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Royse City students tackle internship abroad

Royse City High School students and two teachers recently completed a week-long field trip in the US Virgin Islands. The group of advanced video production students, also known as RCTV, traveled more than 2,000 miles to the island of St. Croix where they interned at a local TV station. While working at the TV station, they produced news stories for the ABC network affiliate.

It was a rare opportunity for these students to get professional experience at a real TV station while also learning about the rich history of the islands," said Steve Vaughn, teacher of video production at Royse City High School.

One of the students who got hands-on experience was senior Alex Chase. He said the trip was "a chance to learn from professionals while working in an amazing place."

Other students appear on the evening news as reporters, several worked as videographers for the local station. It was a successful, but also rewarding to know that your video would be on the evening news," said Tanner Coker, a senior who worked on a segment about the national park service and the spot were produced in St. Croix.

Students worked on a feature about local residents who camp on the island as part of their Easter celebration. This special series of stories airs several times on the evening news. Alex Chase and Sarah Verhagen, who worked as videographers for the stories. Both said they loved the experience.

Christina Barsoum, a senior, and Schelly Stone, a junior, were interviewed as part of the reporting series. Other students who filmed various segments on the island included sophomores Nathalie Barsoum and Sterling Coker. Senior Megan Frauendorfer and Christina Barsoum were featured in two parts of two stories. Frauendorfer was the lead reporter who interviewed a park ranger and Barsoum was interviewed about her experience with the fine arts program at her school. Barsoum was also lead reporter for a story about pigs that drink canned beverages.

Christina Barsoum said she had the pigs a canned drink... they drink it and spit out the can. It was a crazy sight, said Barsoum.

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Royse City High School RCTV students who traveled to St. Croix for an internship at a local TV station were (left to right) Christina Barsoum, Katrina Watson, Austin Woltman, Megan Frauendorfer, Schelly Stone, Sarah Verhagen, Tanner Coker, Alex Chase, Alex Sullivan, Sterling Coker, Nathalie Barsoum, and Clayton Trette.
Photo by Steve Vaughn/Rockwall County News

On the trip, students visited and produced news stories about the White Sugar Plantation Museum and the fort in Christened. They explored marine life at the national park preserve at Buck Island. They used several underwater cameras to document marine life and just enjoyed the waves," said Vaughn. "We were able to capture many fish on video."

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Heath sanitary sewer line overflow no threat to Dallas water supply

Heavy rains on March 20 resulted in two sanitary sewer overflows in Heath that discharged into Lake Ray Hubbard. The Lake Ray Hubbard Reservoir supplies drinking water to the City of Dallas.

According to a City of Heath news release, the overflows were caused by rainwater entering sanitary sewer pipes through cracks in the city's lines or through cracks in private plumbing lines. The press release stated the sewer mains are not designed to carry rainwater that overloads the pipe's capacity to carry wastewater to the treatment plant.

Heath City Engineer and Director of Public Works Randel Dobbs said that the spill posed no threat to residents' drinking water because any sewage entering the lake was heavily diluted by large volumes of rainwater. Heath's crews utilized a tanker truck to divert as much excess flow as possible away from the spill sites and cleaned and disinfected the spill areas to minimize any local health and safety concerns.

Heath's sanitary sewer system is approved and in compliance with government and industry requirements.

"This overflow does not pose any danger to Dallas' drinking water supply," Dobbs said. "In addition, the spills were highly diluted and equated to about 1,541,000 gallons. According to the Texas Water Development Board, Lake Ray Hubbard contained about 143 billion gallons of water when the spills occurred."

The City of Heath notified the City of Dallas and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of the overflow. The TCEQ requires wastewater system operators to notify the news media and public officials when large discharges occur from the sanitary sewer collection system.

Heath City Manager Ed Thatcher said such an overflow is a problem most cities eventually have to deal with.

"Every system in every city has this problem when there is heavy rain," Thatcher said. "It's impossible to have a system in a city and not have a wet weather overflow at some point in time."

In the last five years, the city has fixed three of its lift stations at a cost of about \$400,000 a piece to prevent such issues, Thatcher said. The city has also paid for lake treatment when necessary following similar overflows.

The city plans to address these two overflow problems with a wastewater study and sanitary sewer pipeline replacement projects.

Randy Payton from the Dallas Water Utilities Department said the larger municipality was notified by Heath when the overflow occurred. Dallas personnel carried out a visual assessment of the overflow sites, but agreed that any raw sewage was so diluted by the amount of rain that further testing and treatment of the lake was unnecessary.

He said the location of a spill or overflow and the amount of discharge can dictate what action is taken.

"There was so much rain that day that it was hard to see the amount of water coming out," Payton said. "Any time we feel there is a threat to the lake, we will take action. We already do routine testing of our water shed. The spill that day was more than a mile from our intake so it didn't pose a threat to our drinking water."

"With several inches of rain at that time, the dilution factor of gallons of overflow was just a smidgeon compared to the gallons of water already in the lake," Payton said.

Heath's news release advised that in the event of future overflows, the public should avoid contact with waste material, soil or water in the area potentially affected by the spill. If the public comes into contact with waste material, soil or water potentially affected by the spill, they should bathe and wash clothes thoroughly as soon as possible.

The two overflows, which discharged into Lake Ray Hubbard, were at 132 Shepherds Glen Road, with a discharge of approximately 100,000 gallons, and 2272 Lafayette Landing, with a discharge of approximately 1,441,000 gallons. The overflows began at approximately 3:30 a.m. and ended at approximately 2:45 p.m.

Disaster aid available for local victims of April's severe weather

Low-interest federal disaster loans are available to Texas residents and business owners affected by the April 3 tornadoes, hail and severe weather, according to a news release issued last week by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

A declaration under its own authority to declare a disaster in response to a request received from Gov. Rick Perry on April 13, according to the release.

The declaration makes assistance available in the primary counties of Tarrant, Kaufman and Tarrant and the neighboring counties of Rockwall, Denton, Ellis, Henderson, Hunt, Johnson, Parker, Van Zandt and Rockwall.

The U.S. Small Business Administration is strongly committed to helping Texans with the most effective and customer-focused response possible. "We will be there to provide access to federal disaster loans to help with financial recovery for residents and businesses affected by the tornadoes and severe weather," said SBA Administrator Karen G. Mills. "Getting our businesses and communities up and running after a disaster is our highest priority."

Low-interest loans are available to homeowners, renters, businesses and nonprofit organizations whose property was damaged or destroyed, according to the release.

Herb Austin, the SBA's Dallas/Fort Worth District director, said SBA representatives now are available at the following Disaster Loan

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Two employees from the Rockwall County Clerk's Office were recognized at Tuesday's commissioner's meeting for receiving the highest award given to local registrars by the State of Texas Vital Statistics Unit. Senior Deputy Clerk Peggy Jones and Deputy Clerk Donna Spann, shown with County Clerk Shelli Miller (left), both received the Exemplary Five Star Award for 2011 at the 57th Annual Texas Vital Statistics Conference in Austin. They received their plaques from Texas State Registrar Geraldine Harris. Miller said Rockwall County was one of only 14 counties in the state to receive the Exemplary Award. This is the second time Rockwall County has received the honor. Miller also said the Rockwall County Clerk's Office has received the next lower award, the Five Star Award, eight times in the last 11 years. Registrars are graded in a number of categories, such as trainings attended and accuracy and timeliness.
Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News



Changes made to Rockwall sign ordinance

An amendment to the City of Rockwall's special event sign ordinance giving nonprofit groups some options to erect signs recently was approved by City Council members.

Non-profits may display up to six off-premise signs, provided they meet certain conditions that include, according to a city news release:

- Signs must be made of corrugated plastic, otherwise known as Coroplast signs, and supported by T-posts on each side. Vinyl or cloth banner-type signs are not allowed;
- The non-profit can put up a maximum of six off-premise signs;
- There can be only one non-profit off-premise special event sign per lot, parcel or tract of land;
- They are only allowed on private property. Written permission from the property owner must be submitted with each application;
- Signs cannot exceed 32 square feet in size with a minimum distance of 60 feet between signs;
- There is a minimum 30-day interval between permits for each non-profit.

Other restrictions include minimum setback from curbs based on location, and established intersections where the signs are not allowed. Also, the signs must be removed within 24 hours of city permit expiration time or be subject to a citation.

The ordinance also addresses off-premise special event directional signs.

For more information about the amended ordinance, call Cliff Griffin at 972-772-6449 or contact via e-mail at cgriffin@rockwall.com.



What a small world!

At a recent Friday Study Club luncheon, Rockwall residents Helen Battenschlag, right, and Barbara Montgomery happened to be guests seated at the same table. While visiting, the two came to realize what a small world it truly is. Montgomery's grandfather was elected as school superintendent in Iroquois County, Illinois, an acquaintance of Battenschlag's when she lived in Paxton, Illinois, in the late 1920s – a fact the two uncovered as they chatted during the luncheon.

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Rotarians, Rockwall ISD name Teachers of the Year

The Rockwall Independent School District, in partnership with the Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club, has named the 2012 Teachers of the Year for the school district's various campuses.


Eighteen teachers were selected by their peers and colleagues, according to a news release. Honorees include Lindy Lewis, Amanda Rochell Elementary; Karen Moss, Amy Parks-Heath Elementary; Melody Baker, Celia Hays Elementary; Deedra Mann, Doris Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary; Alicia Duckworth, Dorothy Smith Pullen Elementary; Johnny Ventura, Dorris A. Jones Elementary; Kelley Cavin, Grace Hartman Elementary; Elena Straight, Howard Dobbs Elementary; Geniece Smith, Nebbie Williams Elementary; Julie Bryant, Ouida Springer Elementary; Courtney Pine, Sharon Shannon Elementary; Autumn Quinton, Virginia Reinhardt Elementary; Gwen Howell, J.W. Williams Middle School; Cynthia Parent, Maurice Cain Middle School; Michael Reed, Herman E. Utley Middle School; Cody Hays, Rockwall High; Shannon Darmody, Rockwall-Heath High; and Bryant Sharkey, Rockwall Quest Academy.

Overall elementary and secondary Teachers of the Year will be selected from these individuals and announced at the RISD's Teacher of the Year Banquet on May 11. Members from the Rotary Club, as well as previous winners, will serve on the selection committee that reviews teachers' packets and conducts in-class observations of the nominees.



Pictured above are the Rockwall ISD's Teachers of the Year. Honorees include Lindy Lewis, Amanda Rochell Elementary; Karen Moss, Amy Parks-Heath Elementary; Melody Baker, Celia Hays Elementary; Deedra Mann, Doris Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary; Alicia Duckworth, Dorothy Smith Pullen Elementary; Johnny Ventura, Dorris A. Jones Elementary; Kelley Cavin, Grace Hartman Elementary; Elena Straight, Howard Dobbs Elementary; Geniece Smith, Nebbie Williams Elementary; Julie Bryant, Ouida Springer Elementary; Courtney Pine, Sharon Shannon Elementary; Autumn Quinton, Virginia Reinhardt Elementary; Gwen Howell, J.W. Williams Middle School; Cynthia Parent, Maurice Cain Middle School; Michael Reed, Herman E. Utley Middle School; Cody Hays, Rockwall High; Shannon Darmody, Rockwall-Heath High; and Bryant Sharkey, Rockwall Quest Academy.

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Maxine Harber with her son Les and his wife Karylle Harber.

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The infant weighed 6 pounds 1 ounce and was 19 3/4 inches long at birth.

She was welcomed home by her 3-year-old sister, Presley Elizabeth Kirchoff. Maternal grandparents are John and Brenda Brewer of Dallas and Mark and Mary of Euless.

Paternal grandparents are Randy Aldridge of San Antonio and Marv Kirchoff of Tampa. The baby's great-grandparents are Bettye and Mark Kousa of Garland and Rebecca Aldridge of San Antonio.



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Royse City, Rockwall ISDs join call for reassessment of student testing

Karen Williams
 ed a new, more rigorous testing system for students as the STAAR
 go online this school year, the Royse City and Rockwall Independent
 District Boards of Trustees joined more than 400 school districts in
 resolutions supporting a call to the State of Texas to reexamine its
 "testing" of students to better prepare them for the future.

The resolution originated with the Texas Association of School
 Administrators.

The STAAR test, or State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness,
 is the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS), which has
 been in place since 2003.

Supporting the resolution, Rockwall ISD Superintendent Jeff Bailey
 said, "Parents, parents and board members across the state 'have concerns
 about our students to the point of strangling our schools and
 asking our educators to create those classrooms that are innovative
 and ready for the 21st century.'"

He said that 45 days of the 180-day school year are currently
 spent with the testing of students.

He said that what we feel like our students need to be doing in regard to
 preparing them for the 21st century and the global future our kids are faced
 with is to be tested.

The STAAR test will be used for the 12 end-of-course assessments
 mandated by SB 1031 in 2007 and the new grades 3-8 assessments mandated
 by HB 3 in the 2009 legislative session.

The new tests began in the current school year. According to the Texas
 Education Agency website, students in the graduating class of 2015 will be
 the first students who must meet the end-of-course testing requirements, as
 well as pass their classes, in order to earn a diploma.

The new tests will be significantly more rigorous than previous tests and
 will measure a child's performance, as well as academic growth.

The grade 3-8 STAAR tests in reading and mathematics by law must be
 linked from grade to grade to performance expectations for the English III
 and Algebra II end-of-course assessments.

The last TAKS-based school accountability ratings will be issued for 2011.
 Ratings will be suspended in 2012 while a new accountability system is
 developed.

Part of the resolutions passed by the trustees read as follows: "Whereas
 we do not oppose accountability in public schools and point with pride to
 the stellar performance of our students on every test the state has developed,
 but believe the system of the past will not prepare our students to lead in
 the future and neither will the standardized tests that so dominate their
 instructional time and block our ability to make progress towards a world-
 class educational system of student-centered schools with future-ready
 students."

The new state rating system will debut in 2013.

Loans available for tornado victims

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Outreach Centers to issue loan applications, answer questions, explain the
 application process and help individuals complete their applications:

- Dallas County – Regions Bank Building, 1425 N. Dallas Ave.,
 Lancaster; open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays
- Kaufman County – Forney Police Department, 110 Justice Center
 Drive, Forney; open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays
- Tarrant County – Kennedale Chamber of Commerce, 205 W.
 Kennedale Parkway (in Town Center), Kennedale; open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or
 replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are
 eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal
 property.

Businesses of any size and private, nonprofit organizations may borrow
 up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate,
 machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. SBA can
 also lend additional funds to homeowners and businesses to help with the
 cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same
 type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

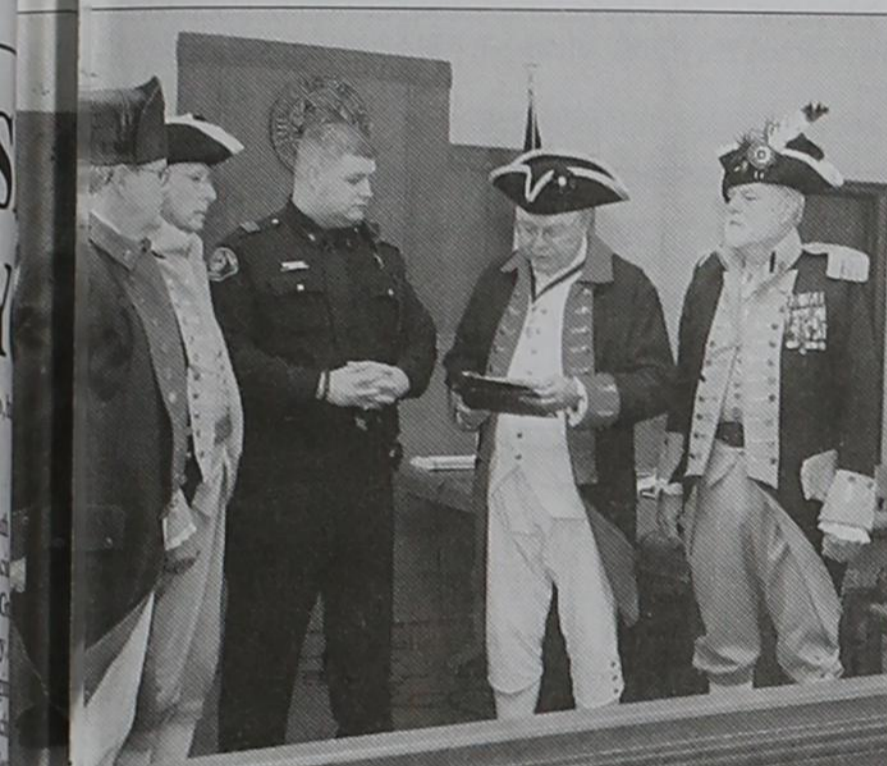
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 capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless
 of whether the business suffered any property damage.

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The filing deadline to return
 applications for property damage
 is June 18. The deadline to return
 economic injury applications is Jan.
 17.



Members of the East Fork Chapter of SAR are (from left) Dr. Montie Monzingo, past president and current registrar Allen Christian, Kevin Rowan, president Walter Thomas and Walter Thomas, past president of the Dallas chapter and current member with the EFT chapter.

