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Fate taps Philip Rodriguez as new city manager

The City Council of Fate recently announced the hiring of its new city manager, Philip Rodriguez, after searching for several months for the right candidate for the job. Rodriguez comes to the City of Fate after having served the Texas cities of Alstede, Cedar Park and San Antonio, where he worked in several roles during his current role as city manager, according to a Fate news release. Over the course of the past decade, Rodriguez has worked with non-profits, local governments and in the field of higher education overseeing multi-million dollar budgets and personnel issues along the way. The council selected Rodriguez as the top choice out of the 48 candidates surfaced through a national search performed by the Texas based executive search firm, Strategic Government Resources. Rodriguez described the search process as a "great fit" from beginning to end. "I am excited that the things they were looking for in a city manager and the things I was searching for in a city seemed to mesh so well," he said. "One of the things that drew me to Fate was the caliber of leadership already exists with the mayor, council and city staff, and I'm genuinely excited to begin serving in my new role." Rodriguez earned a bachelor's degree in management with a focus on financial resources from Colorado Christian University. He also earned a master's degree in public administration with a focus on city management from the University of Kansas. He is married to his high school sweetheart and is the father of two daughters. The Rodriguez family plans to move to Fate during the summer months. Rodriguez is set to officially begin work in Fate on May 29.



Philip Rodriguez

Complaint filed blaming Heath voting irregularities

By Wendy W. Burnett
A Heath citizen poll watcher has filed a formal complaint to the Texas Attorney General and the Rockwall County District Attorney regarding voting irregularities at the Heath voting location on May 12. County Election Administrator Glenda Denton responded to Rockwall County's inquiry that the issues raised in the complaint are being reviewed as of 5/15/12. District Attorney Kenda Culpepper has not responded to the inquiry prior to the newspaper's deadline (05/15/12).
Poll watcher Mrs. Tina Winnett of Heath, was one of four poll watchers appointed by Heath City Council Place 3 candidate Joan Ream. Other poll watcher appointees were Jack Ream, Wilma Brown and Dan Winnett. The formal complaint detailed the following events during Mrs. Winnett's 10 hour observation:
Violation 1:
A married woman received the wrong ballot to vote and questioned the ballot's correctness and were given the wrong answer. They accepted the answer without challenge and voted on possibly the wrong ballot. This happened on May 12, 2012 at 7:40 a.m. in the polling place in the City of Heath, Texas.
Heath Mayor Pro Tem, Mr. Lorne Liechty, entered the same polling location on May 12, 2012 at 7:45 a.m. and received the wrong ballot to vote and questioned the ballot's correctness and was given a different ballot. A woman who voted electronically before notifying the election judge that she received the wrong ballot was allowed to complete a paper ballot, thereby being counted twice. This happened on May 12, 2012 at the same polling location at 9:35 a.m.
A woman received a wrong ballot and questioned the ballot and was given the correct ballot. This was at the same polling location on May 12, 2012 at 10 p.m.
Violation 2:
Candidate Julie Zurek violated election law [Sec. 61.001(b)] at the polling location at the Heath City Hall by entering the voting area and speaking to voters standing in line waiting to qualify. She did not vote or have official business and she was in plain view of voters being qualified while she was engaged in campaign activity on May 12, 2012 at 9:27 a.m.
Violation 3:
Candidate Joan Ream came into polling location at the Heath City Hall on May 12, 2012 at 2:35 p.m. to report the removal of her political signs by candidate Julie Zurek. The election judge left the building to address candidate Julie Zurek and her husband, Craig Zurek, concerning the Zurek's removal of Mrs. Ream's political signs from the appropriate place outside the polling area. After seeing the election headquarters and speaking to Glenda, the judge told the Zureks it was a misdemeanor crime to remove another candidate's signs.



Summer sailboat racing has begun on Lake Ray Hubbard again, with the sixth race taking place on May 9. The course was 27 W3, which means three out and back legs on a heading of 270° or due west for a total of 4.5 nautical miles. With winds out of the east allowing for a close downwind start, spinnakers were flying as the boats passed The Harbor, which can be seen in the background. The four boats shown are, left to right, with the red spinnaker, Rij Jik of Jik Ik/J22, owned and skippered by Kathy Kuipers of Chandlers Landing, with crew Geoffrey Nelson of Heath; Dulcinea/Irwin31, owned and skippered by Robert and Nina Cummings of Sunnyvale; the multi-color spinnaker is Swale/S2 7.9, owned and skippered by Chris Hunke, sail trimmer Mandy Burnett, and Bruce Young, foredeck, all of Dallas; last boat with the blue spinnaker is Orion/Hunter31, owned and skippered by Dan Malak (silhouette at back of boat) and Richard Malak, sail trimmer (in orange shirt), both of Chandlers Landing, Dawn Nelson, foredeck, of Heath and Alicia Guadarrama, foredeck, of Coppell.
Photo courtesy of Mary Elizabeth, crewing aboard Soap Opera/Hobie33, owned and skippered by Scott Self/Rockwall County News

Bimbo Bakery breaks ground for facility at Rockwall Technology Park

Bimbo Bakeries USA, the largest bakery company in the U.S., will build a 300,000 square foot bakery facility in the Rockwall Technology Park, according to a May 10 news release from the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation.
Ground was broken for the facility in March and it is expected to open its doors sometime in the first quarter of 2013.
The facility will be located on 40 acres between Discovery Boulevard, Data Drive and Springer Road in Phase II of the Rockwall Technology Park, located just south of Interstate 30 in Rockwall. The bakery is the largest new industrial build-to-suit project in the history of Rockwall.
The state-of-the-art facility will add more than \$75 million to the Rockwall tax base and bring 130 new jobs, including assembly line and executives.
"This is an amazing accomplishment for Rockwall," said Sheri Franza, president and CEO of the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation. "Rockwall is actively recruiting projects of this caliber, and we are especially proud of this deal."
The bakery will turn out products in its bread and buns lines. It will initially operate two large baking lines, but could support additional lines and products as they grow, Franza said.
Bimbo Bakeries USA owns the brands Arnold, Ball Park, Bimbo, Boboli, Brownberry, Earthgrains, Entenmann's, Francisco, Freihofer's, Marinela, Mrs. Baird's, Oroweat, Sara Lee, Stroehmann, Thomas' and Tia Rosa.
Groupo Bimbo, Bimbo Bakeries' USA parent company, purchased Mrs. Baird's Bakeries in Texas in 1998 and the combined operations were renamed Bimbo Bakeries USA. Bimbo Bakeries USA operates 33 bakeries and employs more than 15,000 associates nationwide.
The Rockwall Economic Development Corporation completed this business deal in the first quarter of 2012.
"We are in the midst of a truly amazing growth cycle in Rockwall, and to secure a business of this size is monumental for our community," Franza said. "REDC's mission is to broaden and diversify the Rockwall tax base, taking a significant burden off the residents of Rockwall. With the value of this project, Bimbo Bakeries will help do just that."



Members of Girl Scout Troop 8967 participated in the Forever Green Take Action Project by making bags from T-shirts for use in packing food for Helping Hands clients of the Food Pantry. The girls joined Girl Scouts from around the world in learning the effects of waste on the environment and discovering ways to reduce waste. Shown learning from Helping Hands' Sherry Hamm are, front row, from the left, Katerina Thorpe, Melanie Platts, Olivia Stine, Jessica Underwood, Ashlyn Bender and Bryanna Pihlstrom; second row, Elise Stine, Brandi Willis, Rachael Van Vleck, Mackenzie Bender, Baileigh Willis and Trinita Bennett; and third row, Jacqueline Thorpe, Victoria Van Vleck, Evelyn Hall and Mikayla Mathis, April Pihlstrom and Madeline Stine. Adult leaders in back are Shaylynn Platts, left; Amy Van Vleck, center; and Susan Hall.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Baune, Leverett make Southern Arkansas U. Dean's List

Two students from the area were among Southern Arkansas University students named to the Dean's List following the spring semester, according to a university news release.

James Baune, a junior biological science major from Heath, and Dylan Leverett, a freshman physical education, wellness and leisure major from Rockwall, were tapped for the list.

Students must complete 12 or more semester hours and attain a grade point average of 3.50 to qualify for the list, according to the university.

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JOHN BENEDETTO

FOR CONSTABLE PRECINCT ONE

"I have known John Benedetto for several years as a friend and have had business dealings with him. He is honest, dedicated and committed to whatever he undertakes. I believe John will serve the citizens of Rockwall County, Precinct 1 very well as constable."

Larry Lott - Rockwall County Citizen

"I have known John and worked with him in many different roles from business, church, school, and also family as we have grown in Rockwall over the past 30 years. I would highly recommend him to represent our community in the role as constable. He is honest, fair and a man of integrity."

Richard Slaughter, Jr. - Pharmacist and Business Owner

"John will be a great Constable. He is a man of unquestioned integrity, and possesses a work ethic the people of Precinct 1 will be proud of."

Stan Pinkham - President and Chief Executive, Texas Leadership Bank

"I have known John Benedetto and his family almost 30 years, as a trusted friend with the utmost of integrity and loyalty. With his ability as an accomplished businessman, he will bring a common sense approach to the office of Constable."

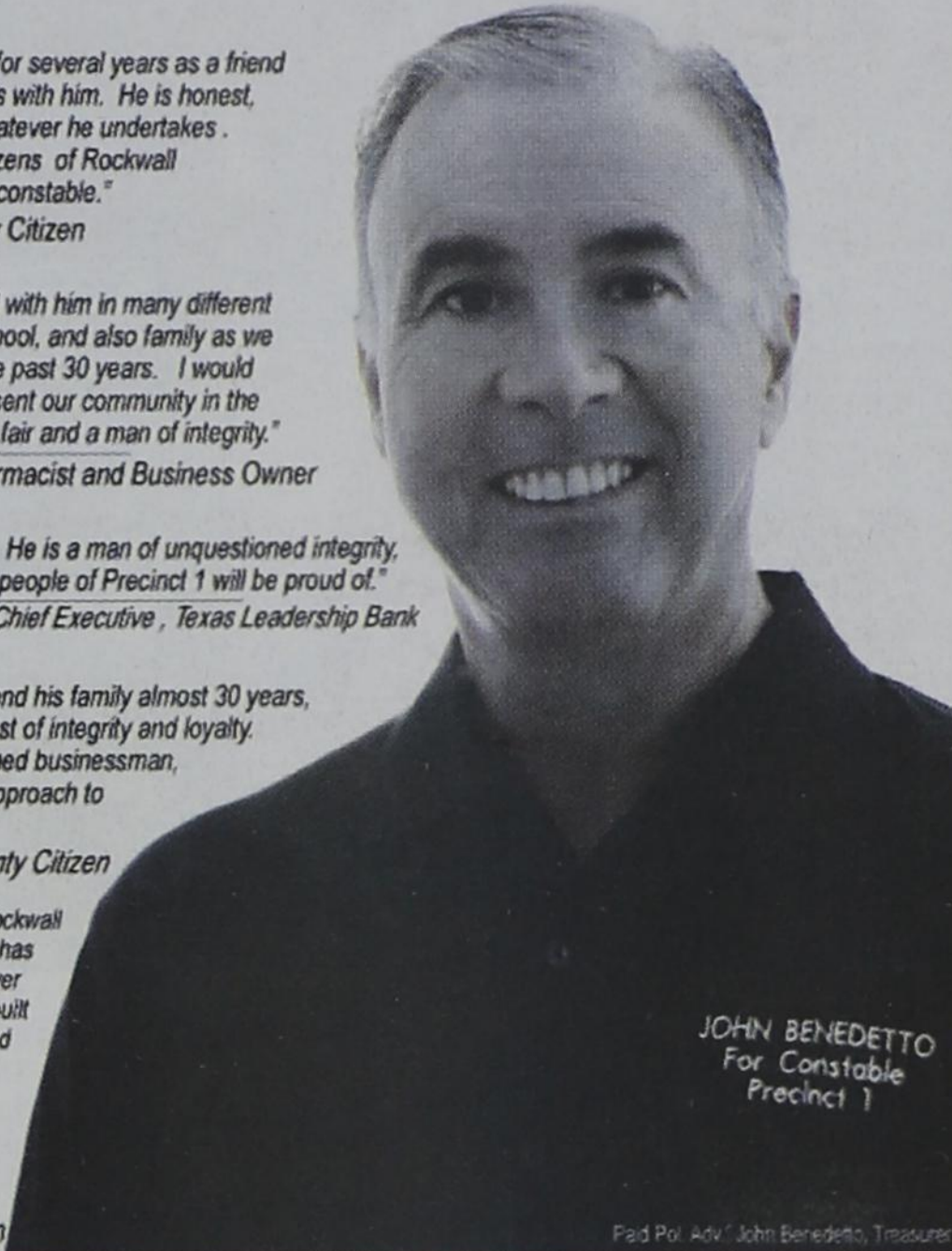
Gary Worthy - Rockwall County Citizen

John Benedetto is my choice for Rockwall County Constable, Precinct 1. He has been a resident of our county for over 28 years. During this time he has built custom homes, owned and operated a child care facility as well as a contract service firm. He knows our community well and his character, integrity and honesty will withstand close examination.

