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Members of the Rockwall County Committee on Aging board members (from the left): Pat Sorrell, Sally Zajdl, Sharon Yetman, Mary Shannon, Margie VerHagen, Laurie Holguin and Annie Cornelius. (See related story on Page 3)
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Commissioners' Court faces tough choices on budget

by Jana Edwards

Rockwall County Judge Jerry Hogan reported some "tough choices" will need to be made to help the county match its proposed budget to flattening revenues as he presented his first draft of the 2011-12 budget to the County Commissioners Court this week.

At the May 17th Workshop Meeting, Judge Hogan gave a detailed presentation of the proposal, and expressed concern about the incompatibility between steadily increasing expenditures over revenues that have reached a possibly long-standing plateau.

"We cannot let our budget continue to grow at the same rate when incoming revenue is flat or decreasing," he remarked to the Commissioners. The County's total debt was "flat, around the \$10 million mark for a long time," Judge Hogan explained. The debt is now at \$90 million, as a direct result of the library, courthouse, and monies allocated for road construction approved in the 2008 road bond.

Some of the tough choices proposed would involve eliminating STEP increases, reducing staff and maintenance costs, eliminating longevity pay, and withholding Cost of Living raises for the third year in a row.

After extensive meetings and negotiations with staff, the budget proposal reflects a general fund request of \$26.043 million, about \$700,000 less than the original amount.

Although the request still exceeds projected revenue, Judge Hogan acknowledged the difficulty in making any additional reductions, when staff has already reduced budget 5% every year for the past two to three years.

Rockwall county taxable values, he reported, have seen a period of rapid growth, but now they have flattened out at \$6.9 billion, and will remain flat for next 5 years, according to tax appraisal district. "The days of rapid escalation of values in Rockwall counties has come to a stop," remarked Judge Hogan, as he concluded by pointing out that the first draft of the budget, with all its reductions, still spends \$1.2 million more than the County's revenue.

The court expects to receive a report from the Finance committee by beginning of June that will provide may shed more light on the County's financial situation for the next five years.

Next week, the Commissioners Court plans to continue budget discussions in more detail, with feedback on the proposed reductions. This First Draft of the Budget proposal is now available in its entirety, on the home page of their website at <http://www.rockwallcountytx.com>.

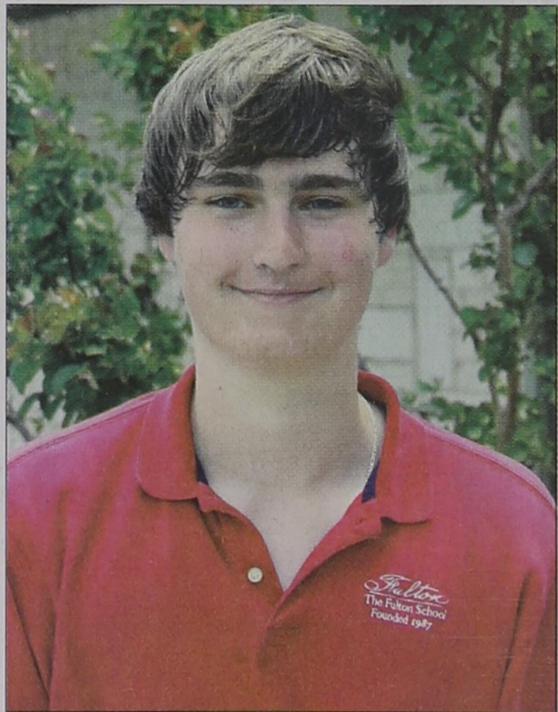
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Borgen is qualifier for Nat'l Merit Scholarship

Tim Borgen, a junior at The Fulton School, has been named a qualifier in the National Merit Scholarship Program, according to a news release from the school.

Borgen is the school's first National Merit qualifier. "Tim has been a student at The Fulton School since the third grade and has made his mark on our school with his drive for excellence," Matt Burgy, head of school, said in the school's news release. "Tim is truly one of the most exceptional students I have had the opportunity to teach and mentor. Not only is he an incredible student, but he is an accomplished athlete and mentor to his fellow student."

Approximately 1.5 million students applied to the program, and 50,000 students were selected based on academic potential. This group will be pared down to 16,000, who will be National Merit Program Semifinalists, and out of this group about 8,200 will be tapped as National Merit Scholarship winners.



