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## Rockwall County News

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The Chandler's Landing Yacht Club Summer Wednesday Night Series, race #8, was held last Wednesday on Lake Ray Hubbard. The course was an out and back race to The Harbor in Rockwall, mark #4 which is a mark .95nm from the start line on a compass bearing of 40 degrees for a total of 1.90nm., in light winds. The A fleet boats are pictured after rounding mark 4 at The Harbor and having launched their colorful spinnakers for the downwind run to the finish. The lead boat and first place finisher is Superman's Cape, with the orange and black spinnaker, an Evelyn32 owned and skippered by Marshall Mackenzie of Garland. The second boat to finish is Swale, a S2 7.9 owned and skippered by Chris Hunke of Dallas (second from right with the blue, white and purple spinnaker). The boat finishing third was Cuttin' Up, a Sonar 24 owned and skippered by Jeff Willis of Dallas (second from

left with the white spinnaker with blue horizontal center stripe). August Blaze, a Beneteau 305 owned and skippered by Jeff Greenwood of Terrell (center with the purple, red, green and white spinnaker) would finish fourth. Three Sheets to the Wind, a Hunter35 owned and skippered by Roy Kuipers of Chandler's Landing (left without spinnaker) would finish DNF (did not finish) as she dropped out of the race to assist another sailboat who had run aground after coming too close to the shore just south of The Harbor. Behind August Blaze, barely visible, are the white sails of Island Venture, Catalina27, owned and skippered by Keelan Manuel of Dallas and the first B fleet boat rounding the mark at The Harbor. Island Venture would finish first in the B fleet.

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## Rockwall ISD tax rate holds steady

At their Aug. 16 meeting, members of the Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees heard reports about summer school and expected federal and state accountability ratings. The board also voted to maintain its current tax rate.

On the summer school front, Assistant Superintendent Debbie Koehn reported 1,456 students participated in summer programs ranging from enrichment to credit recovery. According to Koehn, 640 students participated at the elementary-school level. Those students focused on building up bilingual proficiency, reading and math.

In the district's enrichment program, 131 students learned about a variety of topics including robotics, swimming, drama, guitar, visual arts and "Rock, Roll, Shake and Erupt," a study on volcanoes.

At the high school level, 317 students attended the first session and 148 students attended the second session. These students worked toward recovering credits to get back on track or took courses to get ahead. Four students graduated this summer.

The district is expecting ratings of "Meets Adequate Yearly Progress" from the federal No Child Left Behind program at all of its campuses, Koehn reported. One campus has a preliminary below the mark, but paperwork mistakes seem to be the problem. An appeal has been written and that campus is expected to also meet AYP

when the final ratings are announced, Koehn said.

Each Rockwall ISD campus is expected to have an exemplary or recognized rating from Texas Education Agency.

Finally, members of the board unanimously approved holding the tax rate steady at \$1.47 per \$100 valuation.

## Downtown to host Rib Rub & Run

Downtown Rockwall's 2nd Annual Rib Rub & Run is set for Sept. 11. A barbecue contest will be open to amateur and professional contestants. Cash prizes will be offered for the top three places.

Contest registration and information is available online at [mainstreet.rockwall.com](http://mainstreet.rockwall.com). Rib Rub is sanctioned by the International Barbecue Cookers Association.

Activities will begin at 9 a.m. and run until 6 p.m. A disc jockey will provide music throughout the day, and live music by Mr. X will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the Justin Cash Band at 1:30 p.m.

Children's activities will include a bounce house, face painting, games and storytelling.

A daylong Poker Stroll is planned, and the individual completing the best poker hand will win a gift basket loaded with prizes from downtown merchants. To participate, players need to visit downtown stores on the day of the event.

A 5K Fun Run will give an early start to activities at 8 a.m.