Bob Edwards - Rockwall Citizen

Having known John for over 35 years, we are sure we will all benefit from his strong work ethic, honesty and creativity. Hopefully the business experience and good reputation he has earned working in Rockwall will benefit him in the upcoming election. We think it is very important for a constable to know the residents and county well in order to serve with the utmost effectiveness for all concerned. Having watched the poor quality of constables that have worked in Dallas County, we want a constable that knows Rockwall and has unquestioned integrity. His past community service will certainly benefit Rockwall County as constable.

Kent & Narsha McKinney - Rockwall County Citizens



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The final meeting of the Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association, a luncheon hosted by Royse City members, took place recently in Royse City. Outgoing president Marvin Lee presented gifts to outgoing officers and committee chairs and new officers were installed. They are, at front, Becky Cecil, third vice president; second row, from the left, Mike Mizell, first vice president; Robyn Liane, treasurer; Marla Jackson, second vice president; Barbara Bateman, secretary; and Linda Garrett, president; and, at back, Marvin Lee, legislative chair. The award for Community Volunteer Service was presented to Leigh Plageman, pictured. RARTA, which is open to all retired school employees, will begin its new year Sept. 10. Meeting conducted at the RISD Education Center.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



The Rockwall-Heath Highsteppers Drill Team recently announced its 2012-2013 officers. Six new officers were chosen to lead the team at officer tryouts on May 4. Shown are new officers (left to right) Junior Lieutenant Tori Carney; Lieutenant Anna DiGirolamo; First Lieutenant Kayla Bender; Highsteppers Director Monica Lyon; Captain Madison Mills; Lieutenant Kayla Stubbs; and Junior Lieutenant Alissa Powell.

Photo courtesy of Cyndi Bender/Rockwall County News

Hospital is certified cord blood donation center

Texas Health Presbyterian Rockwall joined the Texas Cord Blood Bank's cord blood collection program this month, according to a hospital news release.

The TCBB, a division of the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center, is a nonprofit program established by the Legislature in 2001 to collect umbilical cord blood that can benefit patients, usually children, suffering from a number of potentially fatal diseases.

"We are pleased to be able to provide this service to our community," said Tami Hawkins, vice president of patient care services for the hospital. "Medical research has allowed us to develop stem cell blood into a vital treatment for many life-threatening diseases. The Texas Cord Blood Bank allows families the opportunity to donate their infant's cord blood, which in turn may provide another person with treatment opportunities they might not otherwise have."

Umbilical cord blood, which is typically discarded after the birth of a baby, is rich in blood-making cells and can be used as an alternative to bone marrow transplants. These donations can treat cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma, disorders of the blood-making system such as sickle cell anemia, and severe immune system disorders.

There is no cost to parents at Texas Health Rockwall who wish to bank their baby's cord blood through this program.

Hardin-Simmons grad Timmermann receives George Skiles Anderson Award

Kyle Timmermann of Rockwall was awarded the George Skiles Anderson Award as a part of commencement exercises at Hardin-Simmons University on May 12. Timmermann graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, majoring in economics and finance.

The George Skiles Anderson Award is presented to the senior man, who having spent three or more years of residence at Hardin-Simmons, has excelled in character, personal development, and service to the university. Timmermann has been named to the President's List and the Dean's List. During his time as an HSU student,

he served as a New Student Orientation leader and as a member of the Freshman Activities Board. He also participated in HSU's study abroad program in Salzburg, Austria, an international setting. He is a recipient of a Kelley College Business Academic Scholarship and the Hawk Scholarship, which recognizes excellence in character. This past spring, he was named Outstanding Student in Economics at the Queen Awards Banquet.

Since 2010, he has served as a legislative intern to several lawmakers from Texas, including State Representative Lyle Larson and to United States Congressmen Randy Neugebauer and Ralph Abner. He also represented college students throughout Texas in the ratification of Proposition 3, which relates to funding for Texas universities.

As an active leader on campus, Timmermann has served as a junior class president and as a student body president. With these duties, he was called upon to be the chief liaison between the student body, the HSU administration, and the Board of Trustees.

After graduation, he will be working for Parkway Advisory, a company that manages investment portfolios for insurance clients. He is the son of David and Linda Timmermann.

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Cindy Paris, president of Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall, has been named to the 2012 Dallas Business Journal's list of local Women in Business, which recognizes 25 local businesswomen and their contributions to the community, as well as their industry. Paris, who was promoted to president in February, has been with the hospital since its 2007 opening. She previously served as vice president of patient care services/ chief nursing officer. Active in the community, she is chair-elect of the Rockwall Chamber and a Rockwall County Boys & Girls Club board member, as well as a big sister volunteer with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. She and the others named to the list will be recognized June 7 in Irving.

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Rockwall County News

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.

Tea, fashion show planned

Keep the Cup Tea & Fashion Show will be conducted from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 26 at The Well on Main in Royse City. Fashions from several local stores will be featured and delicious desserts will be served. Cost is \$12 per person; proceeds will benefit the museum. Tickets may be purchased at Royse City Hardware, the museum and at several Royse City shops. Call Annie Cornelius, 972-816-9626 for more details.



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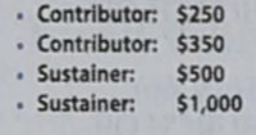
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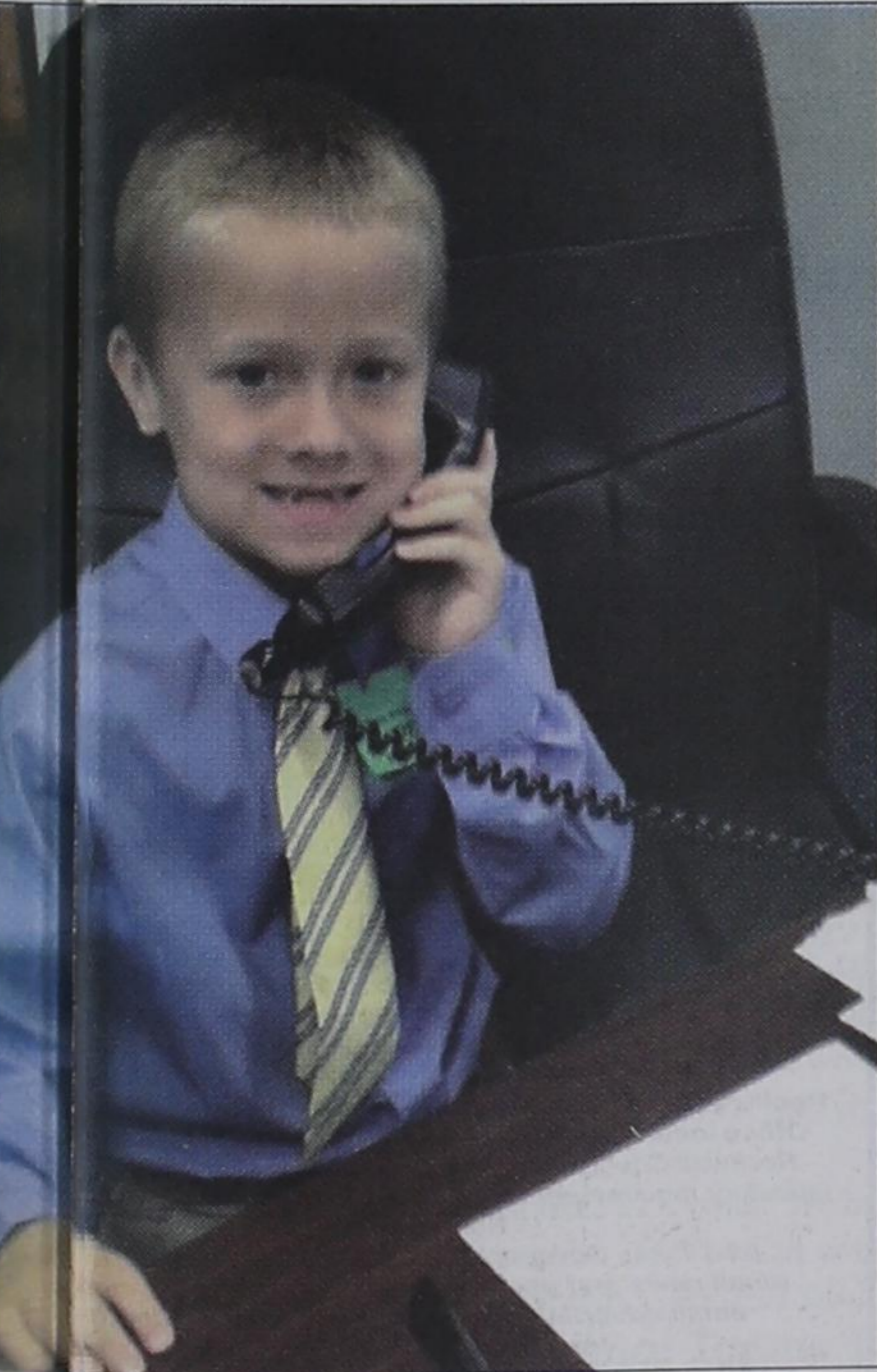
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A.J. Macknall and Haley Hicks, both seventh grade students at W. Williams Middle School, were feted with the Fighting Wildcat Award at the school's recent award ceremony. The Fighting Wildcat Award honors students athletes who compete in three different sports.



Dan Greenlee and Ian Bentley were recognized as the J.W. Williams Middle School eighth grade Fighting Wildcat Award recipients at the school's annual awards ceremony conducted May 10. The Fighting Wildcat Award honors students athletes who compete in three different sports.



Kai O'Neal, a first grade student at Nebbie Williams Elementary, enjoyed a unique opportunity earlier this week as he stepped into the role of Principal for a Day, a privilege he earned through being the top fundraiser in the school's recent walk-a-thon event. O'Neal instantly won over his team of teachers with a huge basket of candy and then accompanied Principal Karen Albright in leading a fire and lockdown drill, followed by classroom walk-throughs. He also wrote notes to some teachers, posted a message on the school's Twitter account, helped with lunch duty and made sure all students worked hard throughout the day.

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PRECINCT 1



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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Jesus Christ prays to his Father...John 17:1-14

After teaching his disciples many things during their walk, Jesus looked up and began to pray to his Father in heaven. The record of his prayer is found in John chapter 17. Not unlike his other recorded prayers, this one is a perfect example for praying to our heavenly Father. Notice the close and personal relationship he had with his Father as reflected in the way he communicated with Him. He started by saying, "Father, the hour is come; glorify Your son, that Your son also may glorify you. As you have given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as You have given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work that You gave me to do. And now, O Father, glorify me with Your own self with the glory which I had with You before the world was" (John 17:1-5).

Jesus knew God's will, and claimed it in prayer. He knew that his Father would back His word. This is why he prayed with such confidence. Notice he did not beg his Father, but instead came to Him with a bold and humble heart ready to receive the promise. "I have manifested Your name unto the men that You gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that whatever You have given me are from You. For I have given unto them the words that You gave me, and they have received them, and have

known surely that I came out from You, and they have believed that I send me" (verses 6-8). Once again he boldly tells his Father what he did. Continuing with verse 9, "I pray for them. I pray not for the world, but for those which You have given me, for they are Yours. And all mine are Yours, and are mine. And I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given me, that they may be one, as we are" (9-11).