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Hero deputy lauded by local SAR chapter

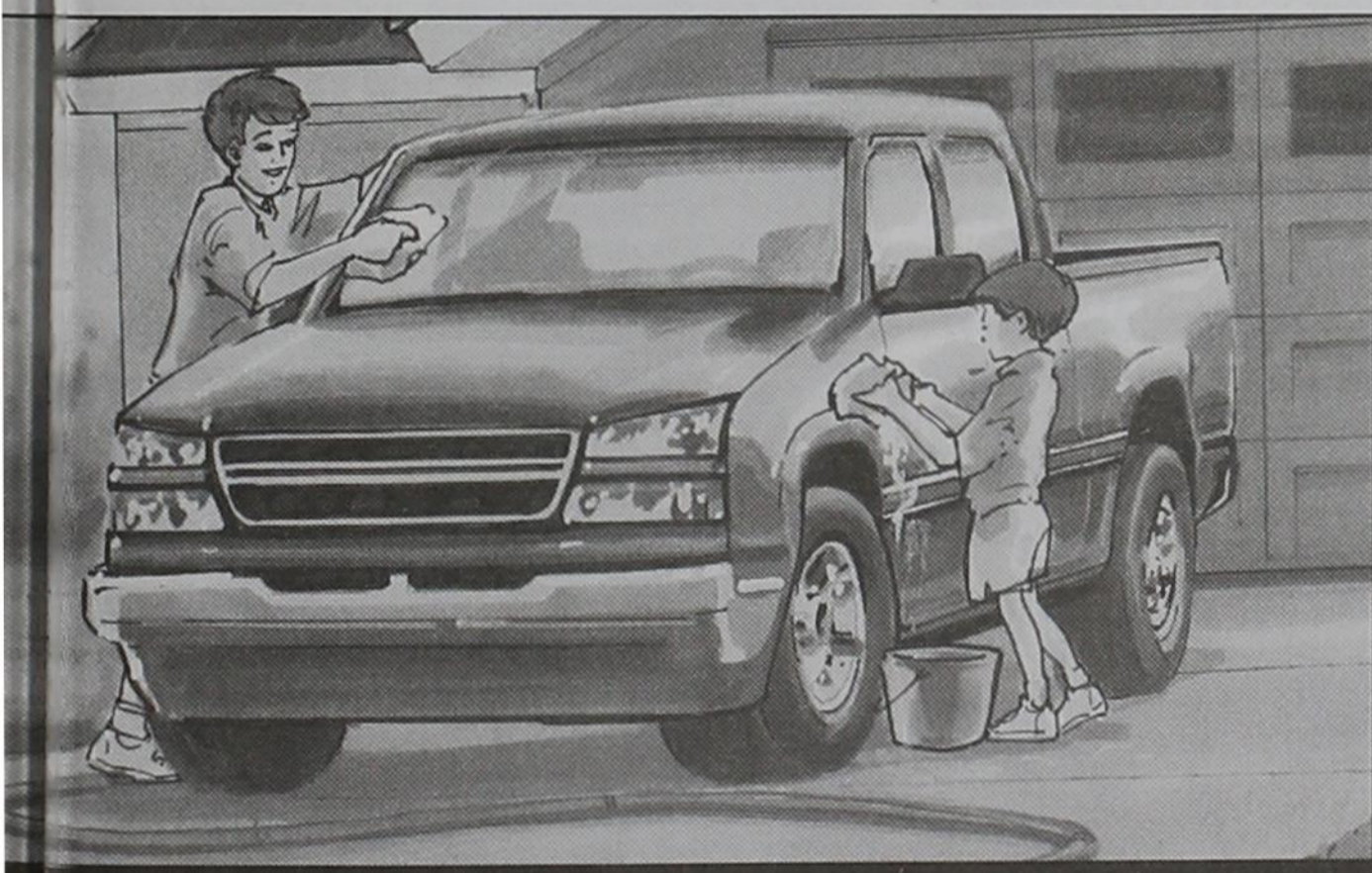
Rockwall County Sheriff's Deputy Keven Rowan was recognized by
 members of the Sons of the American Revolution April 14.

Rowan earned notoriety for saving the lives of two young women
 who were trapped in a submerged vehicle in Lake Ray Hubbard in January.
 A dashboard video camera on his vehicle captured images of the rescue,
 which has been featured on all major national networks, The Huffington
 Post, YouTube and other online new sources.

Rowan was named Texan of the Week by the Texas State Networks
 and recognized at a North Texas Crime Commission breakfast where
 the two women he saved were on hand to thank him personally; and
 led meetings of the Rockwall County Commissioners Court and the
 Rockwall City Council.

Members of the East Fork Trinity Chapter of the SAR organization
 presented the presentation at the regular meeting of the Rockwall County
 Commissioners Court.

The chapter serves the communities of Rockwall, Heath, Forney, Rowlett,
 and Sunnyvale and Mesquite and meet at 7 p.m. on the second
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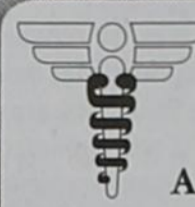
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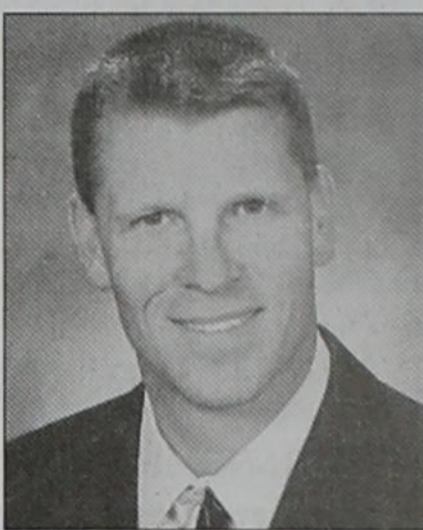


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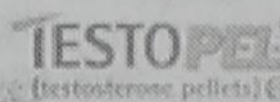
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Jesus teaches even more...John 15:15-27, 16:1-13

Continuing with Jesus' teaching while walking with his disciples we now attempt to summarize John 15:15-27 and all of chapter 16 during the next couple of weeks. In John 15:15-27 Jesus Christ went to great lengths to contrast their relationship with the world with that of believers who are in Christ Jesus.

He no longer called them servants, but instead called them friends because every thing that he learned from his Father, he taught them as if they were friends. He reminded them to love one another as close friends.

Next he emphasized that they would be hated by the world because the world hated him first, as seen in John 15:18-27. He said that because they would be chosen out of the world, they would be hated by the world. Verses 21-25 reveals more detail about who is of the world. These are they who heard him speak the truth and saw him do works that no other man ever did, yet not only did not believe but hated both him and his Father.

The one group who truly showed hate toward Jesus Christ was the religious leaders who sought to kill him. According to John 8:44, he revealed that those religious leaders were born of spiritual seed from the devil. He said, "You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer

from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him." The particular category of people Jesus addressed, were in a spiritual state of complete blindness and with no hope because they were born of the devil. When anybody is born of seed, they cannot change anymore. People cannot extract their genetic seed that came from their parents. It is also impossible for people who are born-again of spiritual seed from God, to lose that new birth. So also is it impossible for people who are true children of the devil to change spiritually. This is the unforgivable sin. But in contrast, he explained that a comforter would come from the Father through Jesus Christ, that would testify of the Lord Jesus. Moreover, he said they would bear witness of him. He taught them these things so that they would not be offended while being put out of the synagogues and even killed by people who believe they are doing so by the will of God. Next Jesus Christ told his disciples that they would not see him for a short while, and then they would see him again. This teaching is covered in John 16:5-33. He said it was important for them that he went away because if he didn't, the comforter wouldn't come to them. Verses 8-10 teach basic understanding of sin, righteousness and judgment.

Sin is directly related to unbelief and is confronted with reproof from God's word itself. Righteousness is tied with his ascension to the Father, and judgment is related to judging the prince of this world who is the devil. He shared about how the spirit of truth would guide them into all truth. This came to pass when the apostle Paul revealed the mystery of the new birth and so much more by the spirit of God, as recorded in the Epistles.

Our readers are encouraged to read all the accounts of Jesus' teachings and instructions while he walked with his disciples during his last hours with them.

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Little River Band to headline Founders Day

The Australian group Little River Band, whose singles topped the charts in the late 1970s and early 1980s, will be one of the featured groups performing at the Rockwall's upcoming Founders Day Festival.

Little River Band is known for such singles as "Reminiscing," "Lady Change," "Lonesome Lover," "Take It Easy On Me," "Help Is On Its Way," "The Night Owls."

The band is scheduled to appear on the Founder Day stage beginning at 7 p.m. May 19.

Other bands slated to perform include The Jeanne Lay Band, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Jolie Holliday, 1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.; and Clay McClinton, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A dose of "animal edutainment" featuring Critterman will kick off the activities on stage beginning at 10 a.m.

The City of Rockwall's Founders Day activities will include food (kettles, burgers, ice cream, barbecue, turkey legs, snow cones and much more), crafts, face painting and other children's activities, as well as a Sip & Wine Tasting event from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. sponsored by the Rockwall Old Shoppes. A total of 120 festival booths are planned.

All activities will take place in historic downtown Rockwall at the corner of Hwy. 66 and Hwy. 205. Admission will be free of charge; parking also free.

For more details, visit rockwallfoundersday.com.

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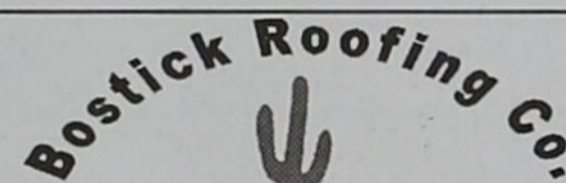
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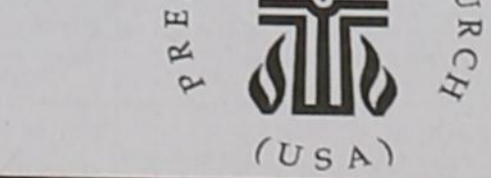
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Not happy with political sign thieves

Recently I purchased some political signs advertising a position that seeking on my local water supply corporation Board of Directors. Thirteen were placed in various places within the district. Within twenty-four hours but five signs had been removed by someone. I replaced five of those signs the next day they were gone too.

For someone to steal signs purchased and distributed by another person lowest class of thievery there is. What are they afraid of? That I might win election? Are they that insecure? If I had to steal to win the election, I would even run for the position. I have better principles, honesty, and integrity to do something like that.

When you see things that need to be done differently to improve the communication, to follow the by-laws set before you and to manage the financial aspect of the corporation, is what most people would want to do. That is they take their time and money to run for an office.

Venita Tuggle, Royse City

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

We encourage the submission of Letters to the Editor. The publishing of letters is at the sole discretion of the editor and may be edited for brevity, grammar and accuracy. Letters which are considered libelous or an attack of an individual character will be rejected, as well as those promoting political candidates. Letters must be signed and include telephone number or address for verification.



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Rockwall County Obituaries

Caroline Marie Gregory



Funeral services for Caroline Marie Gregory of Sumter, S.C., were conducted April 24, 2012, in the Rest Haven Home-Rowlett Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho and Chaplain Larry officiating. She was born Oct. 3, 1931, in Philadelphia, Pa., and graduated from the University of North Carolina. She was employed as a vice president of C.H. Gregory Co. She later resided in Richmond, Ky., where she worked in the textile industry. She preceded her in death.

Survivors include her children, Frank Gregory Jr., and his wife, Melinda; Richard Gregory and his wife, Lisa, of Taneytown, Md.; and her husband, Jeff, of Rowlett and her grandchildren, Kristen, and Caelan Gregory.

She has suggested memorials may be made to Swan Lake Presbyterian Church, 900 Haynsworth St., Sumter, SC 29150.

Patrick 'Pat' Hanson

Funeral services for Patrick "Pat" Hanson, 47, of Rockwall were conducted at 11 a.m. April 23, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Larry officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 6, 1965, in Chicago, Ill., to Thomas Vernon and Roberta (Shaw) Hanson. He grew up in Decatur, Ill., and graduated from Oreana High School. He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service for 25 years as a letter carrier. He always put others before himself.

Survivors include his wife, Dana Hanson of Rockwall; his son, Brian Hanson of Rockwall; his daughter, Kristen Hanson of Rockwall; his grandson, Spencer; his brothers, Tim Hanson, and his wife, Michelle, of Royse City; and Sean Hanson and his wife, Shelley, of Royse City; his sisters, Traci and her partner, Bridgett, of Mt. Zion, Ill.; and Traci Lotzer and her partner, Robert, of Abilene; numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives.

He preceded in death by his grandparents.

Carla Kinsella



Funeral services for Carla Kinsella, 50, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. April 24, 2012, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 17, 1961, in Temple, Texas, to Peggy (Wiley) Pruitt, she was married to Karl Kinsella on May 2, 1981, and worked as an operations manager in the health care industry.

Survivors include her husband; her children, Kyle Kinsella, and Keith Kinsella; her daughter, Melissa, and Keith Kinsella; her mother, Beverly Gaskill, all of Rockwall; her parents, Bill and Peggy Kinsella; her brother, Mike Pruitt, and his wife, Meredith, of Temple; and her grandson, Valin Kinsella.

Jean Matthews

Funeral service for Jean Matthews, 86, of Heath was conducted at 11 a.m. April 25, 2012, in the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church with the Rev. Michael Magahan officiating. Burial will follow at a later date in the Holy Cross Cemetery in Arlington, N.J. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is handling the arrangements.

She was born Oct. 22, 1925, in Bayonne, N.J., to George and Peal (DeVane) Taylor. She worked as a banquet manager in the restaurant industry. She was a member of the Catholic Women's Council and Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Lorraine Chambers, and her husband, Doug; her son, Chris Matthews of California, Md.; one grandchild; and one great-grandchild.

She preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harry Matthews; and one brother, Harry Matthews.

Mary Webb Wisdom



Funeral service for Mary Webb Wisdom, 79, of Rockwall will be conducted at a later date. The Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

She was born April 16, 2012. She was born April 9, 1938, in Rockwall, Texas, to Lucille (Zuspan) Webb, and Marshall Hobart Wayne Wisdom.

She was a teacher at Rockwall Independent School District for many years, teaching sixth grade, swimming lessons and physical education. She played the piano at Rockwall Nursing Home and was a member of the First Baptist Church and the church's Joy Club. She was an active member of the Rockwall Historical Society and involved in many community activities. Survivors include her husband, daughters Brenda Wisdom and Meredith Wisdom, and a granddaughter, Aaralyn Grace Wisdom, all of Rockwall. She preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Judy Webb. She has suggested that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the Rockwall Animal Shelter or the First Baptist Church of Rockwall.

beginning at 4 p.m. April 29. The concert will feature the congregation's bell choir, which will play an eclectic mix of music, both secular and sacred: songs by the Beatles, Andrew Lloyd Weber and John Philip Sousa. Additional musical support will be provided by the choir, soloists, guitarists and the pipe organ. Call 972-722-5702 for more details.

BHP Water District membership to meet

The BHP Water District's annual membership meeting will begin at 7 p.m. April 30 at the facility's I-30 and FM 2642 location. The district's board of directors election will be conducted.

Republican Lunch Bunch meeting set

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. May 2 at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. No reservations required for this informal social gathering open to all area Republicans. For more details call Dalton Kennimer, 972-636-4034.

National Day of Prayer set May 3

The National Day of Prayer event in Rockwall will begin at 7:30 a.m. May 3 at Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad St. The event provides an opportunity for public officials, business representatives, church leaders and members of the community to come together for worship and prayer.

RCCOA seeks nominations

The Rockwall County Committee on Aging is preparing for its 2012 Older American Day Celebration. This year's theme is Never Too Old to Play. Each May, Rockwall County organizations, the five city mayors, city government officials and citizens in the county nominate several outstanding seniors to receive an award for making a difference in the community at large. This year's celebration will begin at 1 p.m. May 4 at the Rockwall County Library, 1215 Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. For more details or to nominate someone for recognition, call the Meals on Wheels office at 972-771-9514.

Sheriff's Department plans open house

The Rockwall County Sheriff's Department will host an open house for local residents May 5. Times will be announced at a later date. The purpose of the event is to allow local citizens to become acquainted with department personnel, equipment and facilities. Refreshments will be served.

Rockwall Farmer's Market to open

The Rockwall Farmer's Market, sponsored by Friends of Downtown, will begin its 2012 season, opening at 8 a.m. May 5. Items to be offered include fresh produce, local honey, handmade soaps, dry mixes, grass-fed beef, farm eggs, fresh-baked breads, dipping oils and fresh fruits and vegetables. A new kitchen and gourmet shop is also planned. The market will be open from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday through Sept. 29.

Local candidate debate slated

The Rockwall County Republican Women and the Young Republicans will host a debate for the county commissioner, constable and justice of the peace candidates at 6:30 p.m. May 14 at Utley Middle School. The public is invited to attend.

Founders Day Festival set May 19

Rockwall's annual Founders Day Festival will begin at 10 a.m. May 19 on the downtown square. The daylong event will feature live entertainment, food and other family-friendly activities. Admission will be free. For more information visit rockwallfoundersday.com.

Cars for CASA event scheduled

The annual Cars for CASA event is set for May 20 at Rockwall's Harbor District. The event will benefit Lone Star CASA, a volunteer organization that serves as a "voice in court" for abused and neglected children. Registration will run from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more details visit lonestarcasa.org.

Farmers Market plans event Just for Kids

Just for Kids, an extension of the Rockwall Farmers Market, has been planned for June 16. The morning event will offer interactive activities for children: crafts, games, face painting and entertainment at little to no cost.

NTHEN offers scholarships to homeschooled seniors

The North Texas Home Educators' Network is offering a pair of \$500 scholarships to college-bound homeschooled seniors.

The scholarships recognize the achievements of North Texas homeschooled students to assist them with the cost of their college education and to honor the sacrifice made by their parents, according to a NTHEN news release.

The organization's scholarship fund was established in conjunction with its corporate partner, Learning for Life.

The scholarships are available to incoming first-year college students living in north, northeast and north central Texas.

Eligible students must have been homeschooled at least the last three years of high school; maintained a GPA of 3.0 or greater; have graduated from high school through a homeschool process and under Texas law; and must be planning to attend a two- or four-year institution of higher learning full time beginning in 2012.

Eligible students can apply by submitting a formal application, which is available online at nthen.org (click on Resources, then Scholarships). Besides the application, students must submit a copy of their ACT, SAT or other college-designated test scores; provide a one-page autobiography, including a recent photo; write a 500-word description of their homeschooling experience; list extracurricular activities throughout their high school years, including details about activities and organizations and total hours served; and provide two non-family references with contact information for each.

Scholarship winners will be determined by the NTHEN scholarship committee. Students will be judged based on their academic record, accomplishments, personal references, leadership qualities, character, community activities and service.

The deadline for applications is May 15 (applications should be postmarked by this date).



In a proclamation read by County Judge Jerry Hogan earlier this month, the Rockwall County Commissioners designated April 8-14 as National Library Week in Rockwall County. Kathleen Broze, president of Friends of the Library, and 2011 Hardman Award recipient Carolyn Duckworth were on hand to present the judge with a facsimile check for \$255,679.20, representing the value of volunteer service hours performed in the library during the 2011 fiscal year. Some volunteers shelve books and perform light clerical duties while others are tutors with the library's literacy program. Volunteers teach in the English as a second language program, tutor individuals who have never learned to read and teach classes in citizenship and GED. For more details about becoming a library volunteer call 972-204-7700. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Rockwall County Entertainment

MC plans Annual Spring Fest

McLendon-Chisholm will host its Annual Spring Fest beginning at noon April 28 next to City Hall. The family event will run until 6 p.m. and include vendors, a live DJ, bounce house and obstacles for children, a dunking booth, a live auction, live music, a dessert contest and other entertainment. The Rockwall Lions Club will sell hot dogs and burgers, and proceeds from the event will benefit the MCVFD. For more details contact Debbie Sorensen at 972-524-2077 or visit mclendon-chisholm.com.

Laughs on the Lake (LOL) benefit event set

Laughs on the Lake (LOL) for Rockwall Children's Charities will begin at 6 p.m. April 28 at Allure Restaurant in Chandler's Landing. The event, presented by the Rockwall Preschool Association, will benefit the Rockwall County Library, the Rainbow Room, the Boys/Girls Club of Rockwall, Helping Hands, Lone Star CASA, Shoes for Kids, Rockwall ISD Education Foundation and the Pregnancy Resource Center. The event will feature a cash bar, four-course dinner at sunset, a comedy act featuring The Shopping Diva, a silent auction and other activities. Tickets cost \$150 per couple or \$600 for a table of eight. For tickets or sponsorship info, visit rockwallpreschoolassociation.com/gala.html.