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Pictured above are the 2010-2011 Utley Middle School cheerleaders selected March 26 during tryouts. Shown in back row are Alexis Crump, Skylar Boles, Caitlin Cruz, Kayla Wenzel, Madisen Laporte, Candace Burns and Sarah McCulley; middle row, Christina Prothro, Alexis Murray, MacKenzie Lunn, Sabrina Hart, McKenna Vela, Mercedes Tobias and Elizabeth Martinez; front row, Shelby Fleming and Jane Turner; and, at front, mascot Kameron Beard. The Rockwall High cheerleaders volunteered their time to teach interested Utley seventh grade students a cheer and dance prior to tryouts. NCA-certified judges scored and selected the 16 middle school cheerleaders.

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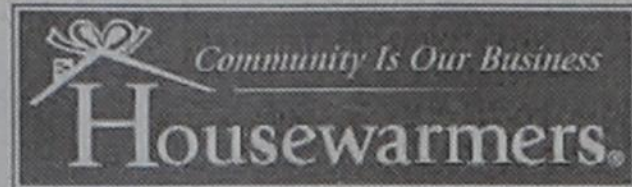


Sixteen cheerleaders and a mascot were selected to represent the Williams Middle School Wildcats for the 2010-2011 school year after eight grade tryouts last spring. Pictured are, at front from left, Maci Greer, Tori Hedges, Maddie Young and Sam Ruff; middle row, Rachel Linter, Anna Oakes, Marissa Cuzick, Lexi Grisaffi, Angelica Hernandez, Abby Childers and Miranda Wilkinson; and, at back, Heather James, Lyric Brown, Kaylee Hinton, Blair Raney, Katie Wells (mascot) and Paige Carrell.

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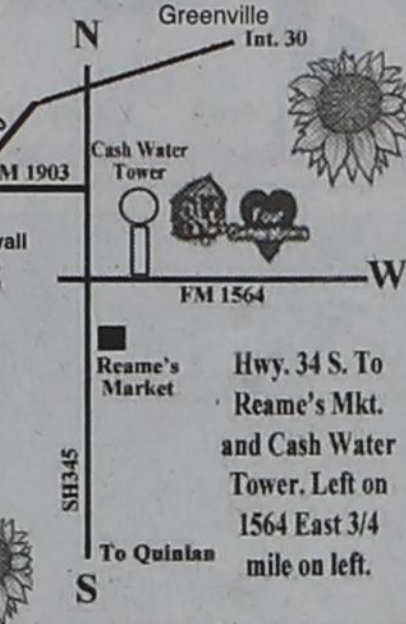
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# Reduced-cost animal shot microchip clinic set Sept.

A reduced-cost shot and microchip clinic will be offered by Rockwall Animal Services from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center, 1825 Airport Rd.

Veterinarians from the Rockwall County Veterinarian Clinic will administer the shots. All dogs will be required to be on leashes and all cats in carriers.

All dogs and cats residing within the Rockwall city limits are required to be vaccinated against rabies at either one-year or three-year intervals, depending on the type of vaccine used. Rabies shots will be offered as one-year, \$8, or three-year, \$24. Cats may also receive a FVRCP and FELV combined shot for \$24. Dogs may receive

a DHLPP plus Parvo shot (two shots in one) at a cost of \$16 and a Bordetella SQ only shot (no nasal vaccines) for \$10.

Also offered while supplies last will be microchipping for cats and dogs.

Microchipping provides advanced pet identification and retrieval. A microchip with a unique identification code is implanted under the skin between the shoulder blades of the pet, then the pet owner enrolls the animal with a pet recovery ser-

vice that maintains a national database. When a lost pet is found, the animal can be scanned at a shelter or clinic and the animal's identification number can be called in to the pet recovery service, allowing the pet owner to be notified immediately.

Fee for microchipping will be \$20, which includes the chip and the procedure to administer the chip.

City of Rockwall animal registrations also will be available at the clinic.

For each spayed dog or cat registration \$5 per single year or three-year registration spayed or non-neutered the fee is \$20 per single year \$30 for a three-year registration.