Tim Borgen

Elections reported by Tweets, emails and traditional bulletin boards

Edwards brought a number of changes to school boards and city councils, as being reported in a variety of means by local governments.

On Monday, the City of Rockwall promptly reported results by press release from City Secretary Kristy Ashberry.

Results from the City of Rockwall General Election were reported as the mayoral race, David Sweet garnered about 70 percent of the more than 1,000 more ballots cast in his favor than opponent Steve Hahn, who came in second at almost 25 percent, and more than 1,400 more than Jim Buffington, with nearly 5 percent.

In the City Council Place 1, the race was somewhat closer, with David White over opponent Bob Lewis with nearly 37 percent, Freddie Jackson pulled in 10 percent of the overall vote. In Place 3, with an even closer victory, Bennie Daniels won with slightly 51 percent, with almost 200 more votes than Michael Townsend who came in second with nearly 37 percent. Bill Watts, with 170 votes, came in last with about 8.5 percent.

In the Place 5 race, Michelle Smith won with nearly 42 percent of the vote by a margin of 209 votes over opponent Connie Jackson, with 21 percent. Dennis Lewis was the strongest "last place" opponent,

with only 105 votes less than Jackson, obtaining more than 26 percent of the votes in Place 5.

City of Heath results were reported by Twitter at about 7 a.m. Sunday and automatically posted to the city's website via its home page Twitter feed.

Incumbent Bob Hille keeps Place 1, and Justin Holland wins Place 2 over Becky Burkett. Also keeping their seats on the City Council were unopposed incumbents Barry Brooks in Place 4 and Rich Krause in Place 6.

The City of Fate used its Twitter feed to remind voters of the polling place and times, but did not immediately Tweet its election results. Instead, results were prominently posted in the traditional manner, in front of City Hall with other public notices.

City Secretary Jean Dwinell reported that unopposed incumbents Kerry Weimokly and K.C. Erwin will maintain Place 1 and 5, respectively. Dwinell also reported that, for Place 3, challenger John Stacy garnered 113 votes to incumbent Forest Murley's 102 votes. Stacy will be sworn in June 6 at the next regular council meeting.

The Rockwall Independent School District School Board elections results were not Tweeted or posted on the district's website, but were posted by traditional means at the County Elections Office. Stephanie Adams won Place 7 with 1,302 votes over incumbent Stan Lowrance's 1,208 votes. Opponent Randy Oakes came in last with 339 votes.

CISD recognizes Teachers of the Year

Royse City Independent School District recognized a pair of teachers as its Teachers of the Year during the May 2 Employee Appreciation Program. Elementary Teacher of the Year was chef Cynthia Clark, while Shannon Kirby was honored as Elementary Teacher of the Year. Each will be recognized in during the Region 10 Teacher of the Year Banquet, according to a district news release.

The district also recognized other employees and staff members, as well as 2011 retirees.

Klutts was named Bus Driver of the Year, while Kris Smith from Fort Elementary was tapped as Food Service Employee of the Year. The district's Campus Teachers of the Year were as follows: Clark, high school; Kelly Elliott, middle school; Holly Wheatley, Cherry Intermediate; Hahn, McLendon Intermediate; Jadetta Grant, Davis Elementary; Aretha Pannell, Scott Elementary; Kirby, Fort Elementary; and Elaine Carpenter, McLendon Elementary.



Cynthia Clark

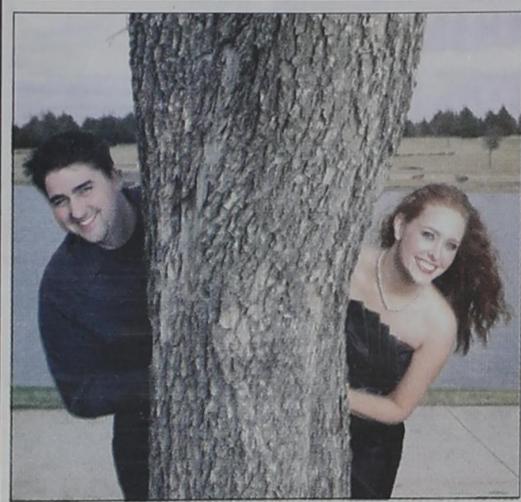


Shannon Kirby

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Derrick Fuller and Sarah Cheek

Cheek, Fuller plan Fort Worth wedding

Sherry Ramsey of Rockwall and Jerry and Becky Cheek of Norman, Okla., have announced the engagement and pending marriage of their daughter, Sarah Arlene Cheek, to Derrick Wayne Fuller, son of Darrell and Becky Fuller of Rowlett and David and Sandra Strom of League City.