'Peace, Love & Doo-Wop' set April 28

The Tri-County Choral Society will present "Peace, Love & Doo-Wop" beginning at 7 p.m. April 28 in the Royse City High School auditorium. Tickets cost \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door (children ages 7 and under will be admitted free of charge). Tickets may be purchased at Royse City Pharmacy or from any choir member. For more details visit tricitychoral.org.

RC Demonstration Day scheduled

The Rockwall Radio Control Sports Flyers will host a community RC demonstration day May 5. Gates will be open from 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Demonstrations of all types of radio-controlled flying, live skydivers and an opportunity for anyone interested in flying an actual radio-controlled airplane will be offered. For more details visit rockwallrc.com.

Big Band to open Concert by the Lake series

The Big Band sounds of Hunter Sullivan will open this year's Concert by the Lake Series at The Harbor on May 10. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Texas blues readied for Concert by the Lake

Clay McClinton will serve up some Texas blues at the May 17 Concert by the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Helping Hands plans May 23 fashion show

The 2nd Annual Helping Hands Galactic Fashion Event, All Systems Go!, is set for noon May 23 at the Hilton Bella Harbor in Rockwall. The event will feature a Thrifty Designer's Challenge with local designers and repurposed donations. Tickets cost \$30 each and include lunch and the silent auction. For more details contact Kay Dutta at kaydutta@rockwallhelpinghands.com or call 972-771-4357, ext. 222.

Orchestra concert set Sept. 1

The Greater Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra Concert is set for Sept. 1 at The Harbor Bandshell. Rockwall MusicFest invites the community to attend this free performance. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com.

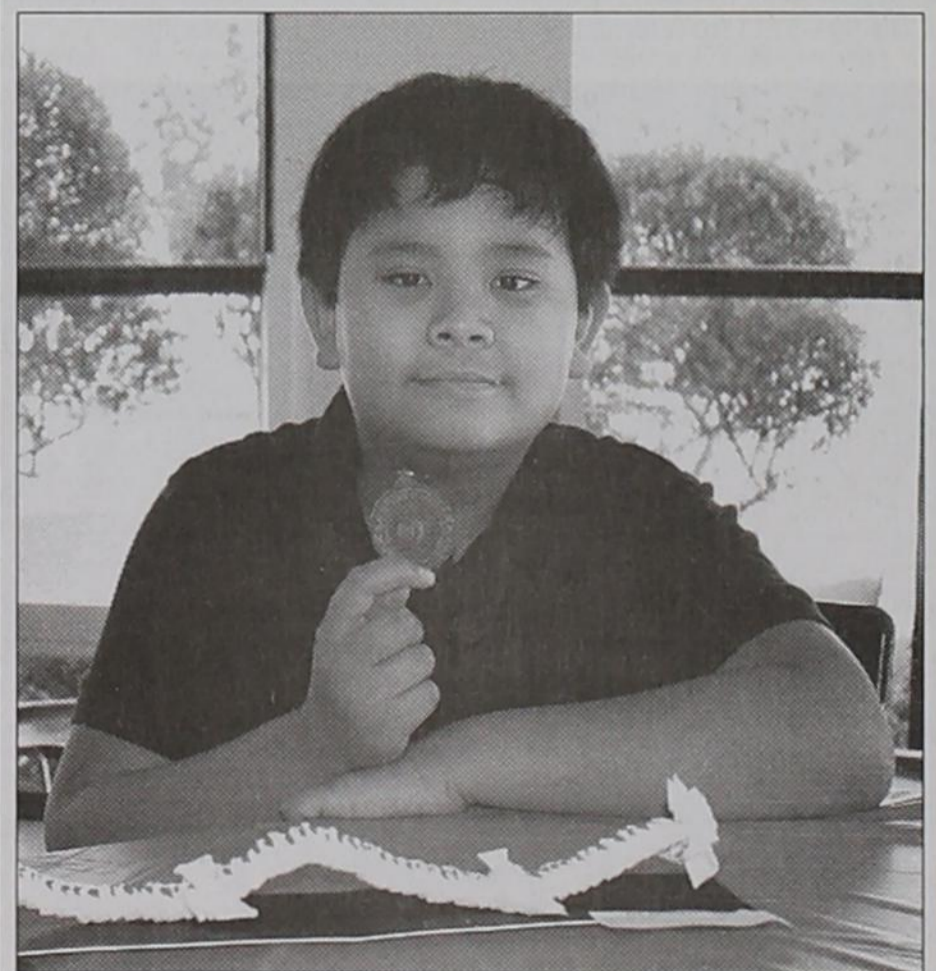
UNT Lab Band to perform

The UNT One O'Clock Lab Band, under the direction of Grammy-nominated composer and associate professor of jazz studies at the University of North Texas, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at the RHS Performing Arts Center, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall. The band has six Grammy nominations and is noted for its musicianship and tight ensemble performance. Tickets cost \$65 for concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$25 for individual performance ticket. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com.

Royse City Police Blotter

April 13-19

- Friday, 13 April: Alarm, 1100 block N. Walnut Street; Suspicious activity, 3400 block Overstreet Lane; Alarm, 1000 block E. I-30; Disturbance, 1400 block FM 1777; Suspicious person, 3200 block Spruce Street; Reckless driver, Corner of Hwy. 66 and N. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Suspicious person, 500 block Live Oak Street
- Saturday, 14 April: Theft, 1100 block Hwy. 66; Welfare check, 900 block Baldwin Street; Medical assistance, 100 block W. I-30; Accident, 1100 block Brookhaven Drive; Suspicious person, 1100 block Walnut Street; Suspicious vehicle, 800 block Cooper Lane; Reckless driver, I-30 at the 74 mile marker
- Sunday, 15 April: Theft, 100 block W. I-30; Suspicious activity, 100 block E. Main Street; Theft, 200 block Texoma Court; Accident, Area S. FM 548; Theft, 500 block Timberhaven Trail; Criminal mischief, 300 block Pin Oak Lane; Criminal mischief, 200 block West Creek Drive
- Monday, 16 April: Suspicious activity, Corner of FM 548 and I-30 SSR; Alarm, 2300 block I-30 NSR; Reckless driver, I-30 at the 83 mile marker; Suspicious person, 100 block W. I-30; Suspicious person, 100 block E. I-30; Accident, 1500 block Live Oak Street
- Tuesday, 17 April: Welfare check, 500 block Baldwin Street; Burglary of a building, 100 block S. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Criminal mischief, 1600 block Marti Drive; Welfare check, 3000 block Glen Oaks Drive; Alarm, 200 block Midnight Drive; Accident, I-30 at the 77 mile marker; Welfare check, I-30 at the 75 mile marker; Alarm, 400 block S. Elm Street
- Wednesday, 18 April: Rockwall County warrant arrest, 1700 block Meadowlark Lane; Dallas Police Department warrant arrest, 1400 block Hunters Glen; Theft, 100 block W. Main Street; Medical assistance, 1700 block Meadowlark Lane
- Thursday, 19 April: Criminal mischief, 100 block S. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Noise disturbance, Area of Brookhaven Drive; Solicitor, Area of County Line Road and Josephine Street; Assault, 1100 block Oak Grove Lane; Accident, 200 block N. Arch Street; Disturbance, 400 block Cookston Lane



John Kwong, a fifth grade student at Rockwall Christian Academy, earned a first place medal in the Paper Art category of the Association of Christian Schools International Art Contest April 20. He also earned a blue ribbon-superior rating with his "Revelation Dragon," which was designed and constructed from about 600 pieces of paper. The piece took about two weeks of folding, creasing and assembly. The competition included submissions from dozens of other schools from throughout North Texas. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

News Briefs

Cancer survivors, caregivers to be feted

The 2012 Rockwall County Relay For Life is seeking cancer survivors and caregivers to be recognized at 6 p.m. April 27 at the Cain Middle School. Survivors will be given T-shirts and goodie bags and treated to a barbecue. Each survivor is urged to invite one caregiver to participate as well. The event will be cheered on as they take to the track to walk the Survivors' Lap. Caregivers will be honored during the second lap of the Relay. To sign up or for more information visit rockwalltx.org or contact Sheila at kilarwooten@yahoo.com.

Habitat workday mapped out

Workday will once again be the focus of Saturday's Rockwall Habitat for Humanity workday at 304 E. Ross. A small amount of work also needs to be done on the soffits and front porch. Additional work could be done inside if needed. City inspections are completed. Start time will be 8 a.m.

School to host Crop Walk

Rockwall Intermediate, 1400 FM 1777 in Royse City, will host a Crop Walk at 2:30 p.m. April 29 as a means of raising awareness about hunger. The school's student council participated in the event over the past two years and this year opted to host its own event. Anyone who wants to raise awareness for fighting hunger and poverty is invited to participate. The cost to participate, but donations of canned goods or cash will be appreciated. For more details call 972-636-3301 or email Lloyd Blaine at blaine1@rockwallisd.org or Michelle Dusek at dusekm@reisd.org.

Free concert slated April 29

A free concert will be held at the Presbyterian Church of Rockwall, located off Ridge Road at 602 E. Ross, across from the side entrance of Wal-Mart, will host a free concert

Artwork of 2 locals is part of Children's Cancer Fund event

Artwork produced by two young artists from Heath and Rockwall will be included in the 24th Annual Children's Cancer Fund Luncheon and Fashion Show May 2 in the Hilton Anatole Hotel.

Local participants include A.J. Wells of Heath and Collin Christian of Rockwall.

Wells, a pre-K student at the Fulton School, has four sisters, two brothers, two English bulldogs (Gerty and Spike) and wants to be a Dallas Cowboy football player when he grows up. He is excited to be a part of this event, according to the news release. He has been diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, a cancer of the blood.

Christian, a sixth grade student at Sharon Shannon Elementary, has an older sister, Macy, and two dogs. His favorite subject at school is science and he would like to be a NBA player when he grows up. He enjoys playing baseball and video games and hanging out with his family. He, too, has been diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia.

Honorary co-chairmen Troy Aikman and Roger Staubach will join corporate sponsors, celebrity escorts (including Drew Pearson, Miss Texas Kendall Morris, Daryl Johnston, Rudy Gatlin and others) and media to present 38 young cancer patients and numerous pediatric cancer survivors in a special runway show, sponsored by Dillard's. Event proceeds will go to Children's Cancer Fund to help advance pediatric cancer research and treatment programs at Children's Medical Center and UT Southwestern Medical Center, benefiting children worldwide.

One of the unique features of the event is the production of the Children's Cancer Fund Reflection Book. The 2012 Children's Cancer Fund Reflection Book will include original artwork by young cancer patients, inspired by their experiences with cancer. This book will be unveiled at the luncheon and will be available for purchase for \$16 a copy through Children's Cancer Fund at 972-664-1450 or at childrenscancerfund.net. In addition to producing artwork for the book, these artists will participate in the fashion show as first-time models, walking the runway with celebrity escorts and sponsors.

Tickets for the event cost \$150 per person or \$1,250 per table of 10. For reservations or information call 972-664-1450 or visit the website denoted above.



Collin Christian



A.J. Wells



The Friday Study Club hosted its spring luncheon April 20 at Allure. Attendees consisted of FSC members, and guests. Pictured from the left are Darlene Bealmear, Pat Calhoun, Ginny Progelhof, Mary Vervalin and Theresa Pool. The club was founded in 1919 and is the oldest women's club in Rockwall. It supports the Terrell State Hospital and the Rockwall County Library.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Taste of Rockwall event labeled 'success'

The Taste of Rockwall & Business Expo hosted its 19th anniversary on April 19 and the event offered a wide variety of Rockwall's restaurants and businesses.

Like the city itself, the Business Expo and Taste of Rockwall has grown each year with continued success. The Rockwall Area Chamber stages the event to help build community connections.

"We are impressed with the outcome of the Taste of Rockwall this year," said chamber president Dana Macalik, "and our attendance numbers reflect the enthusiasm of our event."

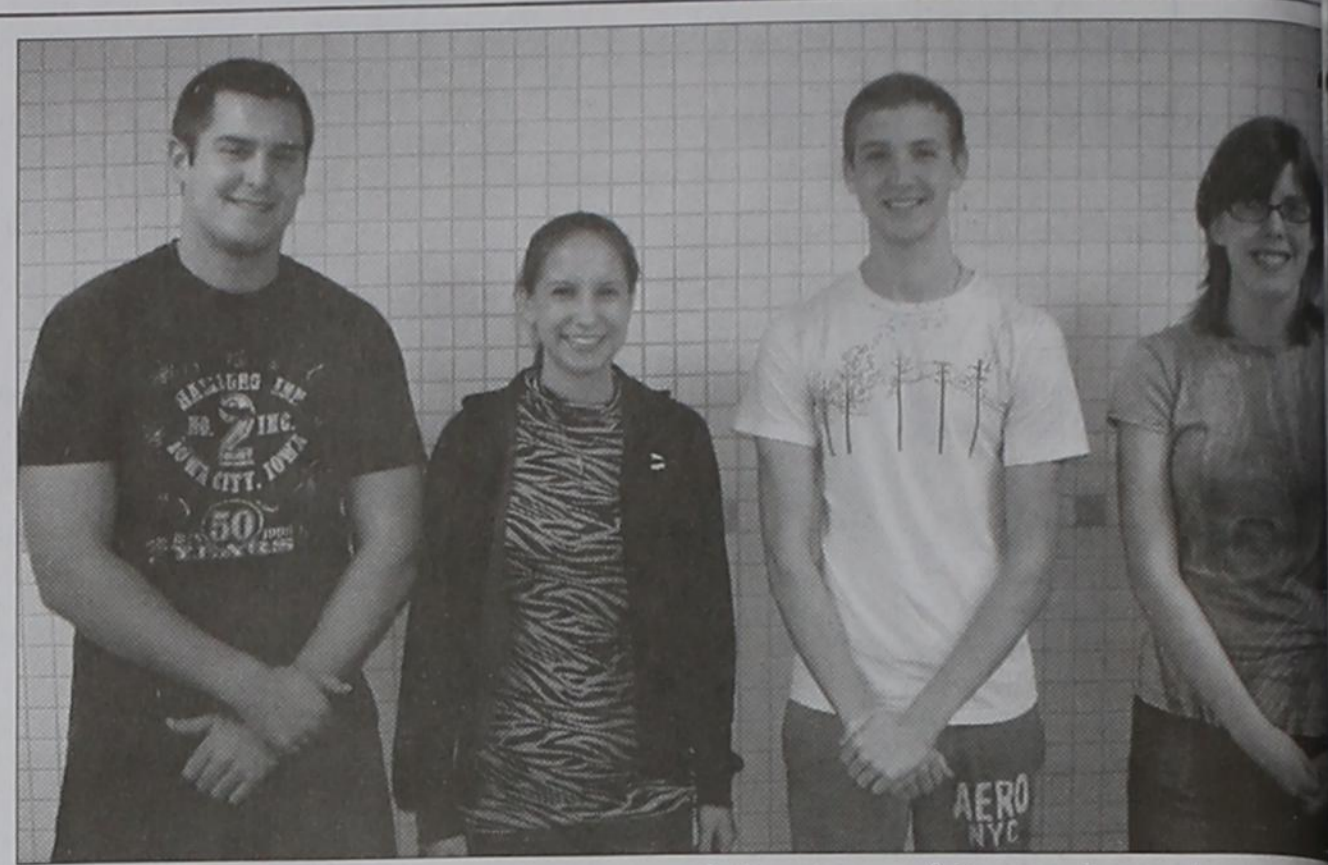
This year 35 restaurants participated, serving up a lot of wonderful dishes. There was fierce competition for the Best of the Taste of Rockwall award. This year, the People's Choice Restaurant Award was presented to India Garden, with Chiloso's Mexican Bistro as the runner-up.

Sylvia Kidd was the Grand Prize Raffle winner. She won a "staycation for two" at the Hilton Bella Harbor, which included a breakfast, dinner for two at Gloria's, a cruise for two on the Seawolf and a wine backpack and bottle of wine donated by KE Cellars.

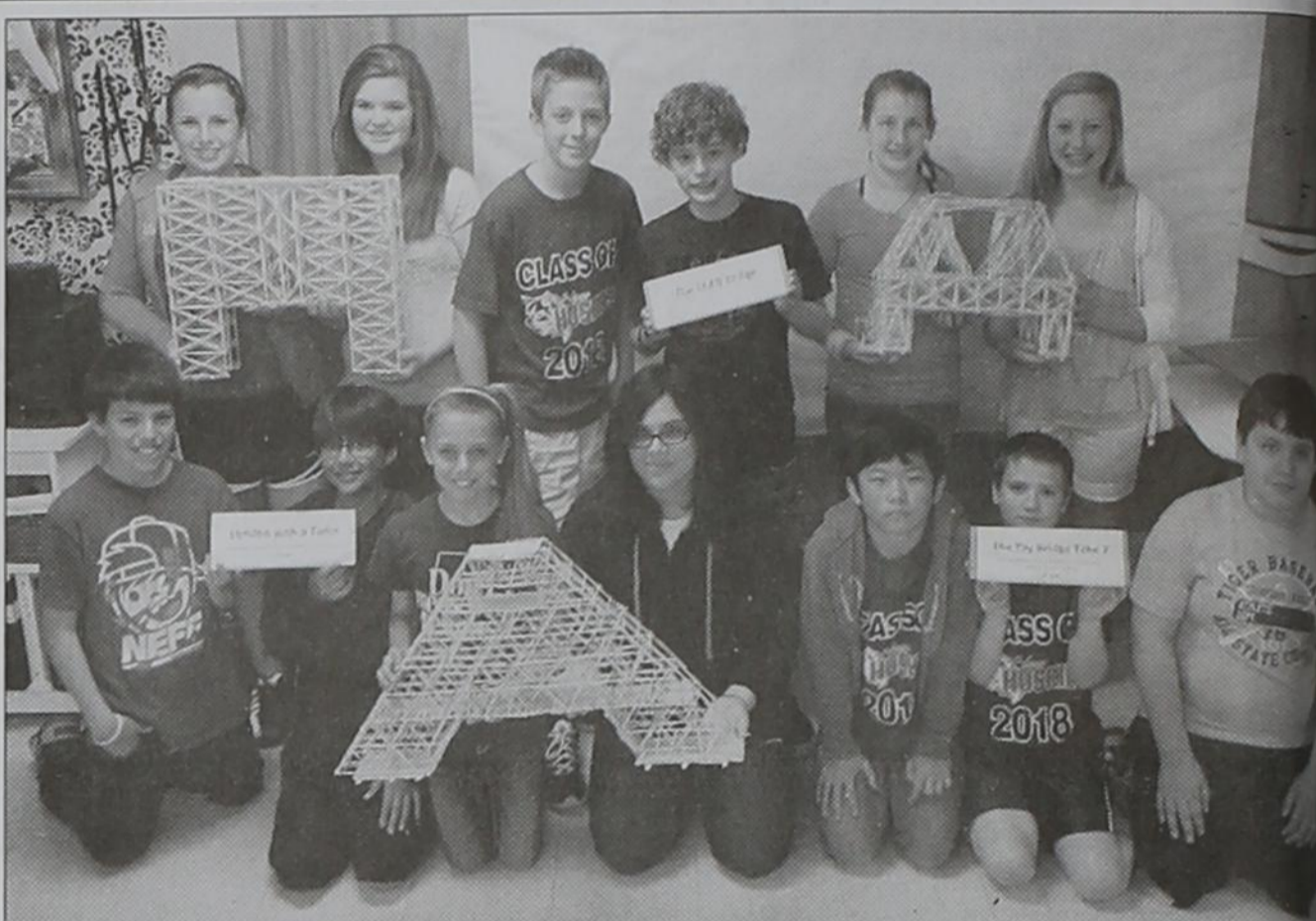
There were 65 area businesses and 12 non-profit organizations participating this year as well as an outdoor display of cars from the Randall Noe Auto Group and Toyota of Rockwall. The Rockwall Jazz Band entertained, as well as DJ Greg LaRosa from Black Tie Entertainment.