Pet owners from Rockwall city limits come to request shots for their animals.

For more details, contact Rockwall Animal Services at 972-771-7750.

# Registration under way of YMCA dad/child program

Registration is currently under way for the Rockwall Adventure Guide/Princess program, a nationally sponsored program designed to foster the bond between fathers and their children.

The program encourages fathers and their children to spend uninterrupted time together by making them members of a large group that builds memories and bonds.

The YMCA Adventure Guide/Princess program targets fathers and their children ages kindergarten through fifth grade. The program is open to boys and girls.

The group will be a part of the Rockwall County YMCA's Dakota Federation.

The 2010-2011 season will kick off with an opening ceremony and free family dinner Sept. 26 at the Rockwall YMCA. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the picnic area behind the YMCA building; circle marches into the ceremony will start at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, attend the information night set for 7:30 p.m. Sept. 16 at the YMCA.

Formation night will begin

at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 23 at the YMCA.

Registration will continue throughout the fall

For more details, contact Rockwall YMCA at 972-771-9622.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S School Financial Accountability Rating

**Rockwall Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m., September 20, 2010 in Room 600**

**RISD Administration/Education Center  
 1050 Williams Street  
 Rockwall, Texas**

**The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Rockwall Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system (FIRST).**

# Karaoke preliminaries to begin in September

The karaoke preliminaries for the Roysse City Chamber of Commerce FunFest event have been scheduled.

The preliminaries will be conducted Sept. 21, Sept. 28 and Oct. 5 at The Well Coffee Lounge, 103 E. Main St., in Roysse City. Each evening will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Contestants are invited to come to The Well and choose a song to perform. If time permits, contestants may be able to perform a second song. Judges will choose the top two performances from each evening to move on to the Oct. 16 finals during the FunFest.

The winner at FunFest will receive a recording session at the Music Studio in Roysse City.

For more details, contact the chamber at 972-636-5000.

# Fun Family Fridays slated for September

The City of Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department's Move in the Park has been transformed into Fun Family Friday that will begin Sept. 3 at The Shores Park.

Participants can enjoy a free "old-time family event," according to a city news release. Each week, a movie will be screened and many activities are planned - wiffle ball home run contests, obstacle courses and a bounce house, for example. Prizes will be awarded. A number of city departments plan to set up booths so families can have fun, but also pick up some information along the way. Activities will begin at 7 p.m., with the movies set to begin at 8 p.m.

On Sept. 3, "Imagine" will be shown. Other Fun Family Fridays and movies planned include, on Sept. 10, Fox Chase Park, "Up"; Sept. 17, Hickory Ridge Park, "Race to Witch Mountain" and Sept. 24, North Shore Park, "Snow Buddies."

Participants should bring a FM radio tuned to 89.7 to listen to the movie, as well as blankets or lawn chairs and snacks for their family.

# Downtown 'Rib Rub & Fun'

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Information and registration forms on the run are available at rockwallrunningcenter.com.

The San Jacinto Street Art Market and Farmers Market will be open, sidelining the day's activities.

Hosts for the event are Rockwall Main Street and the Downtown Shoppes of Rockwall.

For more information or to volunteer, call Bethany Gollmer, Main Street manager, at 972-772-6400 or visit mainstreet.rockwalltx.com.

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# Rockwall County News Briefs

children's events and a poker stroll. For more information visit [mainstreet.rockwall.com](http://mainstreet.rockwall.com).

## Bishop, Plagens to address FOL

Two speakers will discuss reading in Rockwall at the Friends of the Library meeting set for 11 a.m. Sept. 14 at the library's Community Room. Gloria Bishop, director of Reading for Adults, will share stories of success, while Leigh Plagens will discuss the Book Discussion Group. Lunch will be served by Anna's Catering at noon; cost will be \$15 per person. Reservations required by 5 p.m. Sept. 10 -- call Plagens at 972-772-8976 or e-mail [cplagens65@aol.com](mailto:cplagens65@aol.com).