Jesus knew that he would soon go to his Father, and his disciples still be in the world. He reminded his Father that they were His, and he only asked Him to guard and protect them so that they might be as he and his Father were one. This means to be one in purpose. Jesus and his Father were one in that Jesus always did his Father's will. "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those who gave me I have kept, and none of them are lost, but the son of perdition. The scripture might be fulfilled. And now I come to You, and these things I say in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given Your word, and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" (verses 12-14).

Jesus prayed as if what was going to happen already happened. Agreed, minded his Father that he guarded all who were his. He prayed that they have the same joy that was in him.

This joy was seen in practice during a recent ball game. Team A was one point with two outs in the seventh and final inning. Both teams were hard with some errors on both sides.

Team A was at bat with runners on second and third base. The player in the bullpen were reeling with excitement and nervousness. Then out of all the cheering one player ask another to pray, who then wisely stated that it was available to pray at the moment. The player began to exhort and encourage others in the bullpen about being strong in the Lord, and finished teaching about 30 seconds.

While the next player was at bat, the player at third base seized a brief moment of opportunity and dashed toward home base. While sliding in, the catcher of Team B was unable to control the ball and Team A suddenly found themselves in extra innings. Both teams dug in hard for three more innings. In the end, Team A won the game.

After the player stole home base, for a brief moment, they could have had a pin drop in the Team A bullpen. They must have known deep down that God was teaching them how they did the right thing by turning to Him.

The fact that the other team lost does not mean that God was against them. It is written in God's word that He is able to exalt whom He will exalt. Christians play against Christians, one side will win and the other will lose. It does mean that every game involves God exalting one side.

In this case, God was able to allow that player to successfully steal home base at just the perfect time so that some of the players might be blessed and rewarded for turning to Him during the absolute most stressful and exciting moment of the game.

God is a patient and loving Father. And our Lord Jesus perfectly demonstrated how to walk with his Father's patience and love toward all people.

In the name of Jesus Christ it is still available today to have perfect joy in our lives!

A Rockwall County News Exclusive

Ask Dr. Danette

by Danette McNew, D.D.S.



GETTING YOURSELF INTO A SCRAP

If you are concerned about bad breath ("halitosis"), you should know that it is caused by malodorous volatile sulfur compounds produced by anaerobic bacteria that live on the back of the tongue and in the recesses of gums. The best way to address this problem, aside from brushing and flossing, involves scraping away accumulations of bacteria causing bacteria with a tongue scraper. While some people may think simply brushing the tongue will do the trick, the fact is that brushing only moves bacteria around on the tongue and allow it continue to live on toothbrush bristles. A dedicated tongue scraper effectively removes waste products on the surface of the tongue and washes up cleanly.

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Precinct 4A: Fair Community Center
(104 S. Crawford St. Fate, TX)
Precinct 4B: Royse City Hall
(305 N. Arch St. Royse City, TX)
Precinct 4C: Ernest Eggs Educational Center
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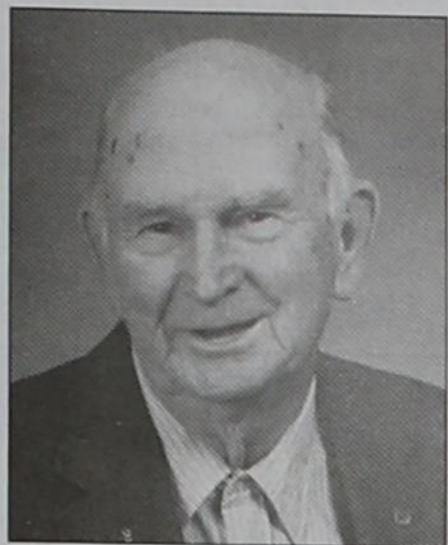
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Rockwall County Obituaries

C.D. Boren



C.D. Boren, 93, of Fate died at 2 p.m. May 12, 2012, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home. Burial followed at the Rest Haven Memorial Park under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home. He was born Dec. 3, 1918, in Rockwall to L. and Iva L. (Maynard) Boren. He worked in the airplane assembly for the Ford Motor Company, retiring in 1975. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge 1000 and the 50 years and received the Trov Award. He was member of the First Baptist Church of Fate.

Survivors include his wife of 73 years, Louise D. (Harper) Boren of Fate; his daughter, Sue Lemons of Rockwall; a daughter-in-law, Gayle; a brother, Austin Boren of Garland; a sister, Hortia of Garland; and 15 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 21 great-great-grandchildren who knew him as PaPa. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Pat Lovell, and her husband, Don; his son, Gerry; his parents; one brother; and four sisters.

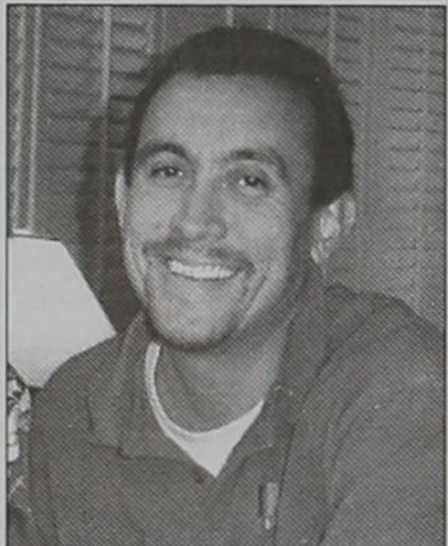
Irma Espinosa



Irma Espinosa, 56, of Rockwall died at 10 a.m. May 12, 2012, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home. Burial was in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. She was born May 27, 1956, in Mexico to Elmer and Maria Eudocia Espinosa. She was a homemaker and a member of the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Mike Espinosa, of Rockwall; her son, Enrique Espinosa, of Rockwall; his wife, Cynthia, of Rockwall; his daughters, Paty Weeks and Christy, of Roysse City and Irma Aguilar of Roysse City; her parents of Rockwall; her brothers, Martin, Raul, Mario, Gabriel and Evaristo Ramirez, all of Rockwall; her sisters, Marianela and Hortencia Ramirez of Mexico, Amelia and Elizabeth of Elvira Ramirez of Mexico; and her grandchildren, Andy Urieta and Alicia Weeks.

Jerry Don Martin



Celebration of life service for Jerry Don Martin, 44, of McKinney was conducted at 11 a.m. May 11, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall with the Rev. Bob Garsee officiating. He died May 8.

Mr. Martin was born July 19, 1967, in Mesquite to Billy and Mirela (Mar) Martin, he was a self-employed owner/operator of Moon Shadow Accessories in Plano. Survivors include his parents of Rockwall; his sister, Melissa Walch, and her husband, Brantley, of Carrollton; his niece, McKenzie Walch; a nephew, Preston Walch; his grandmother, Luella M. of Las Cruces, N.M.; his aunts, Belvis McGee and family, Ima Brown and family, and Leila Brown and family; his uncles, Santiago Marr and family and Fred Marr and family; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Rockwall County News Briefs

Habitat workday planned

The primary work effort at the May 19 Rockwall Habitat for Humanity site will be drywall installation. Volunteers are urged to bring light gloves, a utility knife, a pencil and a tape measure. The work site is located at 304 E. Ross. Work will begin at 8 a.m.

Rockwall Farmer's Market now open

The Rockwall Farmer's Market, sponsored by Friends of Downtown, is now open Saturdays beginning at 8 a.m. 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. The market will be open until noon each Saturday through Sept. 29.

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. Critterman will perform beginning at 10 a.m., followed by Jeanne Lay and the Loose Cannons at 11 a.m.; Jolie Holiday at 1:15 p.m.; Clay McClinton at 4:40 p.m.; and Little River Band at 7 p.m. 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.

RISD plans Memorial Day event

The Rockwall ISD will host its second annual Memorial Day celebration beginning at 7 p.m. May 24 at the RHS Performing Arts Center at Utley, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive (adjacent to the aquatics center). Guests will enjoy historic memorabilia in the building's foyer, and the program will include district-wide band and choir performances. Tribute will be paid to all branches of the armed forces, as well as highlighting RISD families with military ties. The event will be open to the public. For more details call 972-771-0605.

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.

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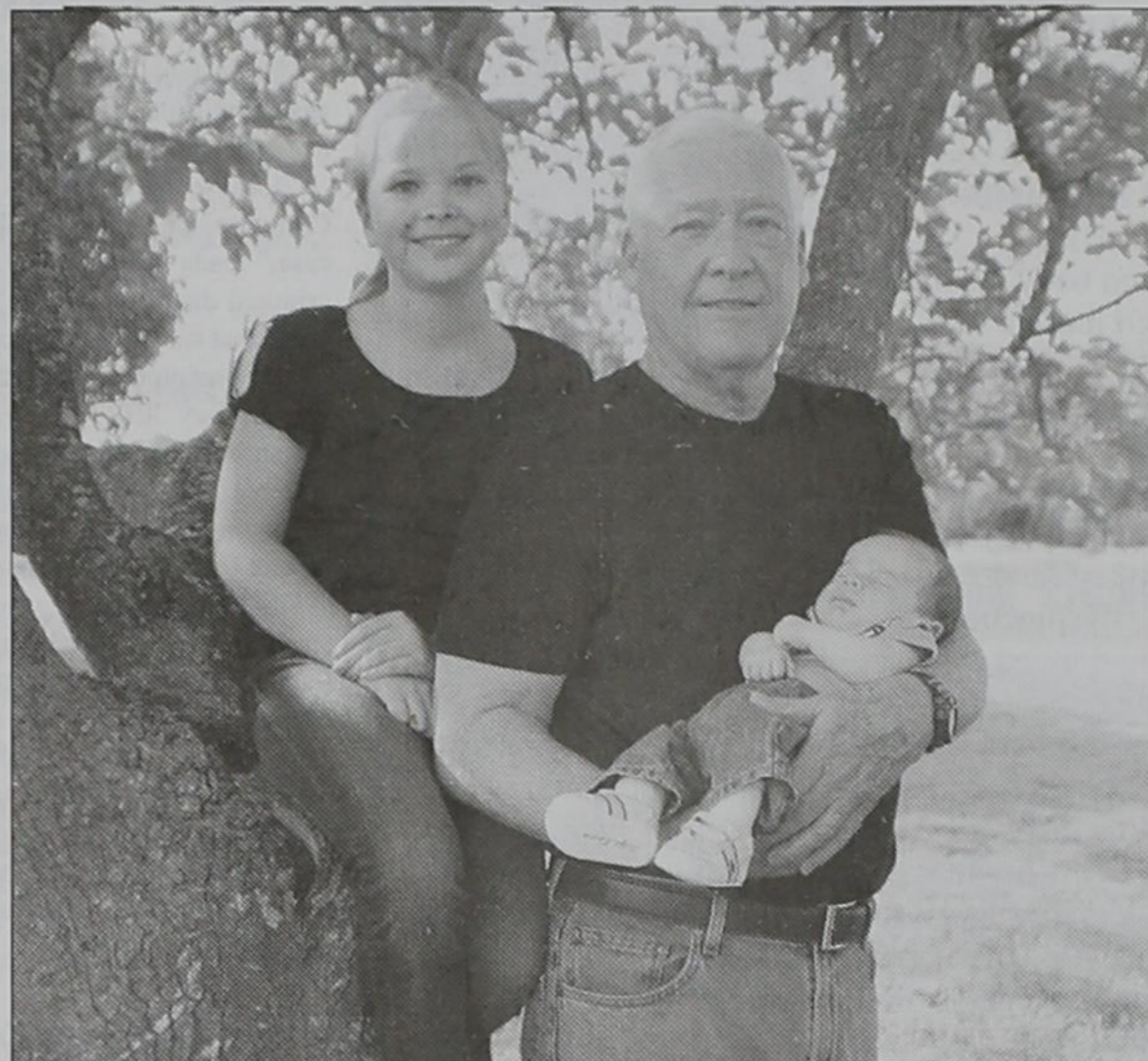
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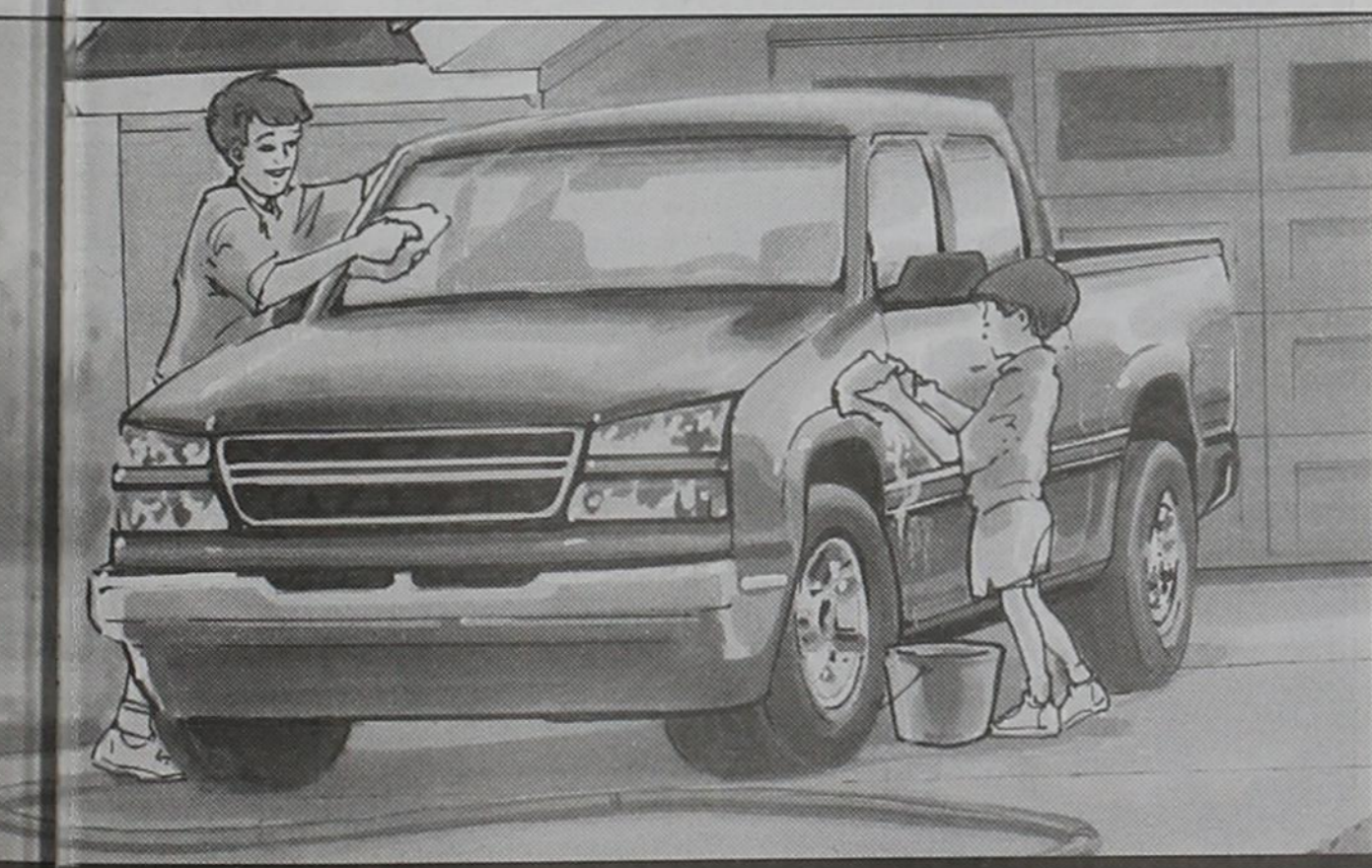
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Voters give thumbs up to several propositions in May 12 city-school election