Macalik said the event would not be possible or run as well as it does without the help of so many volunteers, from the Chamber Ambassador Group and Board of Directors to the banks and other organizations that sold tickets, as well as the Rockwall Independent School District crew and custodians who prepare clean up the facility. Thanks, too, to the Boy Scouts from Troop 314 who kept the eating area clean during the evening.

Plans already are under way for the chamber's Rockwall Open Golf Tournament on July 13 at the Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club (formerly the Shores Country Club). Visit rockwallchamber.org for more details or call Paula Kerr at 214-991-5733 for information about sponsorship opportunities.



Stosel in the Classroom recently announced the winners of its second annual essay contest. Pictured above are Rockwall High students, from the left, Nick Noble and Amy Jowers, both finalists; Schyler Hohenberger, a finalist; and Sarah Forbis, who received an honorable mention, pictured are Alison Marsh, Michelle Mason, Zachary Kuntz and Bethany Cowan, all semi-finalists in the contest. Students were asked to write an essay about politicians' promises gone wrong after viewing John Stosel's FOX News special on the subject. Almost 4,000 essays were submitted from throughout the U.S., with 225 selected as prize winners. Winners earned cash prizes ranging from \$50 to \$1,500.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Sixth grade SAGE students at Celia Hays Elementary are shown with the toothpick bridge designs they recently completed. Pictured at front are Trent Sifuentes, Adam Mathura, Ariell Hopkins, Abbigail Pena, Kason So, Matthew Martin and Charlie Cisneros. Shown at back are Lauren Hogan, Kylee Adams, Taylor Green, Bryce Brewer, Emily Brackeen and Caroline Braddock. Students will test the strength of their bridges at the school's bridge bash in May.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Students in the Dolley Madison program, the Rockwall Independent School District's after-school program, recently presented food items from the first harvest of the new vegetable garden to the school's cafeteria manager Erin Gooch. Gooch is using the locally grown fresh radishes the students grew at the Dobbs cafeteria. Pictured above with Gooch is kindergarten student Amy Juarez and first grade student Tres Saenz.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

HCA students assist with storm cleanup

Heritage Christian Academy high school students helped in cleanup and recovery efforts recently following April 3 tornadoes that ripped through parts of Royse City and Forney.

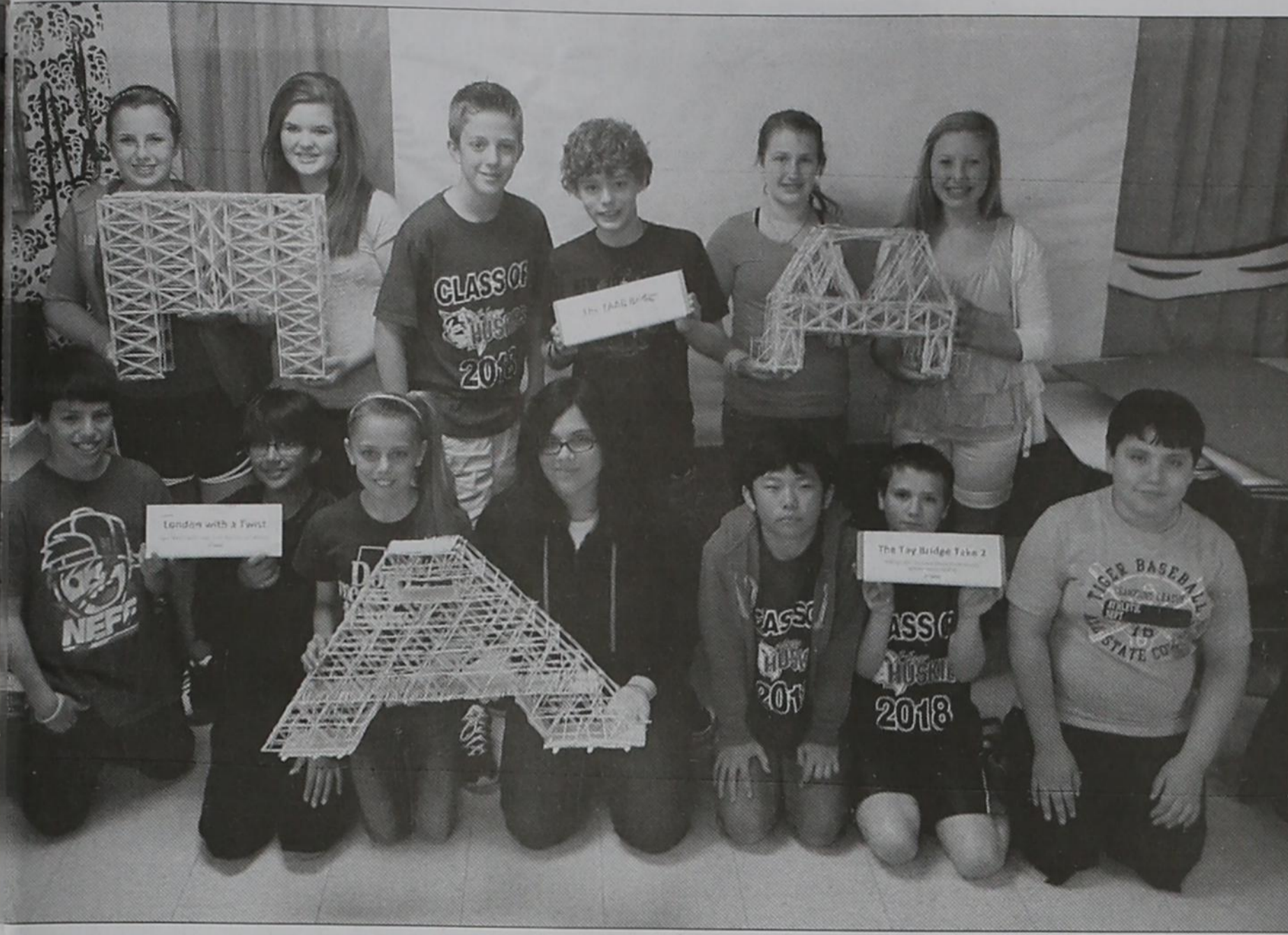
HCA students helped remove debris, clean up neighborhoods and serve food to storm victims. "Some people lost everything," said HCA sophomore Alex Barron in a news release issued by the school, "it's good to help these families and serve others and glorify God in the process."

"Thank you to all of the students who worked in the tornado relief effort on Mission HCA Day last week," said Ron Taylor, headmaster of the school. "Our students worked very hard. I am so proud of all of our students and their willingness to step and lead in any kind of situation."



Anna LeTourneau, a high school student at Heritage Christian Academy, was one of many students who has aided in the recovery efforts in the Royse City and Forney areas following the April 3 tornadoes. While some students helped by clearing debris, others served food to storm victims. The food was donated by HCA families.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Johnny Cash tribute set June 14

Walkin' the Line will deliver a Johnny Cash tribute at the June 14 Concert by the Lake performance. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

CSNY tribute scheduled

The band 4 Way Street will provide a Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young tribute at the June 21 Concert by the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Journey tribute slated June 28

A tribute to the band Journey will be offered by Escape on June 28 at the Concert by the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an election will be held within the City of Rockwall, Texas, on May 12, 2012, as provided in the ordinance calling the election passed by the City Council of the City of Rockwall, a substantial copy of which ordinance is printed below:

CITY OF ROCKWALL
RESOLUTION NO. 12-08

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN SAID CITY; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AN ELECTION CONTRACT WITH THE ROCKWALL COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, this City Council finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold an election within said City on the propositions hereinafter set forth;

WHEREAS, this City Council deems it advisable and in the best interest of the City and the health, safety and welfare of its residents to present propositions in the election hereinafter ordered to provide needed sports and recreational facilities, to open to the public the City's historic "rock wall", to construct street and road improvements, to construct street and sidewalk improvements, parking lots, landscaping and pedestrian areas and to implement an economic development program to improve the historic downtown area of the City;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 380, Texas Local Government Code, the City is authorized to establish a program to promote local economic development and to stimulate business and commercial activity in the City, and the City Council hereby finds and determines that it is a public purpose and in the best interest of the City and its residents to establish such a program to make loans, grants or other expenditures of public funds to improve and revitalize the historic downtown area of the City and to preserve and enhance the historic character of the downtown area, including improving traffic flow and providing parking and pedestrian access, preserving and restoring buildings and the structures of a historical nature and other improvements as determined by the City Council that will attract more residents and visitors to the downtown area and will promote economic development and stimulate business and commercial activity;

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that said meeting was open to the public, and notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Local Government Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS:

Section 1. Findings. The statements contained in the preamble of this Resolution are true and correct and are accepted as findings of fact hereby, which findings are conclusive and incontestable.

Section 2. Election Date; Polling Places.

(a) An election shall be held in the City of Rockwall, Texas, on May 12, 2012, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.. The entire City of Rockwall, Texas shall constitute one (1) election precinct for the election, and the polling place is hereby designated to be located at:

Uteley Middle School
1201 T.L. Townsend
Rockwall, Texas

(b) Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted on the following dates at the specified times and locations:

Monday, April 30 through Saturday, May 5, 2012 - 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
Monday, May 7 and Tuesday, May 8, 2012 - 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Elections Office
107 East Kaufman Street
Rockwall, Texas

Fate Community Center
104 South W E Crawford
Fate, Texas

Heath City Hall
200 Laurence
Heath, Texas

Chisholm Baptist Church
1388 South State Highway 205
McClendon-Chisholm, Texas

Royse City Hall
305 North Arch
Royse City, Texas

Wylie Municipal Complex (Smith Public Library)
300 Country Club Road, Building 300
Wylie, Texas

Thursday, May 3 through Saturday, May 5, 2012 - 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
Monday, May 7 and Tuesday, May 8, 2012 - 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary
5801 Scenic Drive
Rowlett, Texas

Applications for ballot by mail shall be requested from and mailed to the Rockwall County Election Administrator, Attn: Glenda Denton, 107 E. Kaufman, Rockwall, TX 75087. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, May 4, 2012.

Section 3. Propositions. At said election the following propositions shall be submitted in accordance with

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the City Council of City of Rockwall, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of said City, in one or more series or issues, in the aggregate principal amount of \$25,090,000, with the bonds of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature within not to exceed 40 years from their date, and to be sold at such prices and bear interest at such rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the City Council, for the purpose of constructing and equipping City park improvements and additions to City parks, including recreational and sports facilities and related infrastructure, and the acquisition of land and interests in land necessary therefor, and shall said City Council be authorized to levy and cause to be assessed and collected annual ad valorem taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the annual interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund to pay said bonds at maturity?

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Shall the City Council of City of Rockwall, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of said City, in one or more series or issues, in the aggregate principal amount of \$8,625,000, with the bonds of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature within not to exceed 40 years from their date, and to be sold at such prices and bear interest at such rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the City Council, for the purpose of constructing, improving and equipping street and sidewalk improvements, parking lots, landscaping, pedestrian areas and related improvements in the historic downtown area, and the acquisition of land and interests in land necessary therefor, and shall said City Council be authorized to levy and cause to be assessed and collected annual ad valorem taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the annual interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund to pay said bonds at maturity?

PROPOSITION NO. 3

Shall the City Council of City of Rockwall, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of said City, in one or more series or issues, in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,600,000, with the bonds of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature within not to exceed 40 years from their date, and to be sold at such prices and bear interest at such rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the City Council, for the public purpose of funding an economic development program to improve and revitalize the historic downtown area of the City and to preserve and enhance the historic character of the downtown area including fire protection to preserve and encourage rehabilitation of buildings and such other improvements and expenditures in the downtown area of the City in furtherance of the program as determined by the City Council, and shall said City Council be authorized to levy and cause to be assessed and collected annual ad valorem taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the annual interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund to pay said bonds at maturity?

PROPOSITION NO. 4

Shall the City Council of City of Rockwall, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of said City, in one or more series or issues, in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,950,000, with the bonds of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature within not to exceed 40 years from their date, and to be sold at such prices and bear interest at such rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the City Council, for the purpose of constructing and equipping City park improvements and facilities relating to the historic rock wall within the City including excavation of the rock wall and the acquisition of the property for such project, with any surplus funds to be used for other City park improvements, and shall said City Council be authorized to levy and cause to be assessed and collected annual ad valorem taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the annual interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund to pay said bonds at maturity?

PROPOSITION NO. 5

Shall the City Council of City of Rockwall, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of said City, in one or more series or issues, in the aggregate principal amount of \$19,155,000, with the bonds of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature within not to exceed 40 years from their date, and to be sold at such prices and bear interest at such rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the City Council, for the purpose of constructing, improving, extending, expanding, upgrading and developing streets, roads and thoroughfares in the City, as follows: reconstruction and rehabilitation of existing streets, road and thoroughfares and Interstate 30 ramps, access road and related improvements, including bridges, intersections, utility relocation, landscaping, sidewalks, traffic safety and operational improvements, the purchase of any necessary land and right-of-way, drainage and other related costs, with any remaining bond proceeds to be used for construction and improvement of such other streets and roads as the City Council may determine, and shall said City Council be authorized to levy and cause to be assessed and collected annual ad valorem taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the annual interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund to pay said bonds at maturity?

Section 4. Official Ballots. Voting at said election on election day and early voting by personal appearance shall be by the use of Direct Record Electronic (DRE) voting machines and Optical Scan ballots. Optical scan ballots shall be used for early voting by mail. The official ballots for said election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code, so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid propositions which shall be set forth in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

FOR)

THE ISSUANCE OF \$25,090,000 TAX BONDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO CITY PARKS, INCLUDING RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES

AGAINST)

PROPOSITION NO. 2

FOR)

THE ISSUANCE OF \$8,625,000 TAX BONDS FOR STREET AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS, PARKING LOTS, LANDSCAPING, PEDESTRIAN AREAS AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN AREA

AGAINST)

PROPOSITION NO. 3

FOR)

THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,600,000 TAX BONDS TO FUND AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO IMPROVE, PRESERVE AND REVITALIZE THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN AREA INCLUDING FIRE PROTECTION TO PRESERVE AND ENCOURAGE REHABILITATION OF BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPENDITURES IN THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN AREA IN FURTHERANCE OF SUCH PROGRAM

AGAINST)

PROPOSITION NO. 4

FOR)

THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,950,000 TAX BONDS FOR CITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES RELATING TO THE HISTORIC ROCK WALL WITHIN THE CITY AND THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY FOR SUCH PROJECT

AGAINST)

PROPOSITION NO. 5

FOR)

THE ISSUANCE OF \$19,155,000 TAX BONDS FOR STREET AND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

AGAINST)

Section 5. Persons Qualified to Vote. All resident qualified electors of said City shall be permitted to vote in said election.

Section 6. Bilingual Election Materials. The election materials enumerated in Sections 272.001, et seq., Texas Election Code, shall be printed and furnished in both English and Spanish for use at the polling place on election day and for early voting.

Section 7. Notice of Election. Notice of said election shall be given by posting substantial copies of this Resolution in both English and Spanish on the bulletin board in the City Hall of said City used for posting notices of meetings of the City Council of said City and at three (3) other public places in said City, not less than 15 days prior to the date set for said election; and substantial copies of this Resolution in both English and Spanish shall be published on the same day in each of two (2) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in said City, the date of the first publication to be not more than thirty (30) or less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date set for said election. Such notice, as posted and published, shall include and constitute notice of the date and hours that early voting by personal appearance is ordered by the City Secretary.

Section 8. Election Officers. The appointment of the Presiding Election Judges and Alternate Presiding Judges for the designated polling places shall be made by the Rockwall County Elections Administrator in accordance with the election contract, including all attachments and amendments thereto, between the City and the Rockwall County Elections Administrator (the "Election Contract"). By approving such Election Contract, the City Council confirms the appointment of the aforesaid election officers, and by passing this Resolution, the City Council approves and concurs in the appointment of the aforesaid election officers. The Interim City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute an amendment or supplement to the election Contract for such contract to include the bond election authorized herein. The early voting clerk for the election shall be Glenda Deaton, Rockwall County Elections Administrator.