## 'Tall Tales or True' set in RC

"Tall Tales or True" is set for 7 p.m. Sept. 10 in the tiled room at City Hall in Royse City. Cost for dinner is \$8, and a prize will be awarded for the most correct answers during the historical guessing game. Call the Zaner Robison Historical Museum at 972-635-7438 for more details. Tickets are available at the Hardware Store, museum or City Hall.

## Movies in the Park offered

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's Movies in the Park will take place at The Park at Fox Chase, 4475 Tubbs Road., on Sept. 10. Activities begin at 7 p.m. and will include a wiffle ball homerun derby, free-throw shooting contests, relay races, an obstacle course, bounce house and more. The movie will begin at dusk.

## Vendors needed for craft shows

Vendors are needed for three upcoming craft shows at Rockwall High. The PTA will host its annual event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13. The RHS Band will host craft fairs on Sept. 11 and Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors are needed for one, two or all three events. Contact Liz Tarter, 972-772-1846 for more details.

## RARTA meeting set Sept. 13

The year's first meeting of the Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will begin at 1:15 p.m. Sept. 13 at the RISD Education Complex, 1050 Williams St. Rosemary Rumbly, a book reviewer and stand-up comic, will provide the program. Joan Terry will present the results of the RISD Strategic Plan Report to the Community 2001-2010. RARTA meetings are open to all retired school employees and their friends.

## Creative Movement offered for preschoolers

A Creative Movement Class designed to develop a child's gross motor skills, creativity and body awareness will run Sept. 13-Oct. 18 and Nov. 1-Dec. 6 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Open to children ages 2 1/2 to 5, the half-hour classes will begin at 3 p.m. each Monday. Cost is \$35 for Rockwall residents, \$53 for non-residents. For more details contact the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, 972-771-7740.

## Class to focus on ballet, tap

A class focusing on ballet and tap for children ages 3-5 will be offered at 3:45 p.m. on Mondays Sept. 13-Oct. 18 and Nov. 1-Dec. 6 at The Harry Myers Community Center. Each class will run 45 minutes. Participants will learn the basics of ballet, tap and creative dance. Fee is \$40 for Rockwall residents, \$60 for non-residents. For more details contact the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, 972-771-7740.

## Intro to Gymnastics slated

Children ages 3-5 can learn basic floor, tumbling gymnastics and motor development in this 30-minute class set Mondays from Sept. 13-Oct. 18 and Nov. 1-Dec. 6 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Fee is \$35 for Rockwall residents, \$53 for non-residents. For more details contact the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, 972-771-7740.

## Monday Yoga offered

Hour-long yoga classes for individuals ages 18 and older will be offered at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, Sept. 13-27. Cost will be \$24 for Rockwall residents, \$36 for non-residents. For more details call the Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

## LCC auditions under way

All interested chorus singers are invited to audition for the Lakeside Civic Chorus' fall concert season. Positions are available in all sections. Auditions are scheduled by appointment only. Contact David Bush at 972-679-4227 or e-mail [bushdl@swbell.net](mailto:bushdl@swbell.net). Rehearsals take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays in the Rockwall High Choral Rehearsal Room beginning Sept. 14.

## Rockwall hosts Farmer's Market

Annual Rockwall Farmer's Market, open from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, is offering fresh, ripe fruits and vegetables, breads, salad dressings, oils, soaps, creams, lavender products, pies, plants and honey. Cantrell provides mellow electric guitar music from 10 a.m. to noon.

## Ping Pong tourney set Sept. 1

Ping Pong Tournament for individuals ages 50 and older will begin at 10 a.m. at The Center on Sept. 1. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers. Cost will be \$3 for Rockwall residents, \$5 for non-residents. For more information call the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, 972-771-7740.

## Republican Lunch Bunch to meet

Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. at Luigi's Italian Café in Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, which includes beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. No reservations required. All Republicans are invited to attend this informal social gathering. For more information call Dalton Kennimer, 972-636-4034.