Voters across the county gave the thumbs up Saturday to several much-debated issues, including the sale of alcohol in Heath, a tax increase in McLendon-Chisholm and two bond proposals in Rockwall. The May 12 Joint Election also seated new members to area city councils and the two school boards.

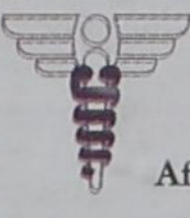
Election results are as follows:
City of Heath
 Special election for the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption:

For: 961, Against: 538
 Mayor: Lorne Liechty, 1,141.
 City Council
 Place 3: Incumbent Julie Zurek, 971; Joan Ream, 404.
 Place 5: Brian Berry, 733; John Curtis, 561.
City of McLendon-Chisholm
 Special election for the adoption of additional sales and use taxes at the rate of one half of one percent to be used to reduce the property tax rate:
 For: 56, Against: 22

Mayor: Incumbent Gary L. Moody, 62.
 City Council
 Place 2: Incumbent Steve Hatfield, 66.
 Place 4: Incumbent Jack Pullen, 62.
City of Rockwall
 City Council
 Place 2: Incumbent Mark Russo, 2,325.
 Place 4: Dennis Lewis, 1,366; Michael Johnston, 908; Freddie Jackson, 358.
 Place 6: Michael Townsend, 2,322; Jonathan Gideon Singh, 371.
Rockwall Bond Propositions
Proposition 1
 \$25.1M Athletic Complex:
 For: 1,162, Against: 2,354
Proposition 2
 \$8.6M Downtown Improvements:
 For: 1,822, Against: 1,710
Proposition 3
 \$1.6M Historic Downtown Fire Protection:
 For: 1,421, Against: 2,083
Proposition 4
 \$4.9M Heritage Park:
 For: 1,265, Against: 2,250
Proposition 5
 \$19.1M Street Improvements, State Road Projects:
 For: 2,049, Against: 1,456
City of Fate
 Mayor: Incumbent Bill

Broderick
 Place 2: Incumbent Steve Bennett, 76.
 Place 5: Charlie Carroll, 227.
Rockwall ISD
 Place 1: Incumbent Chris 3,732.
 Place 2: Incumbent Russ 3,668.
 Place 3: Linda Mitchell, 2,256; Brian Young, 2,054.
 Fuqua, 295.
 Place 4: Eric Fort, 197.
 Place 1: Incumbent Don Palmer, 227.

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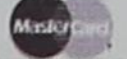

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DA issues statement on flagpole situation

The Rockwall County Criminal District Attorney's Office released a short statement Monday in response to the still-unfolding situation regarding the trio of flagpoles at the new veterans memorial site.

"Because the Rockwall County District Attorney's Office advises the Commissioners Court on this and other matters, we are conflicted out of this case," reads the statement, which bears the name of Kenda Culpepper, the criminal district attorney. "We have already reported to the judicial region judge that we will need a special prosecutor appointed to review the evidence. That prosecutor will determine what, if any, case should be filed."

In January 2012, Rockwall County Commissioner Jerry Wimpee, without the knowledge or consent of the commissioner's court, paid for the middle of three flagpoles at the new county courthouse to be cutdown in size to the same height as the other two poles surrounding it. He then submitted a receipt for \$760 to the county for reimbursement of the charges.

The flagpoles were installed at the courthouse after a design committee spent months researching protocol for the placement of the poles. The flagpoles are situated directly in front of the new Rockwall County Veteran's Memorial on the east side of the courthouse.

Rockwall County Sheriff Harold Eavenson, along with Culpepper, have asked the Texas Rangers to investigate Wimpee's action to see if any laws were broken. That investigation is ongoing.

The statement closed by stating that Culpepper's office will have no further comment on the case pending investigation.

Mitchell Meyers graduates from Lyon College

Mitchell Todd Meyers of Heath graduated May 5 at Lyon College's 140th commencement ceremony in Batesville, Ark.

Meyers received a bachelor of arts degree in history, according to a university news release.



Billy Pringle, principal of J.W. Williams Middle School, shown presenting Bel Martinez and Catherine Ghormley Outstanding 8th Grader Award at the schools May 10 award ceremony. The students were nominated by their teachers for award.
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Thank You ...

My heartfelt thanks to the 404 Heath Citizens who voted for me in the May, City of Heath Election. I ran up against an incumbent who now will have 14 years on the Heath City Council Place 3. This, coupled with her husband's prior 4 years in the same position, totals a mind-boggling 18 years!

In a normal election, my 404 votes would have led me to victory, but I have had a victory of another sort which is perhaps even more important. I believe that numerous conversations and communications with Heath Citizens have opened their eyes and ears to what is really happening in our City. My visits have also revealed how much discontent is out there. Infrastructure failure and road construction frustrations, disappointment with the maintenance and management of Park, and serious concerns as to where our money is really being spent are only a few. People want the City of Heath's management and government more concerned with attracting more residents than taking care of those of us already here.


This disrespect for the quality of life our citizens expect from a City considered to have one of the highest per-capita incomes in all of Texas and albeit nationally, is a wake-up call to those among us who might have erroneously been considered apathetic. After the recent election in which my appointed Poll Watchers reported back to me numerous irregularities and potential violations during the May 12 election. I believe citizens' outrage will replace reputed apathy.

We must not allow the people of Heath to be divided, as attempted by others at our recent Water Tower Logo Change (again) Special City Council Meeting. Most saw through this 5- days before an election - early-morning - meeting for what it was. I was there and voiced my concern that could ignite a divide within our City. We need to come together on issues, not allow ourselves to be divided and conquered.

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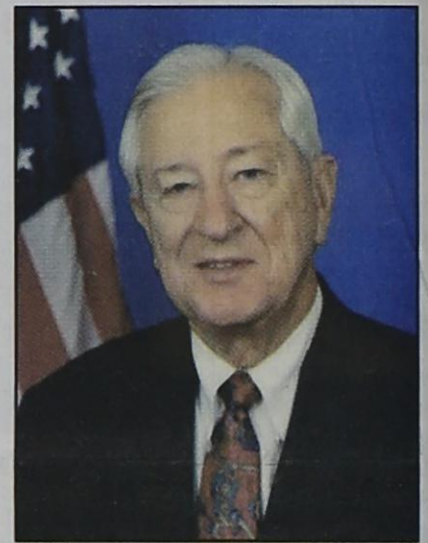
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Sunday, May 13, 2012



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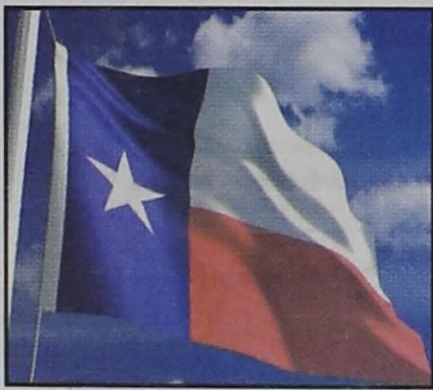
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Rockwall County Sports

Richardson earns Two Gold Medals at State Track Meet



Brianna Richardson, of Rockwall-Heath, leaps to a 40' 5.5" 1st place finish in the Long Jump Friday May 11, during the UIL State Track and Field Championships at the University of Texas' Myers Stadium in Austin.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Lady Hawks' Brianna Richardson hits the sand with graceful poise toward a 1st place finish of 40' 5.5" in the Triple Jump, Friday May 12, during the UIL State Track and Field Championships at University of Texas' Meyers Stadium in Austin.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

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Bailey Wallace gets a bunt for the Lady Jackets, setting up a bases loaded situation during the 7th inning of the Saturday May 12 Regional Quarterfinal playoff game against McKinney, at Allen High School. The Lady Jackets went on to win 6-4 in the 10th inning.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

No. 2 Forney next hurdle for streaking RJS Softball team

A long jump rain shortened Rockwall's Region II-4A Quarterfinal softball playoff from a best-of-3 series to a single game. That didn't stop RJS and McKinney from packing three games' worth of excitement into that one contest Saturday at Allen High School. In a back-and-forth battle that featured plenty of heroic plays and near-misses, the Lady Jackets scored twice in the 10th inning for a 6-4 victory. The Lady Jackets advanced to the Regional Semifinals for the third time in 10 years they are meeting Forney, Texas' second-ranked 4A team, in a best-of-3 series scheduled to begin Thursday at Forney, with the second game at 14th-ranked RJS. If a third game is needed, it would be at noon Saturday at Allen High School. Forney (25-10) and the Lionettes both refused to play on Wednesday night's scheduled first game was rained out. The 10th inning alone was an edge-of-the-seat nail-biter.