Section 9. Conduct of Election. Said election shall in all respects be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code. The Mayor and the City Secretary of the City, in consultation with the City Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

Section 10. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and it is accordingly so resolved.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2012

Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary
City of Rockwall, Texas



Rockwall Quest Academy Choice High School students collected and donated household items, clothes and food recently for Rockwall county families. The project was a partnership with the Methodist Foundation, a private philanthropic institution that benefits the people of Texas. Rockwall CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) help identify families in need. Pictured from the left are principal Bradford, student participants Austin Brausell, Matt Graves, Graham Grim, Ray Monks, Hillary Burkett, Austin Kerr, Blake Mitchell, Patrick Vasquez, and teachers Laura Houghton and Todd Freeman. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Railhead set for May 24 Concert by the Lake

Railhead will deliver some classic rock for the May 24 Concert by the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Bon Jovi tribute band slated May 31

Blaze of Glory, a Bon Jovi tribute band, will perform at the May 31 Concert by the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Professor D to perform June 7

A variety of music styles will be performed by Professor D at the June 7 Concert by the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

AVISO DE ELECCIÓN DE BONOS

A LOS VOTANTES CALIFICADOS RESIDENTES DE LA CIUDAD DE ROCKWALL, TEXAS:

POR MEDIO DEL PRESENTE SE INFORMA QUE se celebrará una elección en la Ciudad de Rockwall, Texas, el sábado 12 de mayo de 2012, de acuerdo a lo dispuesto en la ordenanza que convoca la elección aceptada por el Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Rockwall, una copia substancial de la cual de se incluye a continuación:

CIUDAD DE ROCKWALL
RESOLUCIÓN Nro. 12-08

UNA RESOLUCIÓN DEL CONSEJO MUNICIPAL DE LA CIUDAD DE ROCKWALL, TEXAS, PARA CONVOCAR UNA ELECCIÓN DE BONOS A CELEBRARSE EN DICHA CIUDAD; ESTABLECIENDO LAS DISPOSICIONES A FAVOR DE LA CONDUCCIÓN DE LA ELECCIÓN; APROBANDO UNA MODIFICACIÓN DE UN CONTRATO ELECTORAL CON LA ADMINISTRADORA DE ELECCIONES DEL CONDADO DE ROCKWALL; Y CONTENIENDO OTRAS DISPOSICIONES INCIDENTALES Y RELACIONADAS CON EL PROPÓSITO DE ESTA RESOLUCIÓN

EN VISTA DE QUE este Consejo Municipal considera y determina que es necesario y aconsejable convocar y celebrar una elección para y en dicha Ciudad sobre las proposiciones establecidas en el presente;

EN VISTA DE QUE el Consejo Municipal considera aconsejable y en el mejor interés de la Ciudad y de la salud, bienestar y seguridad de sus residentes, presentar proposiciones en la elección mencionada anteriormente para proporcionar instalaciones deportivas y recreativas necesarias, abrir al público la histórica "rock wall" (muro de piedra), construir mejoras de calles y caminos, construir mejoras de calles y aceras, estacionamientos, paisajismo y áreas peatonales y para financiar un programa de desarrollo económico para mejorar la zona histórica del centro de la Ciudad;

EN VISTA DE QUE, en conformidad con el Capítulo 380 del Código de Gobierno Local de Texas, la Ciudad está autorizada a establecer un programa para promover el desarrollo económico local y estimular actividad empresarial y comercial en la Ciudad, y este Consejo Municipal por el presente halla y determina que es un fin público y en el mejor interés de la Ciudad y sus residentes establecer tal programa para hacer préstamos, subvenciones u otros desembolsos de fondos públicos para mejorar y revitalizar la zona histórica del centro de la Ciudad y preservar y aumentar el carácter histórico del centro de la ciudad al mejorar el flujo de tráfico y proveyendo acceso para estacionamiento y peatones, preservando y restaurando edificios y estructuras de tipo histórico y otras mejoras según el Consejo Municipal determine que podrán atraer más residentes y visitantes al centro de la ciudad y que promoverán el desarrollo económico y estimularán la actividad empresarial y comercial;

AHOR, POR LO TANTO, EL CONSEJO MUNICIPAL DE LA CIUDAD DE ROCKWALL, TEXAS, ORDENA:

Sección 1. Hallazgos. Las declaraciones contenidas en el preámbulo de esta Resolución son verdaderas y correctas y, por medio del presente, se adoptan como determinaciones de hechos, cuyos hallazgos son conclusivos e irrefutables.

Sección 2. Fecha de la Elección; Lugares de votación.

(a) Se celebrará una elección en la Ciudad de Rockwall, Texas, el 12 de mayo de 2012 en el horario de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. La Ciudad de Rockwall, Texas, en su totalidad constituirá un (1) precinto electoral para la elección, y el lugar de votación es designado ubicado en:

Utley Middle School
1201 T.L. Townsend
Rockwall, Texas

(b) La votación anticipada será levada a cabo en las siguientes fechas y en los lugares y horarios especificados:

Lunes 30 de abril hasta el sábado 5 de mayo de 2012 - 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.
Lunes 7 de mayo y martes 8 de mayo de 2012 - 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

Oficina electoral
107 East Kaufman Street
Rockwall, Texas

Centro Comunitario Fate
104 South W E Crawford
Fate, Texas

Heath City Hall
200 Laurence
Heath, Texas

Chisholm Baptist Church
1388 South State Highway 205
McClendon-Chisholm, Texas

Royse City Hall
305 North Arch
Royse City, Texas

Complejo Municipal Wylie (Smith Public Library)
300 Country Club Road, Building 300
Wylie, Texas

Jueves 3 de mayo al sábado 5 de mayo de 2012 - 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.
Lunes 7 de mayo y martes 8 de mayo de 2012 - 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary
5801 Scenic Drive
Rowlett, Texas

Las solicitudes de boletas de votación por correo deben ser solicitadas y enviadas por correo a la Administradora de Elecciones del Condado de Rockwall, Attn: Glenda Denton, 107 E. Kaufman, Rockwall, TX 75087. Las solicitudes de boletas de votación por correo deben ser recibidas no más tarde que al cierre de horario de oficina del viernes 4 de mayo de 2012.

Sección 3. Proposiciones. En la elección se presentarán las siguientes proposiciones en conformidad con la ley:

PROPOSICIÓN Nro. 1

¿Se deberá autorizar al Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Rockwall, Texas, para emitir los bonos de dicha Ciudad, en una o más emisiones o series, en la cantidad capital agregada de \$25,090,000 con los bonos de cada emisión o serie, respectivamente, madurando en un plazo que no exceda de 40 años a partir de su fecha, y siendo vendidos a tales precios y devengando interés a tales tasas según se determine a discreción del Consejo Municipal, con el propósito de construir y equipar mejoras y adiciones a los parques municipales, incluyendo instalaciones recreativas y deportivas y la infraestructura relacionada, y la adquisición de terrenos e intereses en terrenos necesarios para esto, y se deberá autorizar al Consejo Municipal para imponer y comprometer, hacer que se determinen y recauden, impuestos ad valorem anuales en una cantidad suficiente para pagar el interés anual de dichos bonos y proporcionar un fondo de amortización para pagar dichos bonos en su madurez?

PROPOSICIÓN Nro. 2

¿Se deberá autorizar al Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Rockwall, Texas, para emitir los bonos de dicha Ciudad, en una o más emisiones o series, en la cantidad capital agregada de \$8,625,000 con los bonos de cada emisión o serie, respectivamente, madurando en un plazo que no exceda de 40 años a partir de su fecha, y siendo vendidos a tales precios y devengando interés a tales tasas según se determine a discreción del Consejo Municipal, con el propósito de construir, instalar y equipar mejoras de calles y aceras, estacionamientos, paisajismo, áreas peatonales y mejoras relacionadas en la zona histórica del centro de la ciudad, y adquirir terrenos e intereses de terrenos según sea necesario para esto, y se deberá autorizar al Consejo Municipal para imponer y comprometer, hacer que se determinen y recauden, impuestos ad valorem anuales en una cantidad suficiente para pagar el interés anual de dichos bonos y proporcionar un fondo de amortización para pagar dichos bonos en su madurez?

PROPOSICIÓN Nro. 3

Se deberá autorizar al Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Rockwall, Texas, para emitir los bonos de dicha Ciudad, en una o más emisiones o series, en la cantidad capital agregada de \$1,600,000 con los bonos de cada emisión o serie, respectivamente, madurando en un plazo que no exceda de 40 años a partir de su fecha, y siendo vendidos a tales precios y devengando interés a tales tasas según se determine a discreción del Consejo Municipal, con el fin público de financiar un programa de desarrollo económico para mejorar y revitalizar la zona histórica del centro de la Ciudad y preservar y aumentar el carácter histórico del centro de la ciudad incluyendo protección contra incendios para preservar y fomentar la rehabilitación de edificios y tales otras mejoras y gastos en el centro de la Ciudad para hacer perdurar el programa tal como lo determine el Consejo Municipal, y se deberá autorizar al Consejo Municipal para imponer y comprometer, hacer que se determinen y recauden, impuestos ad valorem anuales en una cantidad suficiente para pagar el interés anual de dichos bonos y proporcionar un fondo de amortización para pagar dichos bonos en su madurez?

PROPOSICIÓN Nro. 4

¿Se deberá autorizar al Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Rockwall, Texas, para emitir los bonos de dicha Ciudad, en una o más emisiones o series, en la cantidad capital agregada de \$4,950,000 con los bonos de cada emisión o serie, respectivamente, madurando en un plazo que no exceda de 40 años a partir de su fecha, y siendo vendidos a tales precios y devengando interés a tales tasas según se determine a discreción del Consejo Municipal, con el propósito de construir y equipar mejoras e instalaciones de parques de la Ciudad relacionados con el histórico muro de piedra dentro de la Ciudad, incluyendo la excavación del muro de piedra y la adquisición de propiedad para dicho proyecto, siendo cualquier fondo restante utilizado en otras mejoras de parques de la Ciudad, y se deberá autorizar al Consejo Municipal para imponer y comprometer, hacer que se determinen y recauden, impuestos ad valorem anuales en una cantidad suficiente para pagar el interés anual de dichos bonos y proporcionar un fondo de amortización para pagar dichos bonos en su madurez?

PROPOSICIÓN Nro. 5

¿Se deberá autorizar al Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Rockwall, Texas, para emitir los bonos de dicha Ciudad, en una o más emisiones o series, en la cantidad capital agregada de \$19,155,000 con los bonos de cada emisión o serie, respectivamente, madurando en un plazo que no exceda de 40 años a partir de su fecha, y siendo vendidos a tales precios y devengando interés a tales tasas según se determine a discreción del Consejo Municipal, con el propósito de construir, mejorar, expandir y desarrollar calles, caminos y carreteras en la Ciudad, de la siguiente manera: la reconstrucción y rehabilitación de calles, caminos y carreteras existentes y rampas y camino de acceso de Interstate 30 y las mejoras relacionadas, incluyendo puentes, intersecciones, reubicación de servicios públicos, paisajismo, aceras, seguridad de tráfico y mejoras operativas, la compra de cualquier terreno y derecho de paso necesario, drenaje y otros costos relacionados, siendo cualquier fondo restante utilizado para la construcción y mejoramiento de tales otras calles y caminos según el Consejo Municipal pueda determinar, y se deberá autorizar al Consejo Municipal para imponer y comprometer, hacer que se determinen y recauden, impuestos ad valorem anuales en una cantidad suficiente para pagar el interés anual de dichos bonos y proporcionar un fondo de amortización para pagar dichos bonos en su madurez?

Sección 4. Boletas oficiales de votación. La votación en dicha elección durante el día de elección durante la votación anticipada en persona será mediante el uso de máquinas electrónicas de votación de grabación directa (DRE) y boletas de lectura óptica. Para la votación anticipada por correo se usarán boletas de lectura óptica. Las boletas oficiales de votación para dicha elección deberán ser preparadas de acuerdo con el Código Electoral de Texas de forma de permitir a los votantes votar "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de las proposiciones antedichas las cuales serán presentadas sustancialmente de la siguiente forma:

PROPOSICIÓN Nro. 1

A FAVOR) LA EMISIÓN DE \$25,090,000 EN BONOS DE IMPUESTOS PARA MEJORAS Y ADICIONES A PARQUES DE LA CIUDAD, INCLUYENDO INSTALACIONES RECREATIVAS Y DEPORTIVAS

EN CONTRA)

PROPOSICIÓN Nro. 2

A FAVOR) LA EMISIÓN DE \$8,625,000 EN BONOS DE IMPUESTOS PARA MEJORAS DE CALLES Y ACERAS, ESTACIONAMIENTOS, PAISAJISMO, ÁREAS PEATONALES Y MEJORAS RELACIONADAS EN LA ZONA HISTÓRICA DEL CENTRO DE LA CIUDAD

EN CONTRA)

PROPOSICIÓN Nro. 3

A FAVOR) LA EMISIÓN DE \$1,600,000 EN BONOS DE IMPUESTOS PARA FINANCIAR UN PROGRAMA DE DESARROLLO ECONÓMICO PARA MEJORAR, PRESERVAR Y REVITALIZAR LA ZONA HISTÓRICA DEL CENTRO DE LA CIUDAD INCLUYENDO PROTECCIÓN CONTRA INCENDIOS PARA PRESERVAR Y FOMENTAR LA REHABILITACIÓN DE EDIFICIOS, Y OTRAS MEJORAS Y GASTOS EN LA ZONA HISTÓRICA DEL CENTRO DE LA CIUDAD PARA HACER PERDURAR TAL PROGRAMA

EN CONTRA)

PROPOSICIÓN Nro. 4

A FAVOR) LA EMISIÓN DE \$4,950,000 EN BONOS DE IMPUESTOS PARA MEJORAS E INSTALACIONES DE PARQUES DE LA CIUDAD RELACIONADOS CON EL HISTÓRICO MURO DE PIEDRA DENTRO DE LA CIUDAD Y LA ADQUISICIÓN DE PROPIEDAD PARA TAL PROYECTO

EN CONTRA)

PROPOSICIÓN Nro. 5

A FAVOR) LA EMISIÓN DE \$19,155,000 EN BONOS DE IMPUESTOS PARA MEJORAS DE CALLES Y CAMINOS

EN CONTRA)

Sección 5. Personas calificadas para votar. Todos los electores calificados que residen en dicha Ciudad tendrán permitido votar en dicha elección.

Sección 6. Materiales bilingües para la Elección. El material de la Elección enumerado en las Secciones 271.001 y siguientes del Código Electoral V.T.C.A. se imprimirá y proporcionarán en inglés y en español para usar en el lugar de votación el día de la elección y para la votación anticipada.

Sección 7. Aviso de la Elección. Se dará aviso de dicha elección mediante la colocación de copias sustanciales de esta Resolución en inglés y en español en el tablero de boletines de City Hall de dicha Ciudad que se utiliza para colocar avisos de asambleas del Consejo Municipal de dicha Ciudad, y en otros tres (3) lugares públicos de dicha Ciudad, no menos de 15 días antes de la fecha establecida para dicha elección; y se publicarán copias sustanciales de esta Resolución en inglés y en español el mismo día de dos (2) semanas consecutivas en un periódico de circulación general de dicha Ciudad; la fecha de la primera publicación deberá ser a partir de treinta (30) días y a más tardar catorce (14) días antes de la fecha establecida para dicha elección. Tal aviso como es colocado y publicado deberá incluir y ser aviso de la fecha y horario de votación anticipada en persona.

Sección 8. Oficiales de la Elección. La designación de Jueces Electorales Presidentes y Jueces Electorales Presidentes Alternos para los lugares de votación designados será hecha por la Administradora de Elecciones del Condado de Rockwall de acuerdo con el contrato electoral, incluyendo todos los documentos adjuntos y modificaciones al mismo, efectuado entre la Ciudad y la Administradora de Elecciones del Condado de Rockwall ("Contrato Electoral"). Al aprobar tal Contrato Electoral, la Ciudad confirma de forma oficial la designación de los funcionarios electorales mencionados, y al pasar esta Resolución, el Consejo Municipal anueba y concuerda con la designación de los mencionados funcionarios electorales. Por el presente se instruye y autoriza al Administrador Interino de la Ciudad a que ejecute una modificación o adición complementaria al Contrato Electoral para que tal contrato incluya la elección de bonos autorizada en el presente. La oficial de votación anticipada de la elección será Glenda Deaton, Administradora de Elecciones del Condado de Rockwall.

Sección 9. Conducción de la Elección. En todos sus aspectos, dicha elección se llevará a cabo de acuerdo con el Código Electoral de Texas. Por el presente se autoriza e instruye al Alcalde y a la Secretaria de la Ciudad, para que en consulta con el Abogado de la Ciudad, tomen cualquier y toda acción necesaria para cumplir con las disposiciones del Código en la realización y conducción de la elección, expresamente autorizada en el presente o no.

Sección 10. Fecha efectiva. Esta Resolución entrará en completa vigencia y vigor a partir de su aprobación y es de esta manera resuelto.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2012
(Fecha este día del 19 del marzo, 2012)

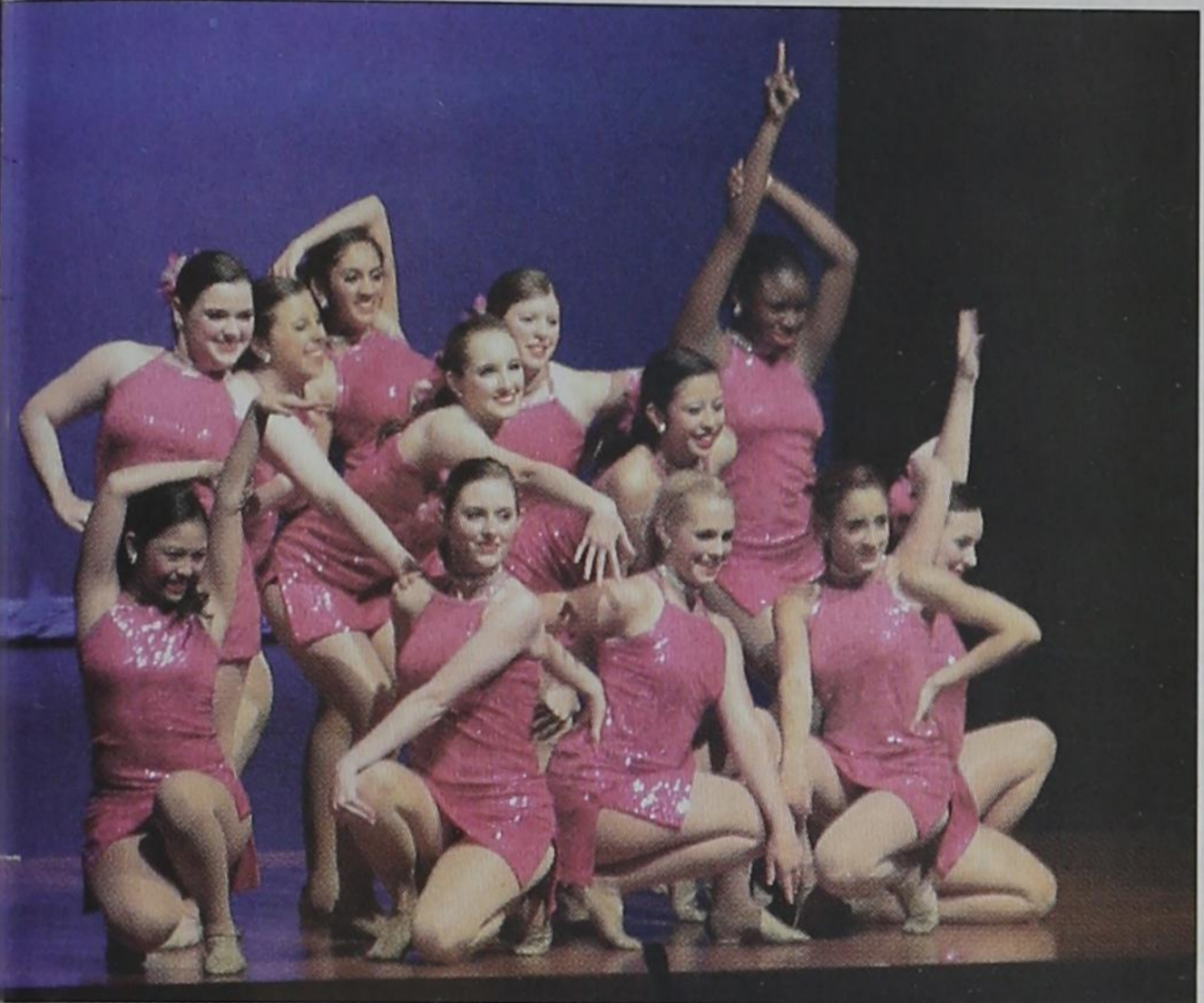
Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary
City of Rockwall, Texas