## Computer Council to reconvene

Following its summer break, the Rockwall Computer Council will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 1 at The Center, Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington St. The speaker will be Bob Alston, whose presentation will focus on viruses, spam and other related topics. A Q&A will follow. The RCC is open to anyone interested in computer use in the home or office. For more details call Jim Grimes at 972-771-8529.

## Intro to Square Dancing set

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will offer Introduction to Square

Dancing on Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sept. 2-Jan. 13 at The Center. Open to ages 50 and older, the class costs \$35 for Rockwall residents, \$50 for non-residents. For more details contact the Rockwall Parks & Rec Center at 972-771-7740.

## Movies in the Park offered

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's Movies in the Park will take place at The Shores Park, 2302 Shores Blvd., on Sept. 3. Activities begin at 7 p.m. and will include a wiffle ball homerun derby, free-throw shooting contests, relay races, an obstacle course, bounce house and more. The movie will begin at dusk.

## Library closing for Labor Day

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Sept. 4-6 in observance of Labor Day. The library will open at 10 a.m. Sept. 7.

## Program set for homeschooled youth

REACH (Rockwall Enrichment and Activity Co-op for Homeschoolers) will offer enrichment and age-appropriate PE classes to homeschooled youths ages 5 and older from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 8-Nov. 17. Activities will take place at the Harry Myers Community Center. Enrollment is required, and \$25 per child is required on the first day of class. Contact Katie Grimes, [ktgrimes@aol.com](mailto:ktgrimes@aol.com), for more details or to enroll.

## Drama Kinder Kids program planned

A Drama Kinder Kids program for children ages 4-6 will run from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays Sept. 9 through Dec. 16 at the Harry Myers Community Center. The program focuses on creative drama activities that develop speaking skills and confidence and enhance social skills and creative learning. Cost is \$55 for Rockwall residents, \$83 for non-residents. For more details contact the Rockwall Parks & Rec Center at 972-771-7740.

## Drama for Kids offered

Children ages 7-11 can participate in the Drama Kids program. Participants work together on improvisations, group activities, speech, creative movement activities and theater games from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 9-Dec. 16 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Fee is \$55 for Rockwall residents, \$83 for non-residents. Contact the Parks & Rec Department, 972-771-7740, for more details.

## Living Well with Cancer program set

Living Well with Cancer, a monthly program for cancer patients and their families, will offer "Stress Management and Mental Health Care for Patients and Caregivers" by Dennis Wicker, LPM, beginning at 6 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Lake Pointe Imaging Center, 1005 W. Ralph Hall Parkway, Suite 121. Call 469-698-7824 to reserve a spot.

## RPA meeting slated Sept. 10

The Rockwall Preschool Association, which serves Rockwall area mothers with children ages birth through kindergarten, will meet Sept. 10. Meetings are at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month at the Free Methodist Church, 315 Dalton Road, Rockwall. For details visit [rockwallpreschoolassociation.com](http://rockwallpreschoolassociation.com).

## Brown Bag Lecture set

The first Brown Bag Lecture in the series presented by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation will begin at noon Sept. 10 in the Historic Courthouse. The topic will be "School Days," featuring yearbooks, artifacts and class photos from 1920 to 1970. All RCHF programs are family friendly and open to the public.

## Defensive Driving for seniors offered

The AARP 55 Alive Defensive Driving course will be offered from noon to 4 p.m. on three dates -- Sept. 10, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. The four-hour course is designed to help older drivers cope with age-related changes affecting driving. Attendees must be 50 or older and will be eligible for a discount on their insurance. For more details call the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, 972-771-7740.

## Rib Rub & Run planned

The second annual Rib Rub & Run will kick off with a 5K Fun Run at 8 a.m. Sept. 11, followed by a barbecue contest open to amateurs and professionals. Activities begin at 9 a.m. and will run until 6 p.m., including music,

# Rockwall County Sports Notes

## Girls softball registration ends today

Registration for the Rockwall Girls Softball Association Fall Ball season ends today. Registration is under way for 8U to 14U; cost is \$42. For more details or to register visit [rockwallgirlssoftball.com](http://rockwallgirlssoftball.com).