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Lady Jackets' senior Carlie Jenkins (left) steals home plate to tie the game at 4-4 in the 7th inning against McKinney, Saturday May 12, during the UIL Regional Quarterfinal playoff game at Allen High School. Jenkins' steal set up the Rockwall team for a 6-4 10th inning victory.

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RHS Lady Jackets spark 7th inning surge for another playoff victory

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RHS finally took its first lead since the third, then held off McKinney in the bottom of the inning.

Senior Ashton Atwell doubled to lead off the 10th and advanced to third base when freshman Haley Baker beat out a bunt for her fourth single of the game. After Baker stole second base, both runners advanced on freshman Kayla Vandergriff's ground out, with Atwell scoring the tie-breaking run. Sharon Maguire then doubled to send Baker home.

"Baker was on fire the entire game," said Lady Jackets head coach Shadie Acosta. "Even the one time she was thrown out, she hit it hard but the third baseman pulled it out."

In the bottom of the 10th, the Lionettes' Alyssa Fontillas was on first base with two out when Jazmine Nelson hit an apparent game-ending grounder to Lady Jackets shortstop Cyndi Bertrand. But Fontillas beat Bertrand to the base. Then it was a showdown between pitcher Vandergriff and pitcher Chelsea Thomas, who already had doubled twice. She hit another fly ball, but RHS' Bailey Wallace caught it for the final out.

"Between innings it got kind of intense," Atwell said. "We all said, 'We've got this.' We put our hearts and souls into it."

The game was the third meeting this season between the District 10-4A rivals. Rockwall appeared headed for an easy third consecutive victory in a row over MHS and 17th in a row overall by taking a 2-0 lead. Atwell tripled and scored on Baker's single in the second inning. In the third, Carlie Jenkins lined a triple and raced home when Lionettes center fielder Courtney Derrick's throw went wild.

McKinney rallied for a 3-2 lead with three runs in the bottom of the third. RHS tied the score 3-3 in the fifth on a double by Bertrand, who also had four hits, and Wallace's single. One of Thomas' doubles gave the Lionettes the lead again later that inning.

The Lady Jackets loaded the bases with no outs in the seventh, but still trailed with two out when the count went to two balls, two strikes on Baker. Thomas' wild pitch allowed Jenkins to score from third base.

Vandergriff, who scattered 12 hits in the game, kept McKinney from scoring over the final five innings. MHS left 11 runners on base, including the bases loaded twice, during those innings and 16 for the game.

Rockwall had 14 hits, and left 11 runners on base. Acosta said, "We've hit their pitcher but this time we struggled. We couldn't come through in the clutch."

The seventh inning ended with Vandergriff striking out Sarah Appleby with the bases loaded. With two Lionettes on base on no outs in the eighth, Stormy Herrera caught a line drive and threw to first base for a double play. In the ninth, McKinney loaded the bases with no outs. Vandergriff struck out pinch hitter Megan Rivero, caught a ground ball and retired a runner at home plate for the second out and grabbed Krissy Fontillas' grounder and threw her out to keep the Lady Jackets alive.

"They had the bases loaded, but Kayla was not letting it happen," Acosta said. "She took care of them all herself. She did not show nerves, even in the district games. The younger players were playing to keep the seniors' careers alive."

Atwell said she wasn't surprised by the freshman pitcher's concentration. The first baseman said, "Our underclassmen are just as good, just as skilled as our seniors. When we're on the field, we don't think about 'She's just a freshman or a sophomore.'"

She is one of four four-year starters (with Jenkins, Bertrand and center fielder Kennedy Harrison) who are in the Regional Semifinals for the third time. They have never — in fact, no RHS has ever — advanced beyond that round of 16 survivors.

Said Atwell, "It means a lot. We're so excited we're going back. We're hoping for the fifth (Regional Final) round."

Lady Hawks' Richardson wins 2nd and 3rd state titles

Brianna Richardson's standout track and field career at Rockwall-Heath came to a triumphant close Friday, May 11, when she won state championships in both the triple jump and long jump.

The senior, who also ran relays and played basketball for the Lady Hawks, placed first in the 4A State Championships' triple jump for the second time. Last year, Richardson had won the triple jump and finished second in the long jump.

In both of this year's events, she led from her first attempt. Her top three jumps in each event were longer than any other athlete's best.

On her first of six triple jumps Friday afternoon, Richardson soared 40 feet, 3 1/2 inches. Her third attempt was 40-4 1/2 and the last was the best of all — 40 5/8. Mesquite Poteet's Lauren Nwegbo was second at 39-1 3/4.

In that morning's long jump, Richardson went 18-10 1/2. Her first attempt was 18-7, and also had an 18-6 3/4 measurement. She had been seeded second

in the event behind Pearland Dawson's Porsha Thomas, who placed second at 18-4 1/4.

Richardson's performance by itself produced 20 points, enough for Rockwall-Heath to tie for seventh among 58 teams scoring at the state meet.

During this season, she won the triple jump and long jump in every meet except for the Texas Relays. At the University of Texas' Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin, where the State Championships also were held, Richardson placed second in the Texas Relays triple jump and fourth in the long jump.

Her triple jump of 42-0 at the Texas Relays was the third-longest this year by any high school girl in the United States. That was one of six times this year, and nine times over the last three seasons, that Richardson has exceeded 41 feet.

Hawks hammer Wilson, advance to meet Centennial

By Lary Bump

Only the weather could stop Rockwall-Heath's baseball team last weekend, and even that halt was only temporary.

In a game that was suspended Friday, May 11, because of lightning and rain and completed the next afternoon, RHHS downed Dallas Woodrow Wilson 10-0 in an Area playoff at The Colony's Cougar Field.

The Hawks (28-8) have reached the Region II-4A Quarterfinals for the fourth consecutive year. They were scheduled to play the first game of a best-of-3 series at home Thursday, then go to opponent Frisco Centennial's home field for a 7:30 p.m. game Friday. A third game, if needed, would be at 1 p.m. Saturday at McKinney Boyd.

Rockwall-Heath and Wilson had been scheduled to play a best-of-3 series. But because UIL rules wouldn't allow them to complete three games in one day (Saturday), the Hawks and Wildcats played just a one-game playoff.

The highlight for Woodrow Wilson came in the top of the first inning, when its second and third batters singled to put two runners on base with one out. RHHS starting pitcher Jovan Hernandez then retired the next two batters. The Wildcats didn't have another hit in the game.

RHHS head coach Greg Harvey said, "Sometimes when Jovan gives up hits early, that challenges him because he realizes he's got to do a little better."

After that, it was almost no contest. The first three Hawks reached base and scored in the first inning. RHHS added two runs in the second and two

in the third for an 8-0 lead when the game was suspended.

The next day, Jake Thompson pitched 1 1/3 hitless innings, and the Hawks scored twice in the bottom of the fifth to end the game because of the 10-run mercy rule.

Even when Hawks leadoff batter Jake Baxter struck out in the first, he reached base when the third strike eluded Wilson's catcher. Hernandez then singled and Thompson walked to load the bases. Timbo Duncan's sacrifice fly drove in the first run. Jake Bledsoe singled for two more runs and scored on Grayson Lewis' triple.

Thompson bashed a two-run homer, and a passed ball and Baxter's single produced the two third-inning runs.

Harvey said, "They were struggling to throw strikes, and we had a few big hits."

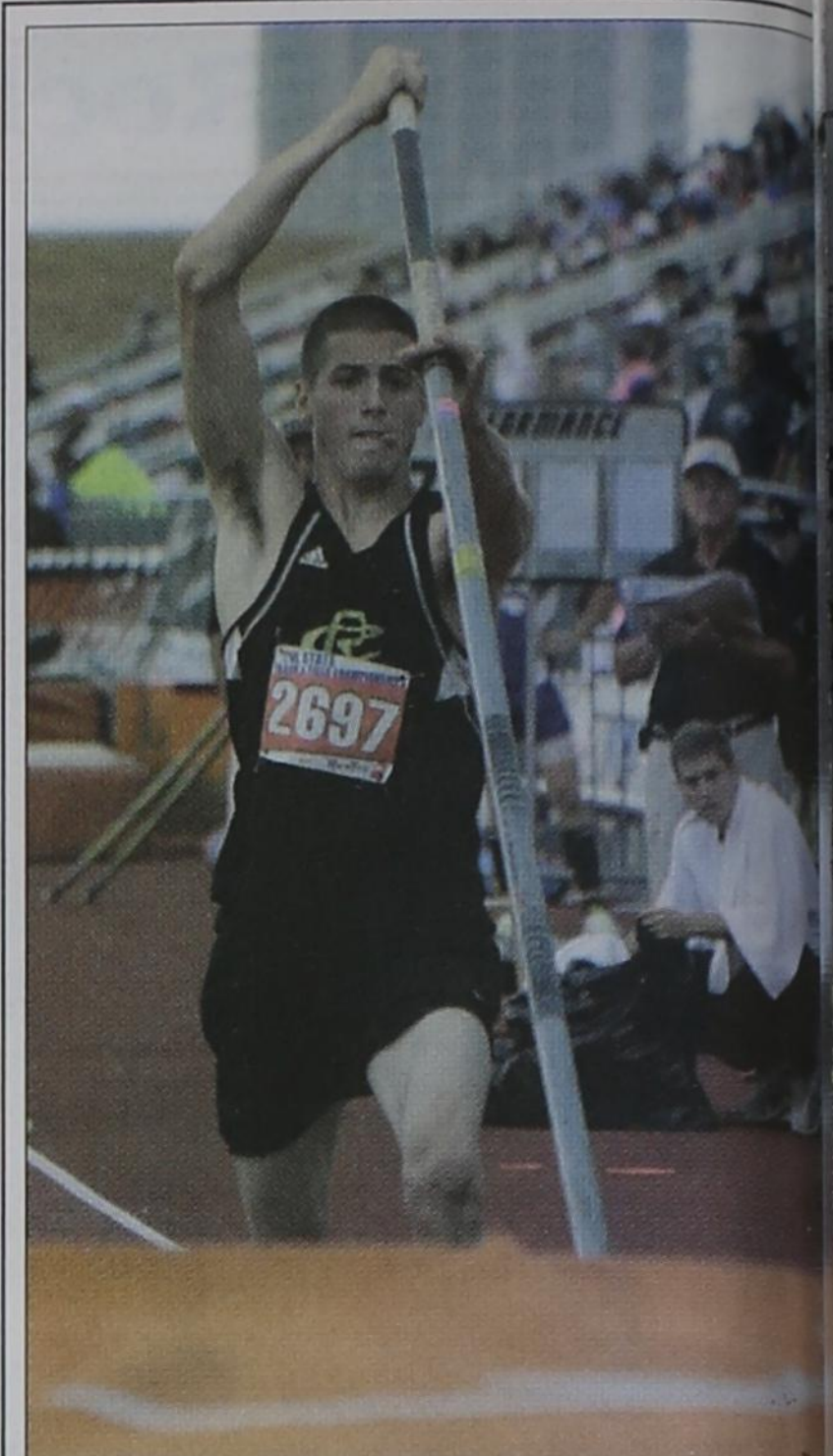
The Hawks face a tougher challenge from Centennial (25-7-1), which has won all four of its playoff games over Rockwall and Dallas Hillcrest.

"We'll have to play some of our best baseball," Harvey said. "Centennial is a quality team, and they're playing very well right now. They're hitting better than they have all year."

Even so, he said, "I don't ever think people are going to score much against our pitching. Our top three pitchers (Hernandez, Thompson and Baxter), that's what they have done all year."

Though RHHS played just five of a possible 21 innings last weekend, Harvey said he was pleased that both Hernandez and Thompson were able to pitch. "We wanted to play two of three for that reason, so they all could pitch."

In trying to reach the Regional Semifinals for the fourth consecutive year, the Hawks will be without center fielder Austin Stewart, who suffered a broken right pinky finger in the Bi-District playoff against Frisco. R.J. Williams is playing center field in Stewart's absence.