The Rockwall High Stingerettes hosted their spring show, *Stuck in a Moment*, April 13-14 at the school's Performing Arts Center. The picture above was snapped during the show's finale. Seniors Emily Auth, Brooks, Jessica Davis, Chandler Due, Zoe Hartmeier, Darby Kelly, Alisha Lewis, Marley Lites, Victoria McClain, Rio McGowan, Macey McKee, Paige Paslay, Amanda Perez, Lisa Rhy Rich, Natalie Trollinger, Leah Walker and Ashley Westmoreland performed with the drill team the last time and continued the tradition of "hanging their hats" at the show's close.
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The 2012-2013 Rockwall High School freshman cheerleaders are pictured above. Shown at back, from the left, are Maggie Umina, Valittie Garretson, Destinee DeHart, Sadie Campman, Morgan Cain, Chandler Choate, Taylor Sagraves, Morgan Gilstrap and Maddie Ferguson; front row, Kyndal Hetmer, Caitly Spencer, Holley Herndon, Ally Farmer, Caitlyn Ingram, Maddie Rogers, Bridget Rodgers and Heidi Blackwell; and, at center, front, Maddie Ferguson, mascot.
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The Urban Rock Tour made a stop at Rockwall-Heath High School Saturday when the Highsteppers drill team took to the stage for their spring show. In addition to the Highsteppers, the RHHS junior varsity starsteppers and sophomore first year Dreamettes and the Cain and Utley Middle Schools drill teams presented lively rock and jazz routines, as well as slower-paced lyric dances. Entertainment between sets was provided by Dance and Arts Connection Babes. The dances showcased Saturday were choreographed by the RHHS drill team directors and officers, as well as several outside dance choreographers. Shown above during their performance to Pat Benatar's "Hit Me With Your Best Shot," were Dreamettes Christina White, Alyana Alvarez, Kareena Mehta, Patricia Barraras, Shelby Carrell, Leslie Ellen, Vlada Filic, Shannon Lovelady, Brittany Woodard, Alyssa Powell, Lacey Smith, and Tori Carnell. The Highsteppers Director is Monica Lyon. Starsteppers Director is Anna Blair.
 Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

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- Noon - Welcome by City Officials
- 12:15 - Salute to Local Veterans and Police & Fire Officials
- 1 to 3 - Kid Games
- 2 to 3 - JD Jacobs & the Working Man Band
- 3:30 - Dessert Contest Judging
- 4 to 5 - Live Auction
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For More Information, Contact Debbie Sorensen, City Secretary, at (972) 524-2077

CC auditions set May 4, 5 at FUMC

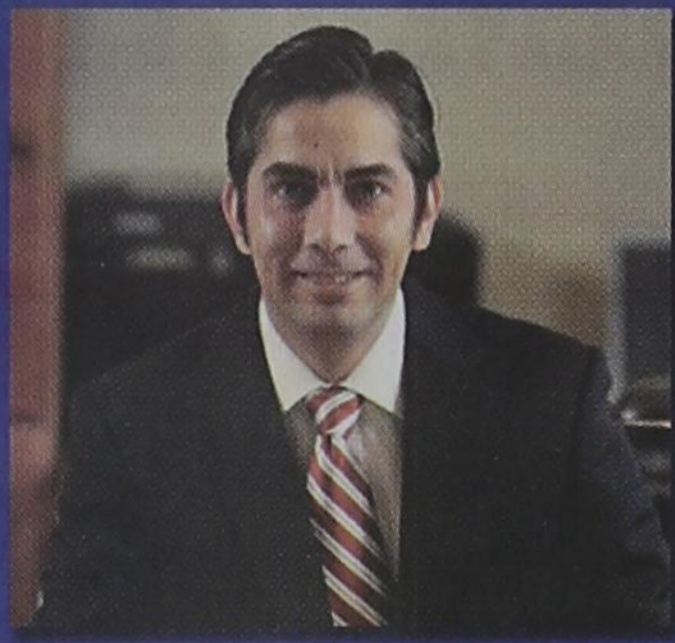
Auditions for the 2012-2013 season of the Rockwall Children's Chorus will be conducted May 4-5 at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane (across the street from the high school football stadium). Auditions will run from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the first day and from 9 a.m. to noon on the final day. The RCC has two choruses for children in grades 2-8. Qualifications include a good voice, good sense of pitch and commitment to regular attendance at rehearsals and performances. (School and religious music conflicts always are excused.) No prior experience is necessary. The RCC provides training in choral music and opportunities to perform in the Rockwall and Dallas areas. Rehearsals take place on Monday afternoons. Need-based tuition assistance is available for qualified students. For more information, visit rockwallchildrenschorus.com. Call City Knoff at 214-535-7811 to schedule an audition.

Fielder tapped for Tarleton honors

Michael Fielder, a 2011 graduate of Rockwall High School, has been named a Distinguished Student at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. The Distinguished Student recognition is the highest honor Tarleton awards for academic achievements and on-campus accomplishments. Fielder is pursuing a degree in physical therapy.



Paige Paslay, daughter of Lee Paslay, serves as this year's vice president for Social Council and is a member of the Kick Company. She served as junior representative on Social in her junior year and was voted Most Creative. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta and the French Club. She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma where she will major in business, political science and pre-law and minor in sociology.
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Pictured are members of the Anita Scott Elementary Destination Imagination Texas Solvers team, which completed at Potet High School and captured first place in the East Region Competition. The group traveled to Corpus Christi April 12-15 for the state meet, placing 7th out of 18 teams competing. Pictured at back, from the left, are Prestynn Pogue, Hanna O'Dell, Amelia Grantz and Camille Toombs. At front are Jack Edwards, Brenna Merillat and Connor Padgett.
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Herdon fifth grade science teachers Lori Jackson and Sharla Prather, pictured above, set about to make studying for the science STARR test fun. The teachers asked one student from each class 10 review questions. If all 10 questions were answered correctly, the student "won" a bow for the teacher's head. Students had fun competing to get more bows for their teachers, and both teachers agreed it was a fun way to engage students in studying for the STARR test.
 Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Haleigh Rannigan, a second grade student at Celia Hays Elementary, is one of many students who have joined the Mathematician Club. The Mathematician Club and the Multiplication Club honors students who work hard learning their math skills. Students are recognized with a certificate from the principal.
 Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Schools rally for former employee, family

Amy Parks-Heath Elementary, Amanda Rochell Elementary and Rockwall-Heath High School will host a fundraiser from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. May 1 for Marvin "Jose" Villalobos.

Villalobos was diagnosed with brain cancer while working at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary and RHHS. Through aggressive cancer treatments, symptoms of dementia appeared, preventing him from fulfilling his current duties at the high school and requiring him to stay home under the care of his family.

Villalobos' children are students at Amanda Rochell Elementary. The three campuses are joining together to sponsor a fundraiser at a local restaurant. Patrons can dine in or purchase a "raincheck" certificate for future use at the restaurant. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the family. For more information, call (972) 772-9432.

Publisher announces release by Roysce City author

"Today's Family and the Fires Within," a book penned by D. Edmon Gibson of Roysce City, was released earlier this year, according to a news release from PublishAmerica.

Gibson wrote the book to help "bring meaning and responsibility" to every members of the family, according to the release. "It is not meant to downgrade any individual, but to show that we all have a responsibility to the rest of the family in order for the family to be successful. In letting God be the backbone of the family, it puts all members of the family in the same ballpark with sights on the same goal."

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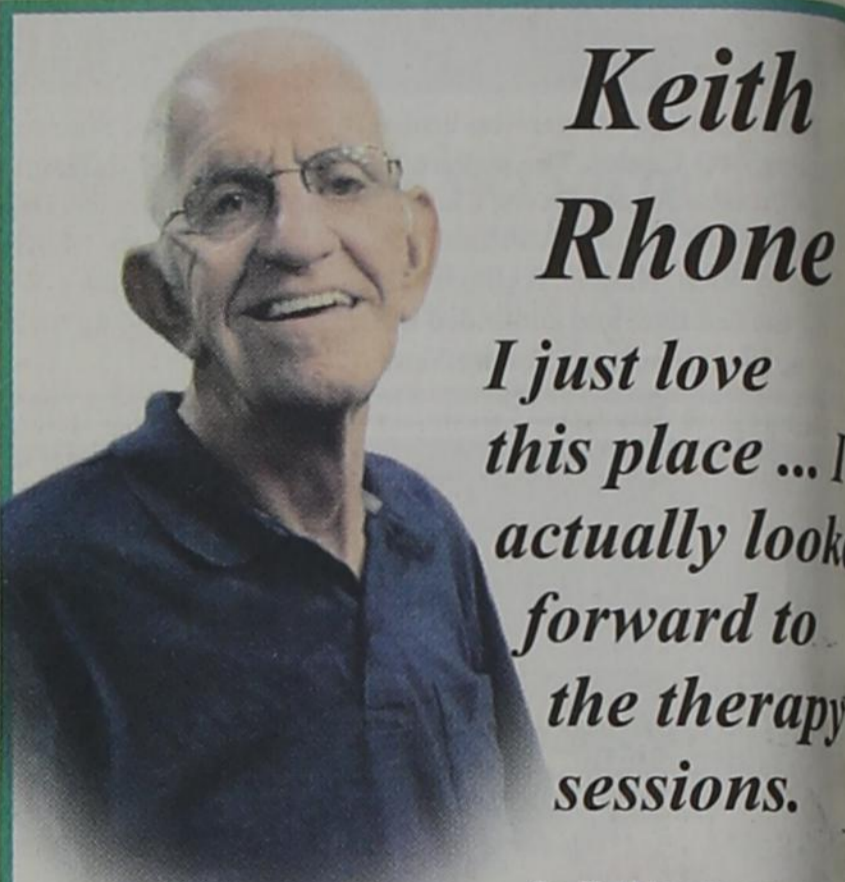
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Mia Butler, 6-year-old daughter of Karl and Michelle Butler, has been



selected to represent Falls and Rockwall County in the National American Miss Pageant July 5-7 at the Hotel InterContinental in Dallas. Butler's hobbies include dancing, cooking, watching television and playing with her friends. The pageant winner will receive a \$1,000 cash award, a crown and banner, roses and airfare to the national pageant to be conducted in Disneyland.
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Rockwall Christian repeats as district baseball champs

Rockwall Christian Academy until the final regular-season game, successfully defended its district championship Monday by rallying to beat East Texas Christian 15-6.

The Warriors trailed 4-2 after five innings, but seven runs in the sixth and the seventh enabled them to win easily.

Robert Rodriguez and John Edwards each struck out four batters in the Warriors' 11 hits, only sophomore Tanner Haley's double for a bases. East Texas helped Rockwall Christian's offense with

The game will come in the Area playoff round Tuesday on its home at the Hiesl Baseball Complex in Balch Springs against an opponent

The Warriors had to go to extra innings to win Saturday's game 7-6 over to Cerberus Episcopal. They tied the game 6-6 with two runs in the bottom of the seventh. Edwards' four scoreless innings on the mound, RCA came

back to win. Edwards was credited with his seventh win this season.

With two out in the bottom of the ninth inning, Edwards singled. Jordan Williams then lined a double, his fourth hit of the game. When the ball went past the left fielder, Edwards rounded third base and slid safely home with the winning run.

Haley pitched the first five innings, striking out three. Rodriguez, Cameron Carroccia and Austin Dean also had doubles in the Warriors' 16-hit offense.

On Friday, April 20, RCA won both games of a doubleheader against Heritage Christian Academy.

The Warriors outlit HCA 13-3 on the way to a 21-2 first-game victory. After that, the Eagles declined to play a second game and forfeited, giving RCA a 7-0 win.

Dean pitched a complete game in the first contest, which ended after four innings because of a mercy rule. He struck out six.

Rockwall Christian's extra-base hits were a triple by Josh McKenzie, two doubles by Colton Jones and a double apiece for Rodriguez and Shelby Sharpless.



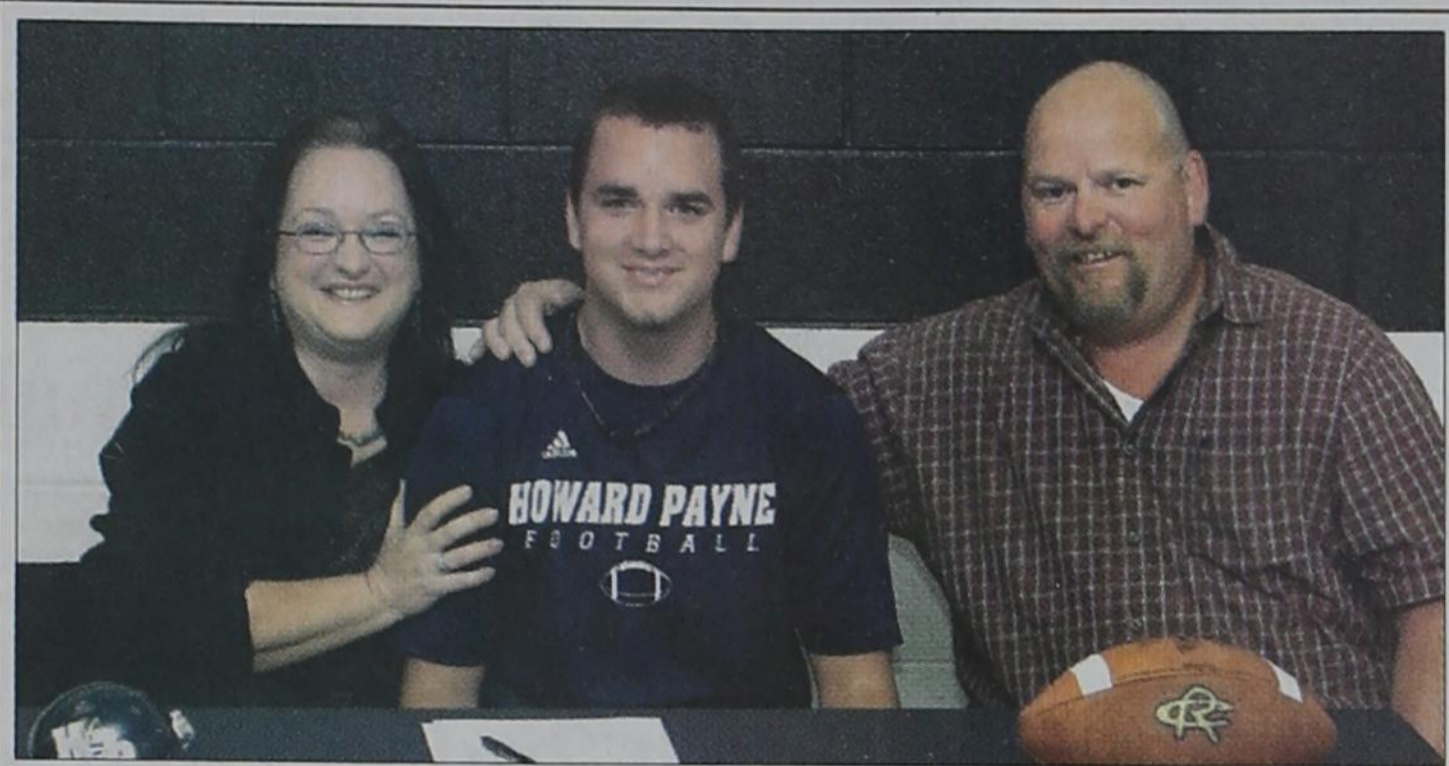
Rockwall Christian Academy's winning and starting Freshman pitcher Robert Rodriguez strikes out 4 out of a strong batting lineup from East Texas Christian.
Photo by Jana Edwards/Rockwall County News

Royse City's Gilbert to play at Howard Payne

Royse City senior defensive end James Gilbert has agreed to a letter of intent to play football for head coach Greg Strahm at Howard Payne University.

Head coach Greg Strahm led a ceremony Monday at Rockwall Christian High School (RCHS) to wish Gilbert with the Yellowjackets. He has helped Royse City reach the playoffs of the last two seasons.

Missy Gilbert, said, are proud of James and to share his success with the



Royse City High School's James Gilbert (center) signs to play football with Howard Payne University. Share in the signing ceremony with Gilbert on Monday April 23 are parents Missy and Billy Gilbert. The Bulldogs' football player is set to play as Defensive End for Howard Payne. Gilbert plans to major in History and coach football in the future.
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Fulton's Reese led 1st in high jump

Fulton School senior Jaston Reese led first in the high jump at the weekend's TAPPS 1A State Championships.

Reese, whose best jump this season was 6 feet, 11 inches, qualified for the state meet on Saturday, March 4 and 5, at Baylor University in Waco. He's seeded third in the triple jump, a personal best of 39 feet, 2 3/4 inches. The triple jump competition is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, with the high jump to follow at 1:15 p.m. Friday, Fulton's Reese, Stockton, fourth at 40 inches, scheduled to begin his day in the high jump competition.

On Saturday, senior Tanner Strahm is scheduled to compete in the 100-meter hurdles (seeded at 17.4 seconds) at 10:20 a.m. in the 100-meter dash (third in the state) at 10:30 a.m. Teammate Hayden Strahm, a sophomore, is seeded at 1:18 in the 110 hurdles.

Hawks can repeat as district champs with win

Rockwall-Heath's Hawks can make a lot of people happy, including themselves, by winning their final District 10-4A baseball game Friday night.

With every 10-4A having a bearing on the playoff seeding for at least one team, it's the dream of every schedule maker - not to mention every fan.

An RHHS victory at home against Wylie East would give the Hawks their third consecutive district championship.

Even if they lose, Rockwall-Heath still could finish first in 10-4A if Highland Park loses at McKinney. However, an RHHS loss and HP

victory would give the Scots the district title because Highland Park has won twice over the Hawks this season.

The most recent of those HP victories came Friday, April 20, when RHHS lost 7-3 at Scotland Yard.

"It was an uncharacteristic game for us," Hawks head coach Greg Harvey said of the loss that came the same day the THSBCA 4A poll ranked his team third in the state. "We made four errors, and we could never get the big hits we'd been getting."

The errors helped Highland Park to four unearned runs. RHS managed just five hits, but drew nine walks

and left 10 runners on base. Winning pitcher Will Nichol walked seven in five innings.

Harvey said, "We did hit a few balls hard, but right at people. A few times we were a little anxious. Their guy was what I'd call effectively wild. He'd be wild, then all of a sudden - Boom! Boom! Boom! - and then he'd get wild again. We never got comfortable."

Highland Park knocked Hawks starting pitcher Tyler Ivey from the game in the third inning. He walked the leadoff batter, couldn't get anyone out on a bunt and then fumbled another bunt to load the bases. Ryan Kinney relieved the freshman and allowed only one unearned run to score that inning.

Harvey said, "(Ivey's) been pretty dependable most of the year. I'm proud of Tyler and what he's done. He's pitched in big games before, including the one where he beat (second-ranked Frisco) Wakeland."

Still leading the district by one game over HP and Rockwall (both 9-4 in the district), the Hawks wouldn't have to win to finish first. Still, Harvey said, "If we win the game, we're the 1 seed." RHS would lose a tiebreaker because it lost both games against RHHS.

To get the Hawks the first seed, Harvey said pitching ace Jake Thompson against Wylie East, which is tied for the district's fourth and final playoff berth and also needs to win.