## RBA registration scheduled

The fall season of the Rockwall Baseball Association begins Sept. 10, with registration for the program will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 28 at the Leon Tuttle Baseball Fields concession stand. The program provides youth baseball leagues for children ages 5 to 14 living in the Rockwall area. Teams typically play eight games. Cost to register is \$35 for T-ball, \$65 for other age groups (7U and above). Registration forms and more details can be found at [rockwallbaseballassociation.com](http://rockwallbaseballassociation.com).

## Punt, Pass & Kick contest slated

The NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition will take place at Wisdom Field and Dobbs Elementary beginning at 2 p.m. Aug. 29. Participants must throw the ball, throw and kick the ball off a tee. Skills are measured for distance and accuracy. Girls and boys compete separately; age divisions include 8/9, 10/11, 12/13 and 14/15. Top scorer in each division advances to sectional competition, and sectional champs may advance to the team competition scheduled for halftime of a Dallas Cowboys game. Each participant will be required to have a copy of his/her birth certificate. Only cleated sneakers can be worn; no cleats will be allowed. Registration will be on site. For more details on this free program, call the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, 972-771-7740.

## Little Kickers scheduled

The Little Kickers soccer program, open to youths ages 3 1/2 to 5 years, will run Mondays from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Aug. 30 through Oct. 4 at Harry Myers Park. Skill-building, age-appropriate drills and exercises are taught. The first four classes are non-competitive; the final two will include games. Each participant will receive a T-shirt. Cost is \$30 for Rockwall residents, \$48 for non-residents. For more information, visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

## Safety course for paddlesports offered

Paddlesports America, a four-hour safety course designed for novice paddle enthusiasts, will be offered to individuals ages 13 and older over two class sessions scheduled for Aug. 31 and Sept. 2. Classes will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Center. Cost will be \$27 for Rockwall residents, \$45 for non-residents. For more information contact the Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

## Little Sluggers T-ball dates set

The Little Sluggers T-ball program, open to youths ages 3 1/2 to 5 years, will run Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Aug. 31 through Oct. 5 at Harry Myers Park. Children will learn fundamental skills -- throwing, fielding, hitting and base running -- and the final two weeks will include "games." Each participant will receive a T-shirt. Parent participation is encouraged. For more information, visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

## TOT Preschool Basketball program offered

TOT, which focuses on basketball handling and dribbling skills for boys and girls, will be offered from 11:30 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. on Thursdays Sept. 9, Oct. 14 and Oct. 28-Dec. 9 at the Harry Myers Community Center. The program targets children ages 2 1/2 to 5 years of age and mixes academics and athletics. Cost is \$88 for Rockwall residents, \$132 for non-residents. For more details, call 972-771-7740.

## Adult Kickball League forming

Registration is under way for an Adult Kickball League. Games will be 50 minutes long on Thursday nights. Participants must be 18 or older; teams may have no more than 12 players. League play begins Sept. 16, with games played at Harry Myers Park. Registration deadline is 5 p.m. Sept. 15. Cost is \$50 per Rockwall resident team, \$75 for non-resident team. For more details call the Parks & Rec Department, 972-771-7740.

## RHHS scholarship golf tourney set

The Rockwall-Heath High School Hawk Huddle Scholarship Golf Tournament will take place Sept. 16 at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club. Lunch will begin at noon; the shotgun start will be at 1 p.m. The hole-in-one contest will be sponsored by Lakeside Chevrolet. Sponsorships are still available. For more details, visit [heathhawksfootball.com](http://heathhawksfootball.com) or call David Gladney at 214-577-3170.