Royse City's Joseph Beck competes in the Pole Vault event Friday May 12, during the UIL State Track and Field Meet at University of Texas' Meyers Stadium in Austin. Beck finished 5th place with a height of 15 feet. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Royse City's Ulisses Lopez holds the lead during the first lap of the 800M run, Friday May 12, during the UIL State Track and Field Meet at University of Texas' Meyers Stadium in Austin. Lopez's time of 1:55.83 scored the runner a 5th place finish in the race. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

RCA finishes another championship season

In 2007, Rockwall Christian Academy defeated Lake Jackson Brazosport Christian for the TAPPS 2A baseball state championship.

This year, the teams met in the TAPPS 1A/2A State Semifinals, where roles were reversed. Brazosport shut down RCA's offense and handed pitcher John Edwards a rare defeat in a 5-0 victory Friday, May 11. Brazosport went on the next day to defeat defending champion Shiner Paul by the same score for the Eagles' first state title.

RCA entered the semifinals off a game when the TAPPS District 2-1A champions defeated Tomball The Woodlands Preparatory School 22-0. Warriors (15-5) managed just four hits to six for Brazosport, which played errorless defense.

Opera" to first place in the A Fleet. Following Self across the line

Robert Williams, second in "Hotter Tuna"; Chris Hunke, third in "Jeff Willis, fourth in "Cutting Up"; Kathy Kuipers, fifth in "Rij Jij of R"; and David Carter, sixth in "Geronimo."

In the B Fleet, Robert Cummings won in "Dulcinea." Cummings and second-place "Wings," skipped by Mike Jones, and Keelan Manuel, in "Joint Venture."

Geyman named district softball MVP

District Most Valuable Player Jenna Geyman led a group of 10 Rockwall Christian Academy softball players on the TAPPS District 2-1A/2A District team.

Joining the senior pitcher on the first team were shortstop Rylee McMillan and third baseman Erika Mendoza, both juniors, and freshman catcher Madeline Schroefer.

Lady Eagles on the All-District second team were second baseman Anna Points and right fielder Victoria Engle, both seniors; junior first baseman Taylor Powers, and freshman left fielder Micalah Hawkins.


Receiving Honorable Mention were two outfielders, sophomore Keaton Harvey and freshman Haley Pettit.

HCA finished second in the district, losing a playoff for first place to being tied at the end of regular-season play. The Lady Eagles advanced to the Regional playoffs, where they lost to eventual state champion Shiner Paul Catholic High School.

High school scores-results

- Rockwall County high school varsity results, May 9-15
- Baseball
 - Lake Jackson Brazosport Christian 5, Rockwall Christian Academy 0
 - Rockwall-Heath 10, Dallas Woodrow Wilson 0
- Softball
 - Rockwall 6, McKinney 4, 10 innings
 - Boys' track and field
 - 4A State Championships (62 teams)
 - Royse City 3.5 (48th)
 - Girls' track and field
 - 4A State Championships (58 teams)
 - Rockwall-Heath 20 (tied for 7th)

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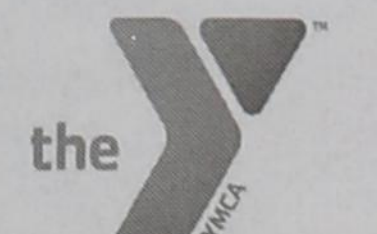
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Rockwall County Sports

Rockwall County Sports Schedule

Rockwall High School Yellowjackets
 May 18 – Football: home for spring game, Rockwall High School, 7:30 p.m.
 May 19 – Football: home for Region II-4A Semifinal Game 2 vs. Forney, 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks
 May 18 – Varsity baseball: at Region II-4A Quarterfinal Game 2 at Heath, 7:30 p.m.
 May 22 – Football: home for spring game, Rockwall-Heath High School, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday May 19
 Rockwall-Heath baseball needs a third game, it would play at 1 p.m. at Heath.

Rockwall County Sports Notes

Students, faculty to Hoop it Up May 18
 Cain Middle School eighth grade boys and girls basketball athletes will square off against faculty members beginning at 2:45 p.m. May 18 in the school gym in a Hoopin' it Up benefit for Helping Hands. Admission to the game will cost \$2 or one of the following items: cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned meat, spaghetti sauce, pasta, helper dinners (tuna, hamburger or chicken), Chef Boyardee products, crackers, chili, sugar, flour, shampoo, toothpaste, dish soap, diapers (sizes 3-6) or laundry detergent.

A&M Club plans benefit tournament
 The Rockwall County A&M Club will host its 25th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on May 18 at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club in Rockwall. Proceeds from the tournament will fund the club's numerous scholarships awarded to local students attending Texas A&M. The club awards

scholarships annually to one graduating senior from Rockwall High and Rockwall-Heath High School, along with several scholarships to returning A&M students. The tournament will begin with a 1 p.m. shotgun start, with putting and chipping contests prior to the start. Entry fee includes 18 holes, cart rental, driving range, lunch, dinner, keg beer, sodas, water and gifts. Register online or show support by visiting rockwallaggies.com.

Benefit golf tourney set May 19
 Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall will host its 3rd Annual Golf Tournament on May 19 at The Tribute at The Colony, 1000 Lebanon Road. A 1:30 p.m. shotgun start is planned. The event will benefit the Rockwall County Boys & Girls Club. For more details contact Nikki Nutschler at 469-698-1518 or email nikki.nutschler@phtexas.com.

June 8 tourney to benefit MOW
 The Rockwall County Meals on Wheels program will benefit from the June 8 Golf Classic at Buffalo Creek Golf Club. Various levels of sponsorship and participation are available. The tournament will include men's and women's brackets, prizes, mulligans, raffles and a free dinner. Register online at rockwallmow.com or call 972-771-9514.

Golf Classic set June 18
 The Rockwall County Young Life 13th Annual Golf Classic is scheduled for June 18 at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club. For more details, contact Sue Almond at 972-772-2212 or email almond.family@gmail.com.

RHS schools' spring football games this week

Spring sports are nearing the end of their season, and that includes football. Rockwall High School will complete its spring practices Friday with the Orange game at the RHS field. The junior varsity's intrasquad game is scheduled for 6 p.m., with the varsity game at 7:30 p.m. Rockwall-Heath's spring game is scheduled for Tuesday at RHHS, with the junior varsity game at 6 p.m. and varsity at 7 p.m. Rockwall-Heath did not schedule a spring game this year.

Rockwall County's private schools, The Fulton School is finishing its spring practices Friday. Rockwall Christian Academy, which reached the TAPPS 1A/2A Semifinals, began practice on Friday through Friday, May 25.

Rockwall's head coach Scott Smith said his team has used spring practices to install a new 4-3 base defense and to concentrate on athletes' offense or defense, but not both as in the past two seasons. Smith said the team's talent and numbers — with 85 players from just this year's freshman and junior classes — are high enough to maintain a competitive edge.

McKnight named District Newcomer of the Year
 Rockwall's McKnight, who joined the Rockwall girls' soccer team last year, was named the District 21-4A Newcomer of the Year for this season. McKnight is one of 14 players from the district-champion Lady Jackets who were named to the district honors.

McKnight played both ends of the field at Rockwall. She was a defender, and she was a forward. She was named to the team along with Miranda Larkin, defenders Berkley Talley and Kayla Smith and Bethany Schomin and forward Sarah Salom and Avery Talley, midfielder Maddie Bertrand and forward Savannah Warnick were named to the All-District second team. Honorable Mention were Makaela deLaura, Nicole Myers and Wally

separate offensive and defensive platoons.

RHS' state-champion girls' gymnastics team and cheerleaders will be honored, and the Stingerettes will perform. In case of inclement weather, the activities would move inside the Mickey Florence Multi-Purpose Facility.

The Hawks have a new offensive coordinator, Bo Wasurick (formerly at Flower Mound) installing a new offense. Head coach Mickey Moss said, "We'll have changes in our passing game, with more Spread formations."

The RISD schools will be represented in 7-on-7 football leagues beginning next month.

Hierholzer, Coach Duran receive district highest honors
 Rockwall-Heath's Ashton Hierholzer has been named the District 21-4A Defensive Player of the Year and girls' soccer coach Marco Duran has received the district's Coach of the Year award for this season.


Hierholzer, a junior, is the Lady Hawks' goalkeeper. She has committed verbally to play college soccer at Oklahoma State University. Hierholzer is one of 11 RHHS players receiving All-District honors.

Defender Taryn Wheeler, midfielder Erin Moses and high-scoring forward Cori Kelly joined Hierholzer on the All-District 21-4A first team.

On the second team are defender Sutton Mills, midfielders Brittany Buchanan and Bailey Bacon and forward Lindsey Gardner.

Honorable Mention went to Bailey Hierholzer, Baileigh Millender and Molly Nelson.

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Opinions

When will Obama evolve on Drug War?

Sheldon Richman
 The lead during the 2008 election was Obama's endorsement of legalization. One hopes his position on the "war on drugs" is evolving.

Obama is not a war on drugs person, most of whom have committed violence or other aggression against person or property. Obama and other enlightened leaders so enthusiastically support the war on drugs — precisely because they are illegal. The activity, and the violence goes away.

Obama did a natural experiment in this principle: Prohibition. When prohibition was in place, the manufacture and sale of alcohol were made illegal by constitutional amendment in 1920, booze didn't disappear from society. It simply went underground. It was dominated by those with a comparative advantage in the underground market. Prohibition brought alcohol into the legitimate market and was regulated and licensed. The violence related to the manufacture and sale of alcohol went away.

Prohibition was not an argument against decriminalization. It's an argument for decriminalization. It's an argument that an unconscionably high percentage of the American population is in prison. We can thank the government's persecution of people for that shameful fact. It is also increasingly understood

that militarized police drug raids terrorize people every day, often killing individuals who were not even intended as targets. The American people should demand that this systematic oppression be stopped. The police have become the enemy of Americans, mostly but not exclusively members of minority communities.

The raids that end in death at least make the headlines and perhaps upset people for a short while. But another part of the war on drug commerce gets less attention. When consenting people buy and sell drugs, there is no victim to complain. So to make arrests, police need to trap people — many of them young — in drug transactions and then threaten them with long jail terms unless they become informants. Many take these deals — against their deepest beliefs — for fear of having their lives destroyed by felony convictions and time in the hell holes we call prisons. They proceed to set up drug deals with friends and family members just so they can produce cases for the cops and leniency for themselves.

Can there be a worse indictment of the sadistic government crusade against drugs? What possible good is done by police blackmailing the most vulnerable, even helpless, people into informing on others? Cooperation with the police under these circumstances, despite the duress, is morally wrong — but we must first condemn the police — and politicians who back them — for putting people in this situation. What kind of society is this? It does not deserve to be called humane.

But drugs are dangerous, people say. It's about time this empty slogan was thrown on the trash heap. Illegal drugs are not illegal because they are dangerous. Other substances that can be used in harmful ways — most obviously alcohol — are legal. Many legal activities that people love to engage in are highly dangerous. Certain drugs have been singled out for prohibition historically not because they are especially dangerous but because they were associated with minority communities. The story of the "drug war" is not of a humane effort to create a healthy, safe society. It's a story of persecution and control — and of tax-funded largess for law enforcement and the "drug-rehabilitation" industry.

Politicians in Latin America are beginning to understand that the drug wars are tearing their countries apart and would end overnight if the drug industry were decriminalized. No one would be more opposed to decriminalization than the drug lords, because they'd lose their de facto monopolies.

But who patronizingly insists that Latin America stay with its destructive policy? President Obama and his secretary of state, Hillary Clinton. They would rather see the violence continue and spill over into the United States than admit they are wrong.

No drug could do even a tiny fraction of the damage that the drug war does. Mr. Obama, when will your position evolve?

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) and editor of The Freeman magazine.

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

Politicians need some common courtesy
 Common courtesy is something politicians who hope to be reelected should have. Barring that, it would be helpful for the county judge to read the election code before he blames election judges and clerks of both parties for election office of dilatory tactics as he did on election night the county election office.