Harvey indicated that Ivey and possibly catcher Jovan Hernandez, who has pitched in the playoffs each of the last three years, would join Thompson as potential postseason starters.

On Saturday, Rockwall-Heath slashed 13 hits and received help from Richardson's defense and pitching to defeat the Eagles 21-10. Thompson and Timbo Duncan each hit a home run. Russell Hughes and R.J. Williams doubled for the Hawks (24-7 overall, 10-3 in the district).

Harvey said of that game, "We hit the ball pretty good, and they walked us way too many times."

Hogland competing for state singles title

Rockwall's Brandon Hogland is one of just eight players who will be competing Monday and Tuesday for the 4A singles tennis championship.

Hogland is scheduled to play Austin Mayo of Austin Lake Travis in an 8:30 a.m. quarterfinal Monday at World of Tennis in Lakeway.

The semifinals are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Monday. The final match would be at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Hogland advanced to the State Championships by placing second in boys' singles at both the District 10-4A and Region II-4A championships.

Holman, Hinton soar to personal bests

Rockwall pole vaulters Adam Holman and Kaylee Hinton each broke their personal bests Friday, April 27, at the regional Qualifiers meet in Rockwall.

Holman finished second among the boys at 14 feet, 6 inches. Hinton's 10-6 vault was good for sixth place in the girls' competition.

Junior Gaines Kinsey was fifth in the 800-meter run in 2 minutes, 1.52 seconds.

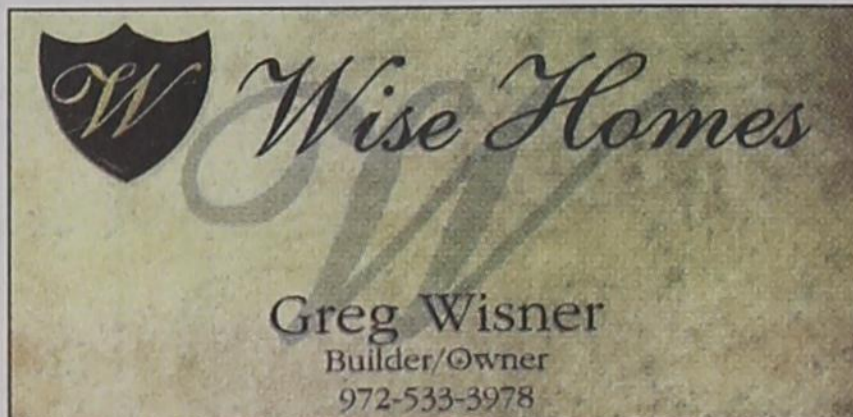
Those athletes are among nine from RHS who qualified to compete in the Region II-4A Championships Friday and Saturday at the University of Texas-Arlington's Maverick Stadium.

Congratulations Katelyn!



We are extremely proud of your Dean's list achievement, as well as your focus on pursuing your PHD in Child Psychology at University of North Texas, Denton. We know you will accomplish everything you set out to do.

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Heritage Christian in playoff for district softball title

Heritage Christian Academy has qualified for the TAPPS 1A/2A softball playoffs, but as of Thursday the Lady Eagles didn't know whether they'd be their district's first or second seed.

HCA completed the regular season in a tie for first place with Waco Vanguard Prep. Both had 9-1 district records, with the only loss to each other. The teams were scheduled for a playoff Thursday in Waxahachie.

Heritage isn't even certain whether its Area playoff game would be at its Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo home or at a neutral site.

Coach Rick Trapane explained that if HCA takes the district championship, it would host a game, most likely against Watauga Harvest Christian, sometime between now and Tuesday. As the second-place team, the Lady Eagles would go to a neutral site such as McKinney, where they probably would play Sherman Texoma Christian.

Trapane said, "We got off to a slow start this season, but we've played pretty well in the district. It's a good, veteran team, but we haven't dominated. Defensively, we've maintained it very well."

On Saturday, the Lady Eagles scored three first-inning runs, then to win 5-2 at Dallas Lakehill Prep.

Junior Rachel McMillan had a key run-scoring single. She also led the fifth inning and scored two runs.

Senior pitcher Jenna Geyman took a shutout into the bottom of the fifth when Lakehill rallied for two runs. Geyman allowed six hits and struck out nine batters.

Red-hot Lady Jackets enter playoffs on 13-game win streak

by Lary Bump

It was billed as a warmup game for the playoffs when Rockwall's softball team hosted Mesquite Horn Saturday.

For the Lady Jackets, who didn't really seem to need to be any hotter, the game turned out to be far more than a warmup.

On Friday evening, they had won their 12th consecutive game to clinch the District 10-4A championship.

By Saturday's third inning, RHS seemed to be sufficiently cooled down. Horn, the District 11-5A champion, led 4-0 and had a runner on second base with two out when freshman Kayla Vandergriff came in to pitch. She stopped the bleeding by catching a ground ball to throw out the first batter she faced.

The Lady Jackets cut into the Lady Jaguars' lead with one run in both the third and fourth innings, driven in on singles by seniors Kennedy Harrison and Charlie Jenkins.

The score was still 4-2 when RHS went to bat in the fifth.

Freshman Bailey Wallace led off with a single. When she came to bat again, it was still the fifth inning. Wallace singled again to drive in the inning's sixth run. With Vandergriff pitching 4 1/3 scoreless innings, Rockwall won 8-4.

Not only was it a victory over a good team, it also pointed the Lady Jackets on the right path against a team that will be a district rival beginning in 2013. In 2011 and '12, Horn had won five consecutive games over RHS.

"It started off rough, but in that inning we got the hits we hadn't been getting," said head coach Shadie Acosta.

She was heartened by the resumed offensive production of Wallace and senior Ashton Atwell, who belted two extra-base hits and drove in two runs. Jenkins also had two runs batted in, one with a double during the big inning that included four unearned runs.

The Lady Jackets' defense was shaky early, but helped RHS hold its lead in the late innings. Horn loaded the bases with one out in the sixth, but third baseman Stormy Herrera caught a line drive and tagged out the runner going

back to the base for an inning-ending unassisted double play. In the seventh, Herrera backhanded a ground ball and threw to first base for the out.

As a result of Rockwall's 14-4 victory at Richardson Pearce Friday, the Lady Jackets (21-10 overall, 13-1 in the district) won their fourth consecutive 10-4A title and received the district's first seed for the playoffs. The open postseason at 7:30 p.m. Friday against Frisco Centennial was the fourth-place team from District 9-4A, at Frisco Lone Star.

The best-of-3 series' second game is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday at the RHS' Campbell Complex. If a third game is needed, it would be played at 7:30 p.m. Monday at a site to be determined.

Rockwall has advanced at least to the Region II-4A quarterfinals of the last three seasons and six of the last eight.

Lady Hawks' Richardson takes two 1sts among Regional Qualifiers

If Brianna Richardson's performance in last week's Regional Qualifiers Meet in Lancaster is any indication, the Rockwall-Heath senior is peaking in her quest to repeat her 4A state championship in the triple jump and possibly to win the long jump as well.

Richardson won both events Friday, April 20, at Beverly Humphrey Stadium. Her 41-foot, 9 1/2-inch triple was just 2 1/2 inches behind her career-

best 42-0 at the Texas Relays. At the time, that was the second-longest leap in that event by any high school girl in the nation. She also turned in the fifth-best long jump, but she beat that with a personal-best 19-6 measurement in Lancaster.

Sophomore teammate Yorlynn Engmann placed fifth in the 100-meter

hurdles in 15.56 seconds. They enabled the Lady Hawks to place among 24 teams with 22 points.

Brittany Huggett, another qualifier for the Region II-4A Championships Friday and Saturday at the University of Texas-Arlington, was eighth in 300-meter hurdles at 49.01.

Jackets assured of 3rd place, could finish 2nd in District baseball

by Lary Bump

Rockwall could finish its District 10-4A season tied for its best record but still finish as low as third in the standings.

Going into Friday's regular-season finale at Richardson Pearce, RHS is only a game behind district leader Rockwall-Heath and tied with Highland Park. It's possible that the three teams could finish in a three-way tie but the Yellowjackets would lose tiebreakers with either of the other two in one of the state's most competitive 4A districts.

The Jackets can't win the district title, but they could finish second if they win and HP loses. That also could happen if the teams finished in a tie behind RHHS and Rockwall defeated Highland Park in a one-game playoff. The teams have reserved the field at Dallas Jesuit Preparatory High School for

noon Saturday.

But first there's the matter of Friday's game. Pearce is just 3-10 in the district, compared with RHS' 9-4.

Rockwall insured it would get to this point with a 6-5 Senior Night victory over McKinney North Friday, April 20.

The Bulldogs (17-8, 6-7) outhit Rockwall 10-6, but the Jackets used timely hitting that included a three-run double by Kendall Coleman. That hit broke a 4-1 lead.

North came back to tie the game 4-4, but Logan Terwilliger hit a two-run single. He also pitched the final three innings and "threw well," according to Jackets head coach Jeff Payne. Terwilliger saved the victory for winning

pitcher Josh DeLoach was the winning pitcher.

The next day, Rockwall rallied to defeat Mesquite, which will be the opponent next season, 8-5 in a non-district game.

The Yellowjackets (21-7 overall) trailed 3-2 after three innings at Field in Mesquite, but scored five runs over the next two innings. Sketeers came back with two runs in the bottom of the sixth, but pitcher Chris Colacecchi retired two batters representing the tying run. The threat. Brewer Money then doubled home an insurance run in the seventh. Alec Vice pitched a scoreless bottom of the inning for a

Spencer Edwards slammed a double and a home run. Terwilliger and Durst also doubled for RHS.

Rockwall High School ladies attempt to repeat state gymnastics title

The Rockwall girls are scheduled to begin their defense of last year's state championship Thursday in the 2012 State Championships at San Angelo Central High School.

Leading the Lady Jackets' attempt for their fifth state title will be freshman Laura Arce, who placed second all-around as RHS won the Region I

Championships, and senior Sarah Beasley, who was fourth.

The boys' teams from both Rockwall and Rockwall-Heath also qualified for the State Championships. RHS won its third consecutive Regional championship, with sophomore Michael Weidman taking first all-around. The Hawks were third in the Regionals at the Irving Convention Center.

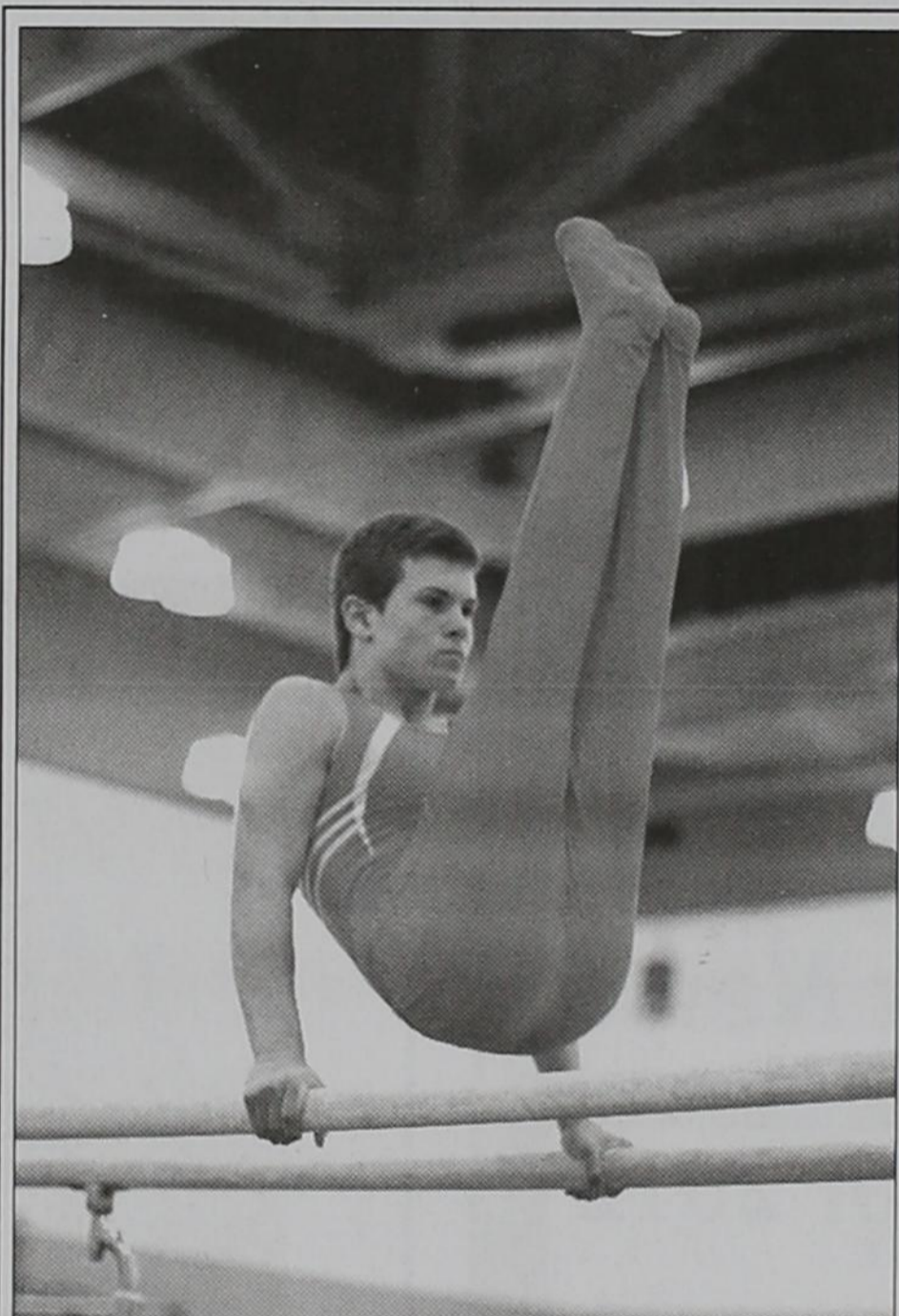
Rockwall-Heath's girls' team didn't qualify, but two RHHS girls, Morgan Hines and Audrey Grammar, will be competing as individuals.

Thursday's activity would be Compulsory team events, with performances Friday and individual championships Saturday.



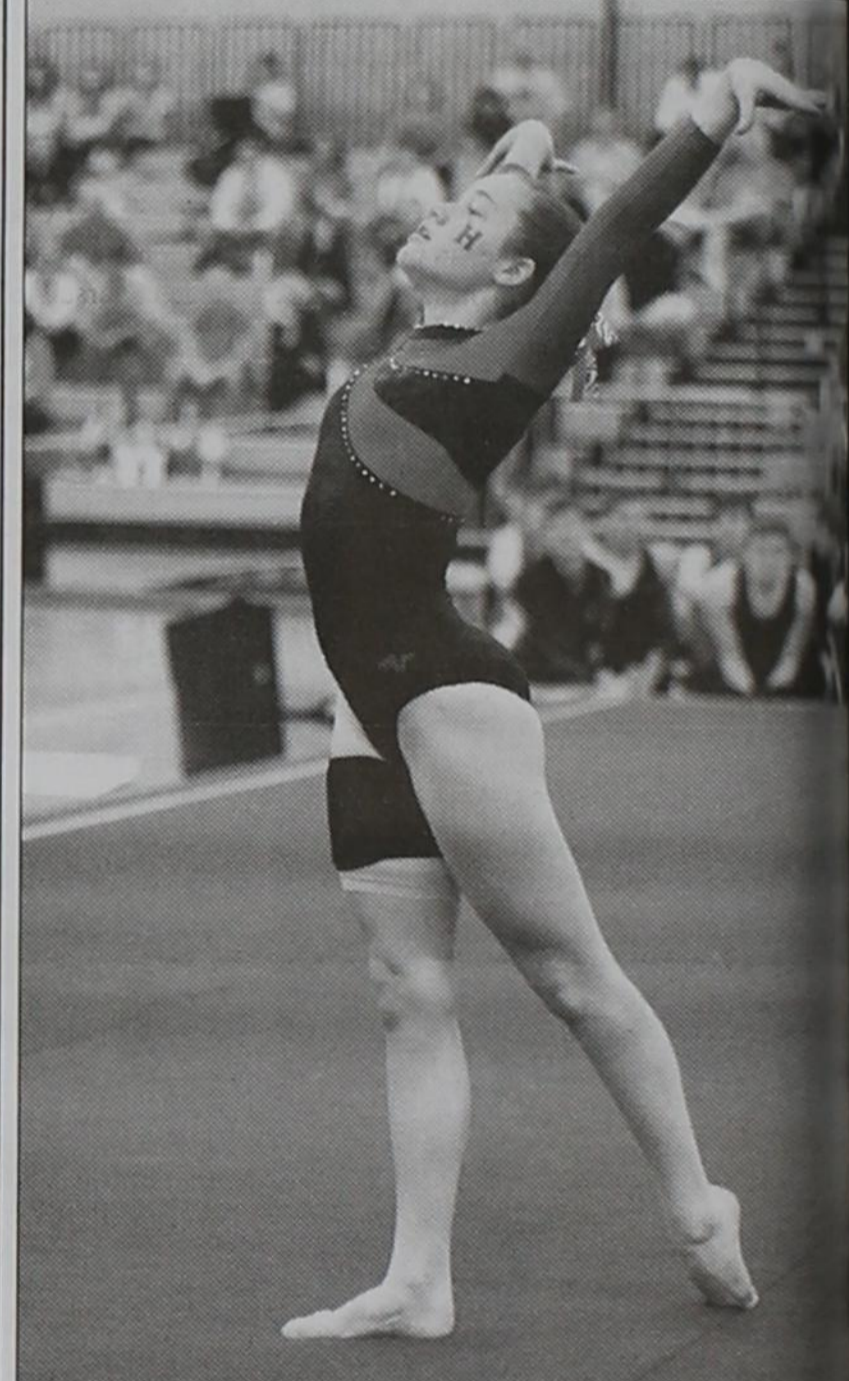
Tori Hedges soars in the Vault during the Regional Gymnastics meet April 10-11 at the Irving Convention Center. Hedges will compete May 3-5 at the State meet with the Lady Jackets' team at San Angelo Central. Watching at right is Rockwall Coach Stephanie Tyson.

Photo by Marcia Hasenyager/Rockwall County News



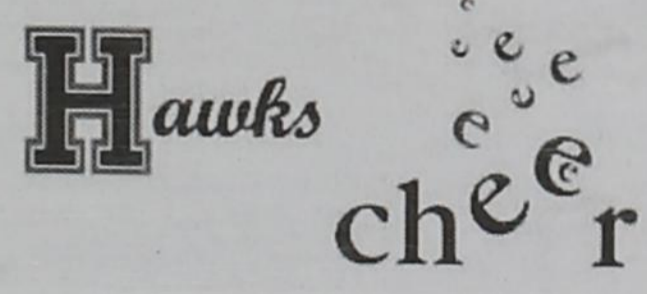
Rockwall High's Sophomore Michael Weidman competes in the P Bars during the Regional meet April 10-11 at the Irving Convention Center. Weidman was the men's All Around Champion, and will compete with the Rockwall team May 3-5 at the State meet at San Angelo Central.

