "We tried some things that during the season." It might also have been good for the Eagles to plant some doubts in the National States of the Eagles to plant some doubts in the National States of the Eagles to plant some doubts in the National States of the Eagles to plant some doubts in the National States of the Eagles to plant some doubts in the National States of the Eagles to plant some doubts in the National States of the Eagles to plant some doubts in the National States of the Eagles to plant some doubts in the National States of the Eagles to plant some doubts in the National States of the Eagles to plant some doubts in the National States of the Eagles to plant some doubts in the National States of the Eagles to plant some doubts in the National States of the Eagles to plant some doubts in the National States of the Eagles of the Eagles to plant some doubts in the National States of the Eagles of the E minds. The teams will meet in a regular-season game the first weekend in September.

Rockwall-Heath scrimmage at Keller, 9 a.m.

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Rockwall scrimmage at Mansfield Summit, Newsom Stadium, 7 p.m. Royse City scrimmage vs. Sulphur Springs, RCISD Stadium Saturday, Aug. 24

Heritage Christian Academy scrimmage vs. Dallas Academy, RISE, Fulton scrimmage vs. Johnson County and Christian Homeschool A exas, 11 a.m.

Thursday, Aug. 29

Friday, Aug. 23

Garland Naaman Forest at Rockwall, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Sta Friday, Aug. 30

Fulton at Cedar Park Summit Christian Academy, 7 p.m.

Forney at Royse City, 7:30 p.m.

Heritage Christian Academy at Ladonia Fannindel, 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall Christian Academy at Fort Worth Lake Country Christian, 7 West Mesquite at Rockwall-Heath, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial State

Campuses gear up f 2013-2014 school ye

Classes in both the Rockwall Independent School District and the Royse City Independent School District will begin Aug. 26.

School began for students at Rockwall Christian Academy today. Classes at The Fulton School began Aug. 19 and at the

Heritage Christian Academy on Aug. 21. School supply lists for RISD campuses can be found at rockwallisd.com/ students/2012-2013-school-supply-lists. Lists for the RCISD campuses are found on each campus' individual website; visit the school district's main website at reisd.org/

Most campuses will host open house or meet-the-teacher events in coming weeks; details pertaining to those events, as available on the school district websites, follow:

RISD Parent Education Night Schedule Amanda Rochelle-Heath Elementary – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sept. 5 (pre-K through sixth grade)

· Amy Parks-Heath Elementary - 8:55 a.m., Aug. 30 (kindergarten); 6 p.m. (second grade) and 6:30 p.m. (first grade), Aug. 29; 5 p.m. (third grade) and 6 p.m. (fourth grade), Sept. 4; and 5 p.m. (fifth grade) and 6 p.m. (sixth grade), Sept. 5

• Billie Stevenson Elementary – 6 p.m., Sept. 5 (grades K through sixth)

 Celia Hays Elementary – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sept. 12 (grades pre-K through sixth grade)

 Doris Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sept. 5 (grades K through sixth grade)

• Dorothy Smith Pullen Elementary - 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Sept. 5 (grades K through third) and 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., Sept. 5 (grades four through six) • Dorris A. Jones Elementary - 6

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p.m. to 9 p.m., Sept. 30 (all) · Rockwall-Heath - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Sept. 23(

· Rockwall Quest A p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Oct. 3 (all) Royse City ISD open house · Fort Elementary

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· Scott Elementary to 6:30 p.m., Aug. 22 (grad four); school supplies dropped off.

· Royse City Mil Schedule pick-ups will conti a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 22 and 8 p.m. Aug. 23; students and p allowed to walk through the locate classrooms and locker

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57.295,000, with be funded through ate as determined by on Aug. 19, and the 795,000 with funds city's reserves will ent at no less than percent of annual ccording to reports. tax rate is .2501 per The proposed tax er \$100 valuation, as by the city manager by the City Council on Aug role, the ad valorem tax will increase tax paymen tions passed unanimously.

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COUNTY OF ROCKWALL - Draft # 2 Budget

In compliance with Chapter 152.013 of the Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court hereby gives notice that the following salary / compensation amounts are proposed for Elected Officials of Rockwall County. The proposed increases in salaries and allowances shown below, if approved, will become effective October 1, 2013.

Elected Officials Longevity	FY2013	FY2014 (Proposed)	Proposed Increase
Commissioner Precinct 4 - Longevity Pay	1,080	1,800	720
County Sheriff - Longevity Pay	1,980	2,160	180
Constable Precinct 4 - Longevity Pay	2,160	2,340	180
District Clerk - Longevity Pay	3,600	3,780	180

Elected Officials Salary	FY2013	FY2014 (Proposed)	Proposed Increase
Constable Precinct 1	51,643	54,225	2,582
Constable Precinct 2	51,643	54,225	2,582
Constable Precinct 3	51,643	54,225	2,582
Constable Precinct 4	51,643	54,225	2,582
Justice of the Peace Precinct 1	66,018	68,634	2,616
Justice of the Peace Precinct 2	66,018	68,634	2,616
Justice of the Peace Precinct 3	56,000	68,634	12,634
Justice of the Peace Precinct 4	56,000	68,634	12,634
Commissioner Precinct 1	63,888	67,082	3,194
Commissioner Precinct 2	63,888	67,082	3,194
Commissioner Precinct 3	63,888	67,082	3,194
Commissioner Precinct 4	63,888	67,082	3,194
County Judge	79,860	83,853	3,993
County Sheriff	80,916	84,962	4,046
County Clerk	68,147	71,554	3,407
District Clerk	68,147	71,554	3,407
County Tax Assessor	68,147	71,554	3,407
County Treasurer	68,147	71,554	3,407
District Attorney (County Supplement)	15,000	18,000	3,000