It is "old business." I want to know which Rockwall city officials were on the trips to China. Was taxpayer money used? If not, why were they sworn to secrecy about "their adventure?"

Why are bishops challenging Girl Scouts?
 The USCCB get to tell the GSUSA what to do? By what authority? Girl Scouts are not under the jurisdiction of the Roman Catholic Church, their program materials and associations are not subject to the church's jurisdiction. The Girl Scouts are a secular organization that encourages religious independence in girls (regardless of religious belief or sexual

orientation), which is why the bishops have a problem with them. The bishops prefer that girls be taught to keep their place: under the thumb of a man or on the lap of a priest. That these monumentally arrogant, misogynistic hypocrites dare to open their mouths about the so-called morality of anyone else makes my blood boil.

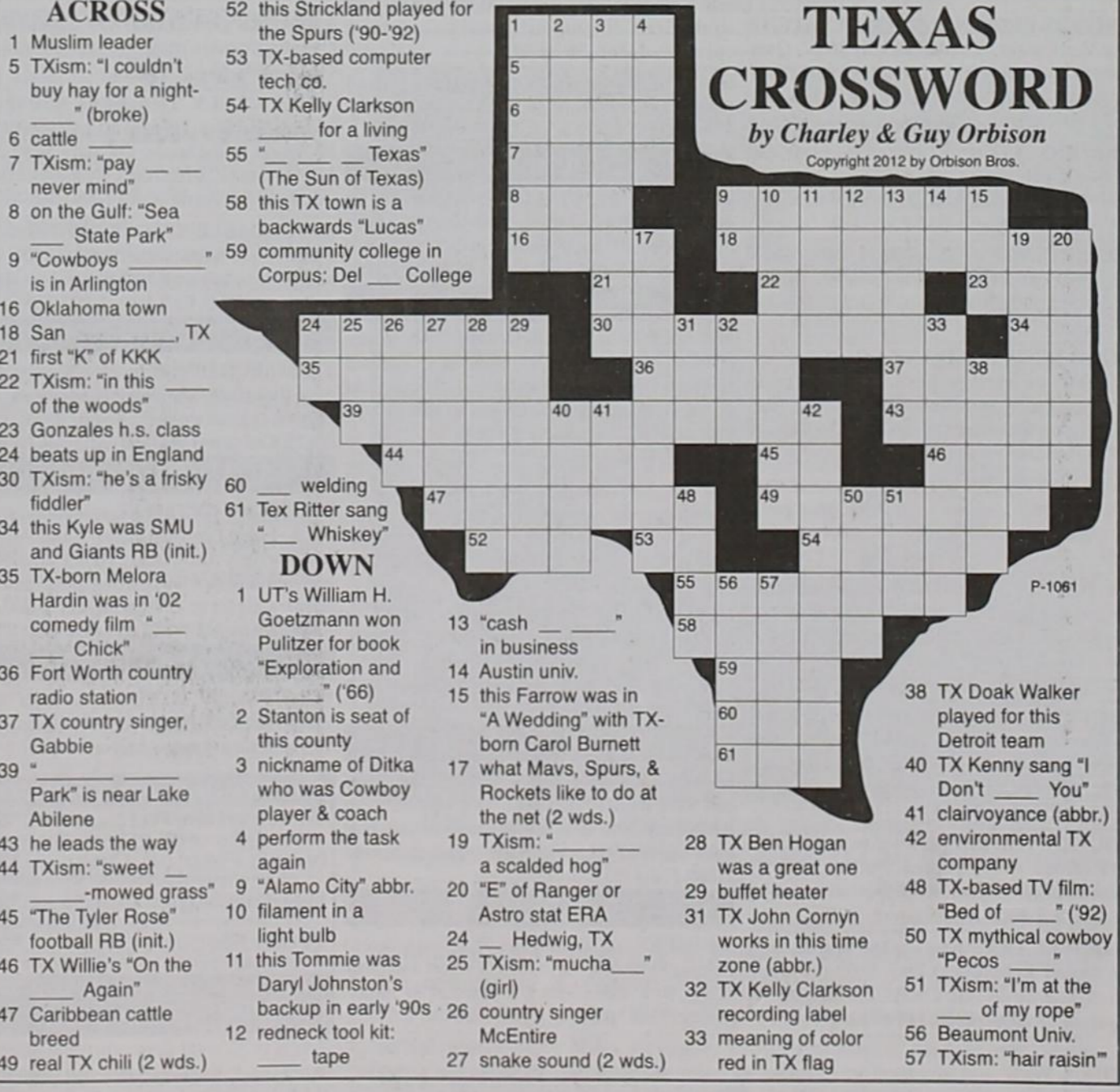
If individual Catholic parents are dissatisfied with their Girl Scout troop's programs, they can always drop out and join American Heritage Girls, where they'll never have to worry about their daughters being encouraged to do anything other than marrying, reproducing and submitting. But since the vast majority of Catholics these days disregard just about everything the bishops have to say regarding human sexuality and women's roles in society, I think most Catholic parents will stick with the Girl Scouts.

According to the AP article, the Girl Scouts have already tried placating the bishops. This is a mistake and I hope the GSUSA will stop kowtowing to the world's largest pedophile protection ring. The entire hierarchy of the Catholic Church is male, with nuns at the bottom of the totem pole, expected to do the bidding of their "betters." The Catholic Church will never really support the Girl Scouts because it does not acknowledge the legitimacy of female leadership or equality.

Terry Adkins, Rockwall

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ACROSS

1 Muslim leader

5 TXism: "I couldn't buy hay for a night..." (broke)

6 cattle

7 TXism: "pay _____ never mind"

8 on the Gulf: "Sea _____ State Park"

9 "Cowboys _____ is in Arlington"

16 Oklahoma town

18 San _____ TX

21 first "K" of KKK

22 TXism: "in this _____ of the woods"

23 Gonzales h.s. class

24 beats up in England

30 TXism: "he's a frisky fiddler"

34 this Kyle was SMU and Giants RB (init.)

35 TX-born Melora Hardin was in '02 comedy film "_____ Chick"

36 Fort Worth country radio station

37 TX country singer, Gabbie _____

39 _____ Park" is near Lake Abilene

43 he leads the way

44 TXism: "sweet _____-mowed grass"

45 "The Tyler Rose" football RB (init.)

46 TX Willie's "On the _____ Again"

47 Caribbean cattle breed

49 real TX chili (2 wds.)

DOWN

1 UT's William H. Goetzmann won Pulitzer for book "Exploration and _____" ('66)

2 Stanton is seat of this county

3 nickname of Dika who was Cowboy player & coach

4 perform the task again

9 "Alamo City" abbr.

10 filament in a light bulb

11 this Tommie was Daryl Johnston's backup in early '90s

12 redneck tool kit: _____ tape

52 this Strickland played for the Spurs ('90-'92)

53 TX-based computer tech co.

54 TX Kelly Clarkson _____ for a living

55 "_____ Texas" (The Sun of Texas)

58 this TX town is a backwards "Lucas"

59 community college in Corpus: Del _____ College

60 _____ welding

61 Tex Ritter sang "_____ Whiskey"

13 "cash _____" in business

14 Austin Univ.

15 this Farrow was in "A Wedding" with TX-born Carol Burnett

17 what Mavs, Spurs, & Rockets like to do at the net (2 wds.)

19 TXism: "_____ a scalded hog"

20 "E" of Ranger or Astro stat ERA

24 _____ Hedwig, TX

25 TXism: "mucha _____" (girl)

26 country singer McEntire

27 snake sound (2 wds.)

28 TX Ben Hogan was a great one

29 buffet heater

31 TX John Cornyn works in this time zone (abbr.)

32 TX Kelly Clarkson recording label

33 meaning of color red in TX flag

38 TX Doak Walker played for this Detroit team

40 TX Kenny sang "I Don't _____ You"

41 clairvoyance (abbr.)

42 environmental TX company

48 TX-based TV film: "Bed of _____" ('92)

50 TX mythical cowboy "Pecos _____"

51 TXism: "I'm at the _____ of my rope"

56 Beaumont Univ.

57 TXism: "hair raisin"

Several area residents were recognized May 4 as part of the Older Americans Day awards ceremony conducted at the Rockwall County Library by the Rockwall County Committee on Aging. Those recognized were nominated for their community support and involvement and volunteer service. Pictured are Tom Kirsch, Chuck Bealmear, Liz Tartar, Ariana Hargrove, Brenda Cross, David Sweet, Congressman Ralph Hall, Darwin Whiteside, Cheryl & James Burzynski, Adele Hoofnagle, Kathy Davis, Patty Mugge, Donald Corn Sr, Wayne Browning, Donald Corn Jr., Greg Blair, Jay Broderick, Morris Baggett, Roy Hance, Garry McAllister, Boots Tolan and Joe Loftis. Not pictured are Billy Stevenson, Sherry and Robby McMillan and Sherry Hamm. To get involved in the RCCOA or volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program, call 972-771-9514 or email rockwallmow@hotmail.com.

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A brief statement of the facts of this suit is as follows: TERMINATION & ADOPTION.

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The first public hearing will be held at **6:00 p.m.** on Monday, June 4, 2012, in the City Council Chambers.

The second public hearing will be held at **6:30 p.m.** on Monday, June 4, 2012, in the City Council Chambers.

A2012-001
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Matthew Geisinger on behalf of Ridge Church for annexation of a 7.025 acre tract, located at 1362 East FM 552 within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction) of the City of Rockwall and contiguous to the existing city line, specifically described by metes and bounds as follows:

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This Week in Heath

FUMC-Heath warms up for annual Praise in the Park

By Nancy Decha
The First United Methodist Church of Heath is ready to sing praise from the hills. But with nary a hill on the gentle plains of Heath, the city will be a fine substitute.

The 20th marks the third annual Praise in the Park celebration for the congregation and the whole town is invited to sing along. The event is a worship service with live music, activities and food. Bring your lawn chairs and be ready to warm up your vocal chords. The festivities will be held at the Town Center Park, behind city hall. The 382nd District's activities begin at 4 p.m., followed by praise and worship at 4:45 p.m.

This year's event is special because the church will be honoring Heath civil servants including a special tribute to our Heath city workers and their families. Heath civil servants and their families have been invited. The church is showing their appreciation with the presentation of a plaque to each in their honor as a thank you for all they do for our community. Burgers, hotdogs, chips, watermelon and bottled water will be served.

The church is also presenting a special praise service led by FUMC pastor Scott Holcomb-McLain and director of music ministries Isiak. The service will be held at 4:45 p.m. on Monday, May 21. Pastor Holcomb-McLain was recently reappointed to FUMC of Van Alstyne, for the year ending at the end of June. He has served FUMC Heath for more than five years. This will be his last year in his 23 years of service. Dean Libby, currently the pastor of FUMC White Falls, will take them helm come July 1.

The good folks of FUMC Heath invite you all to attend and join together in praise and appreciation. I can imagine that with this event near the end of Holcomb-McLain's tenure with the church, this could be a spirited – and perhaps emotional – celebration of love, faith and family.

Rock is the Heath community correspondent to the Rockwall County News. To share your news and events about Heath, email her at rcn.decha@gmail.com or call (214) 771-1035.



First United Methodist Church of Heath pastor Scott Holcomb-McLain, front left, is shown leading the worship team at last year's second annual Praise in the Park event. The third annual event, which will be open to the community, is set for May 20. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

A look back at Rockwall history, Part 2: Shows on the Square, Friday night football, and school with icons of Rockwall education

by Johnetta Davis Pritchett
Editor's note: This is Part 2 of early Rockwall memories shared by Mrs. Johnetta Davis Pritchett, a descendent of original Rockwall pioneering families. We thank Mrs. Pritchett for this wonderful look back at a more simple time in our town's history.

One of the grandest moments of my life was when my brother and I won the costume contest at the Rockwall Centennial Celebration. We looked about as "pioneer" as you could get with my barefoot brother wearing his coonskin hat and overalls, carrying his shotgun, and leadin' his huntin' dawg. I wore a calico dress, had long pigtails and carried a basket with kittens in it. I sure didn't take us long to spend that \$10 prize.