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Rockwall-Heath's Morgan Hines competes in the floor routine during the Regional Gymnastics meet April 10-11 at the Irving Convention Center. Hines will compete with teammate Audrey Grammar at the State meet May 3-5 at San Angelo Central.

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Rockwall-Heath's Alex Milner competes in the Pony Horse during the Regional gymnastics meet April 10-11 at the Irving Convention Center.

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Opinions

Duties and Responsibilities of Rockwall County Commissioners

Commissioners' duties, responsibilities detailed
Jerry Hogan
 When discussing the duties of a county commissioner, it is clear and well defined as when detailing what the other elected county government are responsible for doing. Why? Because the State of Texas addresses these duties in the context of what the Commissioners Court is responsible for rather than what an individual called commissioner is charged with doing.
 The Commissioners Court in every county in Texas is composed of five members: four commissioners and a county judge. This elected official is charged with wide-ranging functions, such as setting the public money by insuring proper organization and functioning of the county structure, to setting the tax rate on property. Some of these duties are clearly laid out in state statutes; others require a little digging (such as establishing and operating a county poor farm). But most of the explanation of what the court must do; they are the policy group of the county. They set the budget, they establish the operating policy for the remainder of the county.

Contrary to what many think, this group has no responsibility as to how each elected official conducts their function. Hours of operation, customer service, hiring of staff, among others, are all the responsibility of the individual elected official. So if you don't particularly like the way some office in the county functions, unfortunately the Commissioners Court has no direct authority to solve the issue.
 Each commissioner is elected by the citizens of their voting precinct and they are the direct interface between these citizens and the government of the county. They represent these individuals when voting on issues before the court and they should mirror the desires and needs of their constituency. They should be the person you go to when you have an issue or request.
 In some counties in Texas, county commissioners are directly responsible for the county roads and bridges located in their precinct. In these counties, the commissioner hires the individuals that will do the work, is responsible for his own road and bridge barn where all equipment is stored, directly supervises the work done on the roads and bridges and establishes the priorities on which work will be done when.
 Our county, fortunately, does not operate our road and bridge organization in this manner. We are under what is called the Unit Road System, which was voted in by the citizens in the early 1980s. In this system, all of the road

and bridge work is under the direct control of the road and bridge supervisor. He does not report to any commissioner, schedules all work for the county on roads and bridges, hires the employees and has all the equipment in a consolidated barn. In this system, the commissioner can convey citizen desires, but he or she has no ability to influence the work or the schedule of when the work might be done.
 We currently have a three-person contested race for one commissioner position in the county. Since the individual commissioner really has no direct mandated responsibilities, then how do you question and determine who should be elected to this position of great responsibility?
 Who best represents your views and value system? Who has the intellectual discipline and knowledge to determine how your money should be spent and how your taxes should be addressed? Who will best work with the other four members of the Commissioners Court? Who best has the interest of civic responsibility and service versus personal agendas? Who do you feel the most comfortable with in this position of responsibility? If you address and decide in your own mind who best meets these requirements, well, then that is the person I would vote for in any elected official race.
 Jerry Hogan is the county judge of Rockwall County. He can be reached at jerryhogan@sbcglobal.net or 214-394-4033.

Supremacy of the Tenth Amendment

Richard Schwartzman
 There has been a small debate going on in the Pennsylvania legislature, that could be larger, louder, and receiving much more publicity. It's a debate between proponents of the Tenth Amendment and advocates of the Supremacy Clause of the Constitution.
 The issue is a proposed amendment to resolution H.R. 49. The resolution states that the state has sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment over all powers of the federal government. It also includes a clause stating "Federal laws are directly in violation of the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States."
 The proposed change to H.R. 49 would strike that clause from the resolution.
 Those supporting the change cite the Supremacy Clause in Article VI, Section 2 of the Constitution: "This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof ... shall be the supreme law of the land."
 Those arguing for the overriding importance of the Supremacy Clause in that it means federal laws trump all state and local laws. However, there are at least two arguments against that reasoning.
 In an article, "When Are Federal Laws Supreme?" Steve Palmer of the Pennsylvania Tenth Amendment Center argues that the Supremacy Clause is truly only when laws are made "in pursuance" of the Constitution. A constitutional law, Palmer writes, "is one that is made in pursuance of the Constitution. A law which is not made in pursuance of the Constitution is not a Tenth Amendment. It's that simple."
 It can be said that a law not made in pursuance of the Constitution is not a Tenth Amendment, not just the Tenth Amendment. For instance, the Tenth Amendment is in the body of the Constitution that allows Congress to pass laws prohibiting people from ingesting certain substances or forcing them to use certain products or services. Such laws violate the constitution itself.
 No law, regardless of how good its intention, can legally override the Constitution. Only amendments can do that, which leads to the next amendment.
 The Tenth Amendment, like all the other amendments, acts as a filter or different points made in the body of the Constitution. Consider, the Constitution allowed for slavery until that wretched institution was away by the Thirteenth Amendment.
 The body of the Constitution says U.S. senators are to be elected by their state legislatures - giving states more say in the federal process - but the Seventeenth Amendment changed that to a direct election by the people.

* There is nothing in the Constitution granting Congress the right to prohibit alcohol, but that, too, was changed by amendment. Another amendment repealed that one and re-legalized alcohol sales and use.
 * Income taxes were ruled unconstitutional in 1895. But in 1913 they became constitutional with the passage of the Sixteenth Amendment.
 For better or worse, amendments override points in the body of the Constitution. They modify and filter them. That's why the amendment procedure was incorporated into the Constitution: to provide a means for change.
 So, it may be argued that the Tenth Amendment modifies the Supremacy Clause. Recall that the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments, were put forward to eliminate any fears that the federal government would become a domineering force that would take away powers or liberties from the states or the people. The Tenth Amendment says as much:
 The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.
 It doesn't say the feds are supreme. They're not. Left unchecked and unmodified, the Supremacy Clause is destructive to the Republic. Blanket supremacy destroys the proper relationship between the federal government, the states, and the people.
 The Tenth is not just about states' rights and the relationship between the federal government and the states. It's about preserving the power of the people as well.
 In a free society, the people may do anything not prohibited, while the government may do only those things that are permitted. Under the intended structure of the United States, the Constitution establishes what the federal government may do. While those federal laws may be supreme, they are only so if they are in accord with the Constitution, including the

Tenth Amendment.
 If each state were to advocate for the Tenth, we could have what former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson refers to as "50 laboratories of innovation." That's far better than a top-down, one-size-fits-all policy for every controversial issue that comes along.
 Richard Schwartzman is managing editor at Chadds Ford Live in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania.

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Rockwall County Sports

Heritage Christian Eagles baseball bounces back against Canterbury

HCA made a big difference for the Heritage Christian Academy baseball team.
 On Wednesday, April 18, HCA gave up 15 second-inning runs and lost 1-4 at DeSoto Canterbury Episcopal. On Tuesday, the Eagles reversed the home with a 13-3 mercy-rule home victory over Canterbury.

HCA led just 5-3 after three innings, but added two runs in the fourth inning and six before the game was called in the bottom of the sixth.
 In between those games, the Eagles lost both games of a Friday doubleheader at Rockwall Christian Academy.
 RCA was so powerful - drilling 13 hits, including five for extra bases - that

HCA's coaches more than once asked umpires to inspect the Warriors' bats to see if they were legal. No bats or players were removed from the game.
 After that, the Eagles chose to take a 7-0 forfeit instead of playing the second game.

Rockwall County Sports Schedules

The Fulton School Falcons
 Friday, May 4 - Track and field: at TAPPS 1A State Championships, Hartness Complex, Baylor University, Waco, 11:30 a.m.
 Saturday, May 5 - Track and field: at TAPPS 1A State Championships, Hartness Complex, Baylor University, Waco, 10:20 a.m.

Heritage Christian Academy Eagles
 Friday, May 4 - Track and field: at TAPPS 2A State Championships, Hartness Complex, Baylor University, Waco, 11:30 a.m.
 Saturday, May 5 - Track and field: at TAPPS 2A State Championships, Hartness Complex, Baylor University, Waco, 9 a.m.

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors
 Friday, May 4 - Track and field: at TAPPS 2A State Championships, Hartness Complex, Baylor University, Waco, 12:45 p.m.

Rockwall High School Yellowjackets
 Friday, April 27 - Track and field: at Region II-4A Championships, Maverick Stadium, University of Texas-Arlington, field events 2 p.m. and track events 6 p.m.
 Saturday, April 28 - Track and field: at Richardson Pearce, JV Orange 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Varsity softball: Bi-District playoff Game 1 vs. Frisco Centennial at Frisco Centennial, 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 28 - Varsity softball: home for Bi-District playoff Game 2 vs. Frisco Centennial, 11 a.m.
 Track and field: at Region II-4A Championships, Maverick Stadium, University of Texas-Arlington

Tennis, Lakeway, 8:30 a.m.
 Saturday, May 1 - Varsity boys' tennis: at 4A State Championships, World Center, Lakeway, 9 a.m.
 Saturday, May 3 - Gymnastics: at State Championships, Compulsory, San Angelo Central High School, girls 11 a.m. and boys 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday, May 4 - Gymnastics: at State Championships, Optional, San Angelo Central High School, girls 11:30 a.m. and girls 5:45 p.m.

Varsity track and field: at State Qualifiers Meet
 Saturday, May 5 - Gymnastics: at State Championships, Individual Finals, San Angelo Central High School, 11 a.m.

Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks
 Friday, April 27 - Baseball: home vs. Wylie East, JV Black 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Varsity girls' track and field: at Region II-4A Championships, Maverick Stadium, University of Texas-Arlington, field events 3 p.m. and track events 6:10 p.m.
 Saturday, April 28 - Varsity girls' track and field: at Region II-4A Championships, Maverick Stadium, University of Texas-Arlington, field events 9 a.m. and track finals 6:25 p.m.
 Thursday, May 3 - Gymnastics: at State Championships, Compulsory, San Angelo Central High School, girls 11 a.m. and boys 4:30 p.m.
 Friday, May 4 - Gymnastics: at State Championships, Optional, San Angelo Central High School, girls 11:30 a.m. and girls 5:45 p.m.
 Saturday, May 5 - Gymnastics: at State Championships, Individual Finals, San Angelo Central High School, 11 a.m.

Royse City Bulldogs
 Friday, April 27 - Baseball: at Mount Pleasant, JV1 5 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 JV2 baseball: home vs. Mount Pleasant, 6 p.m.
 Track and field: at Region II-4A Championships, Maverick Stadium, University of Texas-Arlington, 2 p.m.
 Saturday, April 28 - Track and field: at Region II-4A Championships, Maverick Stadium, University of Texas-Arlington, 9 a.m.

Cain Middle School Mustangs
 Thursday, May 3 - Girls' soccer: home vs. Williams, Rockwall-Heath High School, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.
 Boys' soccer: at Williams, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.

Utley Middle School Wolves
 Tuesday, May 1 - Tennis: home vs. Sunnyvale, Rockwall Tennis Facility, 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 3 - Girls' soccer: home vs. Lovejoy Sloan Creek, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.
 Boys' soccer: at Lovejoy Sloan Creek, Lovejoy High School, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.

Williams Middle School Wildcats
 Saturday, April 28 - Tennis: at Allen Tournament
 Thursday, May 3 - Boys' soccer: home vs. Cain, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.
 Girls' soccer: at Cain, Rockwall-Heath High School, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.

Rockwall County high school varsity results, April 18-24

Baseball
 DeSoto Canterbury Episcopal 18, Heritage Christian Academy 1
 Heritage Christian Academy 13, DeSoto Canterbury Episcopal 3
 Highland Park 7, Rockwall-Heath 3
 Rockwall 6, McKinney North 5
 Rockwall 8, Mesquite 5
 Rockwall Christian Academy 21, Heritage Christian Academy 2
 Rockwall Christian Academy 7, Heritage Christian Academy 0, forfeit
 Rockwall Christian Academy 7, DeSoto Canterbury Episcopal 6, 9 innings

Softball
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
 Rockwall County, Texas
 Lisa Constant
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Helen D. Mitchell, Deceased, were issued on April 25, 2012 in Docket No. PR12-34, pending in the County Court at Law, of Rockwall County, Texas, to Linda M. Duran. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate as follows:

Representative of the Estate of Helen D. Mitchell
 Todd W. White
 The White Law Firm
 503 South Goliad
 Rockwall, Texas 75087

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No. 12-27

Patsy Ann Redd DECEASED

County Court At Law

Rockwall County, Texas
 Notice is hereby given that on April 24, 2012, Letters of Testamentary as Independent Executor upon the Estate of Patsy Ann Redd, Deceased, were issued to Wesley E. Redd who resides at 8714 Davis, Rowlett, Texas 75088.

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Wesley E. Redd
 17802 Scarlet Forest Dr.
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 John Hancock

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010262001

APPLICATION. North Texas Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 2408, Wylie, Texas 75098, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010262001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0078565) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed an annual average flow of 1,200,000 gallons per day.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing."

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html.

Further information may also be obtained from North Texas Municipal Water District at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Robert McCarthy at 972-442-5405.

Issuance Date: April 10, 2012

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Rockwall County Sports

Girls' Salter seeded 1st for state shot put, discus

Stephanie Salter won two events at the TAPPS 2A North Region Championships, and is seeded first in both of those for the State Championships May 4-5 at Baylor University in Waco.

The Heritage Christian senior recorded a 131-foot, 1 inch discus throw and a 28-foot shot put Friday, April 20, at McMurry University in Abilene.

Other two other Regional champions: Taylor Powers' 89-4 in the girls'

discus and Anabel Burke's 4-8 high jump. Both are juniors. Powers, who also placed fifth in the shot put at 26-2, is seeded fifth in the state in the discus. Burke is tied for the fourth seed.

Burke's state event is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 4. The boys' discus is set for 12:45 p.m., the girls' discus at 2 p.m. and the boys' shot put at 3:15 p.m. The track finals would be the next day, beginning at 9 a.m.

Rockwall Warriors' Rorie places high in 2 field events

Rorie turned in the top performance by a Rockwall Christian Academy athlete at the TAPPS 2A North Region Championships Friday, April 20, at McMurry University in Abilene.

Rorie, a junior, placed fourth in the high jump at 6 feet and seventh in the long jump (19 feet, 6 inches) at McMurry University in Abilene. Senior teammate Taylor Corbin was sixth in the discus at 107-11.

Rockwall County Sports Notes

Benefit golf tourney set May 19

Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall will host its 3rd Annual Golf Tournament on May 19 at The Tribute at The Colony, 1000 Lebanon Road. The tournament's shotgun start is planned. The event will benefit the Rockwall Boys & Girls Club. For more details contact Nikki Nutschler at 469-469-1515 or email nikki.nutschler@phrtexas.com.

June 8 tourney to benefit MOW

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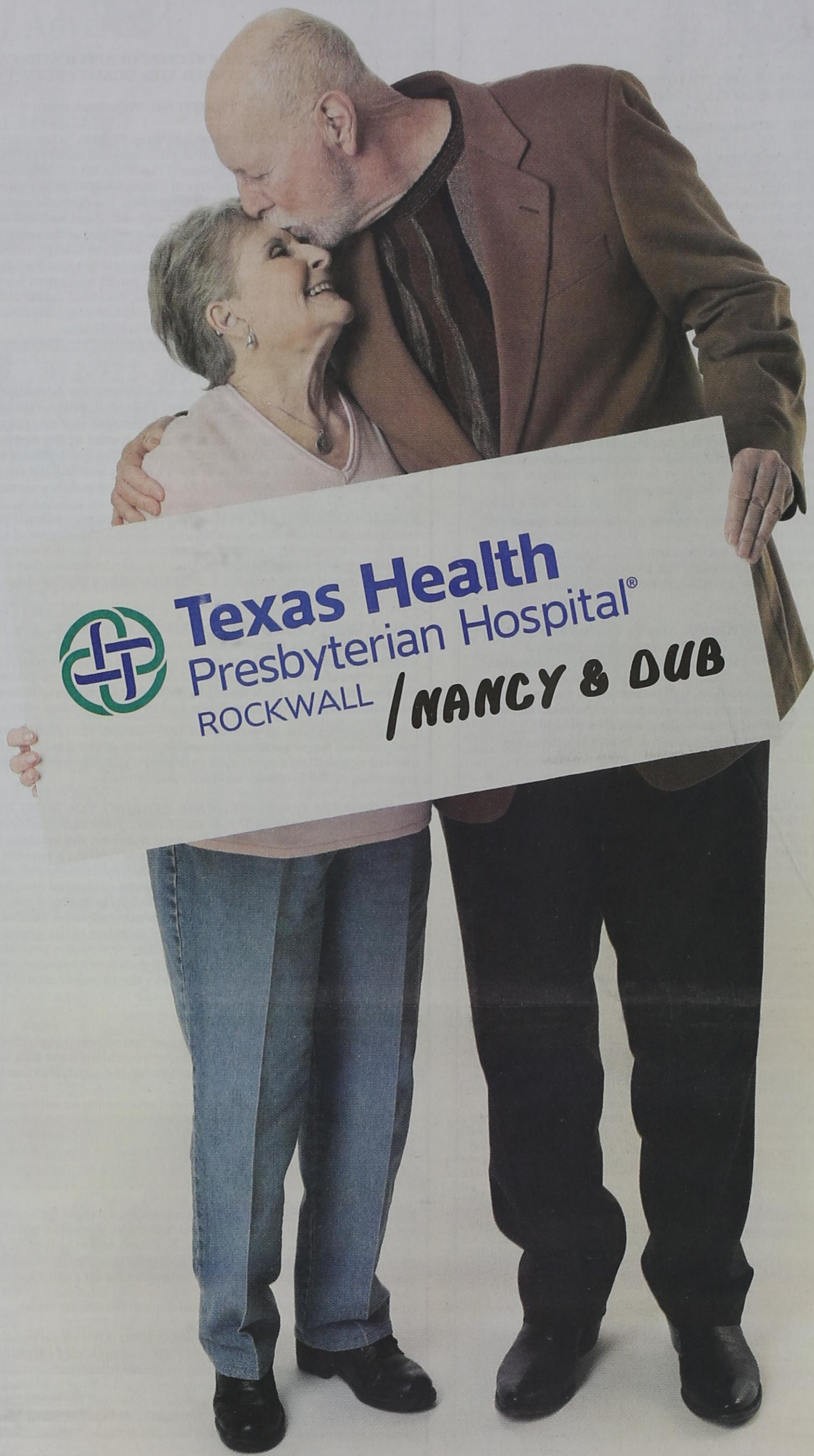
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Late registration under way for YMCA sports

Late registration is under way for the Rockwall County YMCA's baseball, T-ball, softball (ages 4-14), flag football (ages 6-12) and volleyball (grades 3-6) programs. Late registration will run until April 30 or until all teams are full. The YMCA sports philosophy is that children learn by playing, so all players play half the game. Registration information is available at rockwall-ymca.org.

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