## George Griffith Regatta planned

The George Griffith Regatta will take place Sept. 24, sailing from Rush Creek on Lake Ray Hubbard. The event will benefit the Rockwall County Helping Hands. To register contact Kay Dutta at 972-771-4357, ext. 222, or email [kaydutta@rockwallhelpinghands.com](mailto:kaydutta@rockwallhelpinghands.com).

## Kickball tourney set Sept. 25

An adult kickball tournament will take place Sept. 25 at Harry Myers Park. Play will begin at 10 a.m. and is open to teams of individuals ages 18 and older; co-ed teams are welcome. The tourney will feature a three-game guarantee, with the top three teams receiving awards. Cost is \$25 for Rockwall resident team, \$40 for non-resident team. Register with the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, 972-771-7740, by Sept. 23.

## Fishing Derby planned for Oct. 9

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host a Fishing Derby for children up to 14 years of age at Harry Myers Park from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 9. Prizes will be given for the biggest, smallest and first fish caught in two age groups (8 and under, 9-14). Cost will be \$5 for Rockwall residents, \$10 for non-residents. For more details call the Parks & Rec Department, 972-771-7740.

## Kayak class scheduled

A class designed to teach the basic paddling and safety skills necessary to explore kayaking will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon on Oct. 17 at the Hwy. 66 boat ramp. Sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, the class will be open to individuals ages 12 and older. Cost will be \$60 for Rockwall residents, \$90 for non-Rockwall residents. Each participant should bring a water bottle, sunscreen, hat and eyewear and wear clothes and footwear that can get wet. For more information call 972-771-7740.

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# Pansy sale to benefit RHHS Highsteppers

The Rockwall-Heath High School Highsteppers drill team has kicked off its annual Pansy Sale.

The team is selling flats of the flowers for \$20. Color choices include Blotch Mix, White Blotch, Purple Blotch, Yellow Blotch, Red Blotch, Yellow, White, Clear Mix, Orange, Blue, Kale Red and Kale White.

The sale runs through Wednesday, Sept. 22. Flowers will be delivered on Saturday, Oct. 23.

For more information or to place an order, contact Chandra DeAlessandro at 214-276-2696 or Theresa Lindemann 214-551-1257.

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Members of Boy Scout Troop 314 volunteered during the Rotary Club's annual Hot Rocks bike race, which raises money for the group's scholarship fund. The scouts manned rest stops along the route, providing food and drink to the cyclists. Pictured at back are Zack Thacker, Alton Smith, Anthony Schneemann, Malachi Morrell, Johnathan Milliser and Lynn Hensley; second row, Terah Kirby Wilson, Seph Stiles, David Stiles, Tony Schneemann and Kurt Wilson; and, at front, Greg Schneemann, Julian Zuratuza, Kyle Fleetwood, Joel Fowler, Jeremy Bayliss and Kyle Wilson.  
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She is a current member of the Texas Academy of Physician Assistants and the American Academy of Physician Assistants.

Christina enjoys treating patients of all ages and her professional interests include women's health, preventative medicine and pediatrics.

In her spare time, Christina enjoys watching college football and basketball, and spending time with family and friends.



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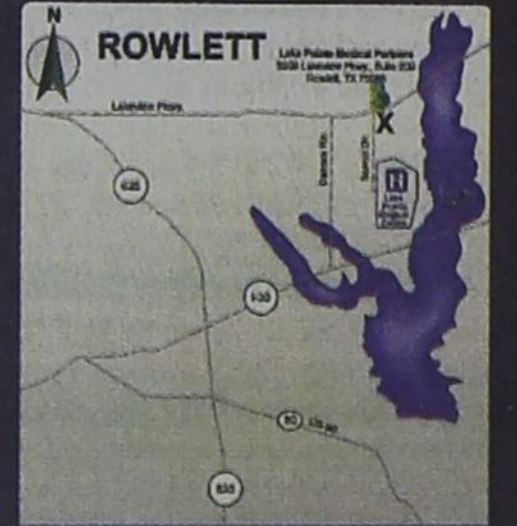


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