The whole town was abuzz. Everywhere you looked, the pioneer spirit was alive in costumes, events, competition, and celebration. There was a carnival atmosphere, complete with rides, games and food. It was just about more than my little heart could stand when we were honored in the parade. What a day!

When time came for me to start school, I was anxious. There was no kindergarten in Rockwall. I had learned to write my first name with a stick in the dirt, but when handed a piece of paper with my last name on it I had to ask what it said.

First grade was difficult and the transition of leaving mother all day might have been disastrous had it not been for a lovely lady, Mrs. Amy Parks. More than once she held me in her lap as I choked back the tears. I remember when our class was to perform at the local PTA and each of us had to portray a nursery rhyme character. There were no more female roles; I, of course, had to be Jack Be Nimble. The pigtailed were tucked under my hat.

At some point in the second grade, it all began to click and I couldn't wait to get to school each day. With the help of another wonderful teacher, Mrs. Dorothy Pullen, learning became very important to me.

Walking to school taught me to appreciate the changing seasons, to observe folks along the way, and best of all, to satisfy my ever-growing curiosity about this busy little hive called Rockwall. There was always something to catch my attention. Several routes allowed me to keep an eye on things.

In the spring, I liked to stop at the post office on the north side of the square to hear the peeps of baby chickens shipped to the townsfolk. I usually avoided the side walk in front of Harvey Sanders café. My stomach stuck to my backbone when I smelled the hamburgers and chili wafting from the orange colored oasis. Dreams of a future prince charming hypnotized me as I stared at the jewelry store window, next to the barbershop. For two blocks past the saddle and leather shop, I was Dale Evans, Queen of the Cowgirls.

The ol' west faded to intrigue as I approached the glow coming from the darkness of the blacksmith shop. It became obvious that the place got its name from a man named Smith whose face was always black. On towards home and the sounds of organ music from the Presbyterian Church conjured up the "Phantom of the Opera." Another exciting adventure soon came to an end as I approached home and my daily chores.

The '40s and the '50s in Rockwall were the best for me. Ours was a close-knit little town. Just about everybody knew everybody else. We still used sidewalks and the town square provided just about anything you required.

The "show" was located where Community Bank now stands. A Saturday with Tarzan, Hop-A-Long or Roy and Dale, was 25 cents. This included popcorn, a favorite of the local rodents, who also anticipated Roy and Dale. If anyone remembers an incident involving Sweet Garrett Snuff showering down from the theatre fan, you can take that up with my brother, Granville. The adults sat on the square and exchanged all the latest news while the kids played. Norman Rockwell couldn't have painted a better example of Americana than Rockwall at Christmas. The courthouse was decorated with big blue light bulbs spelling out Merry X-Mas (guess we didn't have enough bulbs for Christ). All the streets around the square for a block and down "Reese's" hill had brightly colored bulbs with tinsel and bells. The smell of freshly cut Christmas trees filled the air in front of the local stores. A year of odd jobs provided me with ample shopping money. For less than \$10, I bought mother her usual slip or flannel nightgown at Smith's Dry Goods and daddy a carton of Camels. There was usually enough money left to allow me an afternoon tour of The Variety Store. That store was my favorite place in town and to this day, I can vividly recall each aisle. Blue Waltz cologne was 5 cents and for the well-to-do, Evening In Paris was available.

Friday night was football night in this town! You could feel the excitement building all day. My brother, Granville, was the running back. I didn't know much about the game, but judging from the win record and the grin on Daddy's face, my brother must have been quite an athlete.

I had many adventures along the way. My years in school were special. Somehow, we survived without air conditioning, computers, Xerox machines, cell phones or microwaves. We did have corporal punishment, respect for authority, and prayer in school. I feel honored to have had so many wonderful educators, such as Amy Parks, Dorothy Pullen, Grace Hartman, Nebbie Williams, Ouida Springer, Maurine Cain, Mary Dowell, Billye Stevenson, Hobart Wisdom, Herman Utley, Anna Knight and many more.

In the early days, local water was pumped from an artesian well, which to this day, is still operational and is located near the water tower in town. Lake Ray hadn't been built and Lake Ray Hubbard was still rich farmland and river bottom, planted with cotton and grain. Some of that land was still plowed with a team of mules and occasionally, a few old timers made their way to town in wagons.

If the need for ice arose, there was one source, the Ice House, located at the corner of East Kaufman and Hwy 66. An ice pick was necessary for chipping away at the big blocks.

A Coke, or my favorite, a Grapette, was a nickel; bread was 17 cents and gasoline was 17 cents a gallon.

Church bells rang on Sunday and it was safe to play just about anywhere. The kids in my neighborhood roamed the hills, woods, pastures and streams, free to make a campfire, rope swing, catch a crawfish, or build a "hideout." We routinely found arrowheads, left by the Caddo Indians, 100 years earlier. We were explorers and rulers of the wilderness from Quail Run North to the eastern shores of the current Lake Ray Hubbard.

The pastures of present day Northshore were our baseball fields; "our gang" claimed the current Shores as open territory. I've felt a sincere loss through the years as the untamed land was swallowed up by what our city refers to as progress. Now, instead of mooing cows, gentle springs, and fresh cut hay, I hear four-wheelers and dirt bikes; the springs are covered with manicured

lawns and the smell of summer hay has long since disappeared.

Now, we are forbidden to pop a firecracker on the Fourth of July or New Year's Eve. A permit is required to build a fence or cut a tree. The only baseball games I see are pay-to-play, organized groups.

Little Johnny is groomed at baseball camps, soccer camps, golf camps and camp camps; he is scouted by the time he is 6 years old.

Little Susie wears lipstick, eye shadow and provocative clothing. She goes to ballet, tap, twirling and charm school.

Mom works full time out of the home or in home running a full time taxi service for the little darlings. Daddy is out of town on business, on the computer, the cell phone or stuck in front of the TV.

"Spare The Rod and Spoil The Child" has been replaced with "this behavior is not acceptable" or "time out." In my day, time out meant you were down for the count. I cringe when I hear toddlers to teens tongue lashing their submissive parents and demanding their rights.

If history does, in fact, repeats itself, I hope and pray I live long enough to see parents regain control, instill respect and responsibility, and hopefully, wail the daylight out of the little heathens.

Oh, yes! Rockwall has come a long way baby! The "old schoolers" are laughed at; we are told how out of sync we are or worse, we are ignored! Every wish you could step back in time?

Don't get me wrong. A little hand mowing, clothes wringing and plow-pulling goes a long way!

By the way, I'm a-larmin' to use the computer. I have a microwave, cordless phone and a real fine mower. I'm currently considerin' the pros and cons of anti-depressants and a-thinkin' about a tummy tuck or face-lift. Let's see, a new lap top computer would be nice. Then, there's one of those... Oh, well, you get the point.

Each of us affects history, whether at home, in our community, or our country. It's a personal thing. Time marches on. Only history will tell.

Rockwall County Entertainment

Trailhead set for May 24 Concert by the Lake
Head will deliver some classic rock for the May 24 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.

Bon Jovi tribute band slated May 31
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 7:30 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.

Johnny Cash tribute set June 14
A Johnny Cash tribute band 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.



Pictured above are the Royse City High School students who participated in the UIL Regional Debate Tournament. Shown left to right are Garrett Hammonds, second place in prose, state alternate; Matt Stone, fourth place in poetry, state alternate; Kyle Hammonds, sixth place in prose; Clayton Hammonds, extemporaneous speaking; Mikindzi Shanks, quarterfinalist in Lincoln-Douglas debate; and Kelsie Rogers, extemporaneous speaking. Not pictured is Alex Chase, also a quarterfinalist in L-D debate. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



David Mann's kindergarten class at Doris Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary has been learning about Japan. The students learned about the country's demographics, population, volcanoes, origami, and art. Pictured above is David Chacko, trying his hand at origami. Also pictured is Amelia Ivanovsky. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

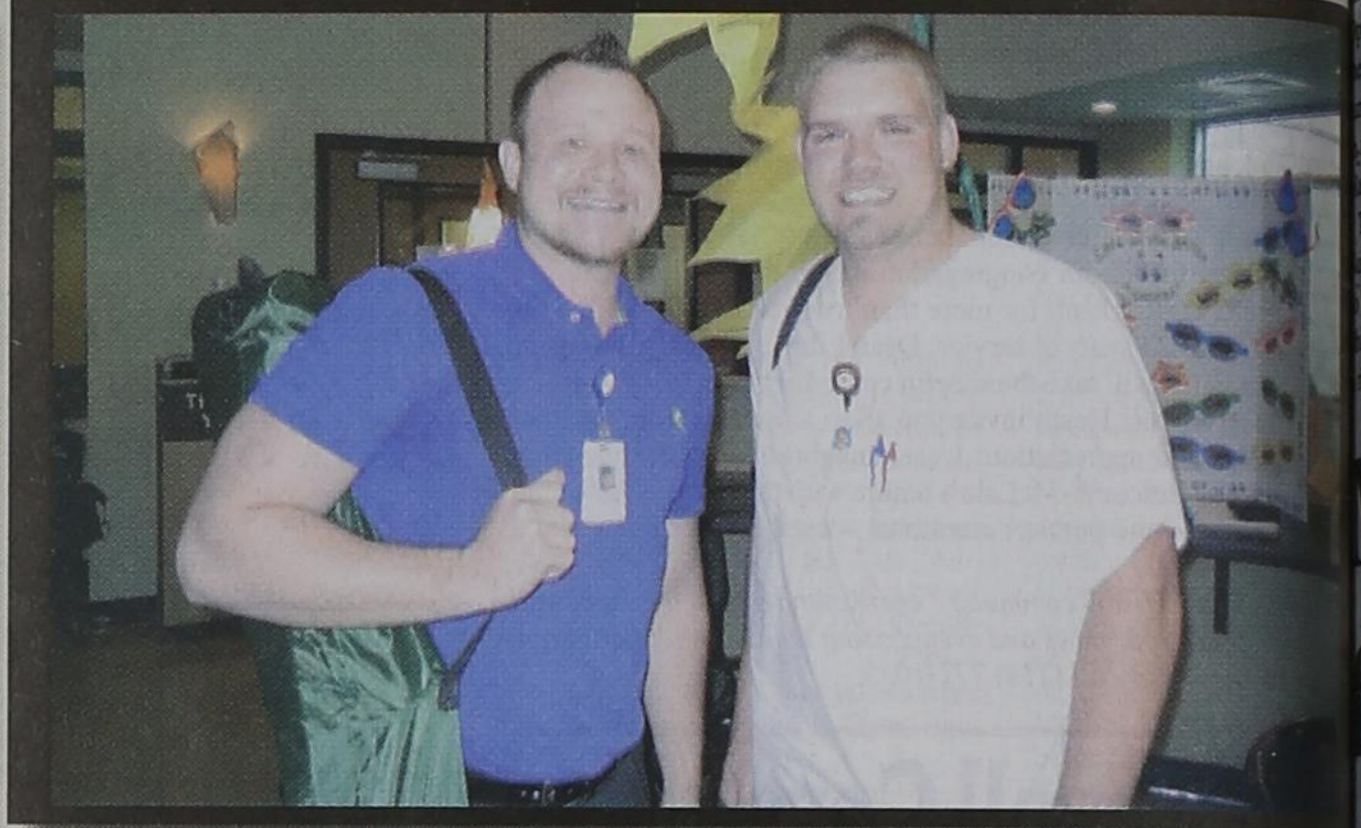


AMICA recently awarded \$5,000 to help support the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County with its programs and Formula For Impact Strategy. Pictured from the left are AMICA philanthropy chair Rosemary Tonoli; Misti Potter, Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County president/CPO; and Debbie Pabien, 2011-2012 AMICA president. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Williams Middle School eighth grade student Sofia Sanchez competed in the nationwide Art: It's in the Air drawing contest hosted by Triarco Arts and Crafts. She won first place in the 7-9 grade division, which means her artwork will be featured in the company's 2013 catalog to be mailed to art educators throughout the country in November. She also received a \$100 check, while the school received a \$500 gift certificate. Pictured above is the artist along with Billy Pringle, WMS principal, and Marla Shah, the school's art teacher.

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