The bride-elect recently received a master's degree in interdisciplinary studies from the University of North Texas.

The prospective bridegroom is pursuing a career in construction management.

The two are high school sweethearts who met at J.W. Williams Middle School in Rockwall.

A June 2011 wedding is planned at the Belltower Chapel and Garden in Fort Worth.

Work begins on new Rockwall water line

The City of Rockwall's utility contractor is scheduled to begin construction on a new 8-inch water line in Williams Street and Kernodle Street on May 23, according to a news release issued this week.

The line will replace an existing small water line in Williams and add a section of new line in Kernodle.

During the construction period, driveways and sidewalks will be removed and replaced. Homeowners will have access to their homes while the waterline is installed.

The contractor will provide flagmen to direct traffic as necessary.

Weather permitting, the project should take approximately six weeks, according to the release.

For more information, contact Jonathan Tran, construction manager, at 972-400-5186 or John Cranson, Rockwall construction inspector, at 214-543-3952.



The cotton patch behind the tenant cabin at Harry M. has been planted with the help of Cliff and Linda Carro and Connie Rogge, Jan Self and Neil Turner and his daughter. Pictured are Self, a longtime cotton producer, who took a few instructions to Ella, the next generation cotton farmer, Rockwall County Historical Foundation board member. The patch so area residents unable to remember when "king" can see a little piece of the area's history. This year included use of a new heat- and drought-resistant seed to crop success.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Two Gails Scholarship awarded to Rockwall Christian Academy

Garland resident and "Tales of Two Gails" co-author Gail Kelly Lester recently presented Rockwall Christian Academy's Jeanne Zakem with the first Two Gails Scholarship.

Funding small educational scholarships to benefit Rockwall Christian Academy in Rowlett and student metown high school has become a passion thanks to Lester's newly released book, "Tales of Two Gails," co-authored with her friend of more than six decades, Gail Shepherd Diederich.

Diederich, a retired Florida school teacher and feature writer with the St. Petersburg Times, attended college in the 1950s. She was one of the first women to attend college on a merit program. She excelled in her studies and became an elementary school teacher and reading specialist. She retired after more than 25 years in the classroom.

Last year as the two authors collaborated on their book, "Tales of Two Gails," they drew on their experiences growing up in the rural Appalachian region of Western North Carolina. It became apparent that the two women were very invested in some way, more than both of them. By the time the proceeds from each book were being shared, the authors realized their educational goals.

In past years, Diederich and Lester awarded scholarships to Florida State University and this month she will award the first Two Gails Scholarship to a college-bound student at Rockwall Christian Academy.

"There is great satisfaction in being a part of helping someone reach for their dreams," Lester said. "Perhaps one day the Two Gails Scholarship will be given to the next generation in our way."

Filled with true stories of love and faith, the book is a strong bond of friendship that has helped both overcome many family dysfunctions and poverty.

Lester is available for speaking events and speaking on the subject of preserving local history by encouraging students to write their stories. She can be contacted at GailLester@Veritas TalesofTwoGails.com.

Local students art displayed in Austin

Artwork produced by Rockwall elementary school students were displayed recently at the Texas Capitol.

Ashley, a fifth grade student at Celia Hays Elementary, and a fifth grade student at Dobbs Elementary, had their artwork exhibited as part of the Cycling Group Poster Competition according to a news release last week.

BikeTexas hosted the event which was designed to promote the benefits of riding bikes.

Students from more than 100 schools participated in the event and each school selected a poster to send for state-wide display.

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Rockwall Central Appraisal District appraisal notices mailed to taxpayers

Rockwall Central Appraisal District mailed out about 39,000 appraisal notices on May 13, according to a news release issued this week. The number of notices represents all property owners in Rockwall County. Helm, chief appraiser.

The appraisal value form is mailed to each property owner in order to determine the taxpayer of the value of increase, decrease or same value by the Central Appraisal District and its possible effect on taxes. The notices also list the entities that tax each property; the profit or loss (or ranch qualifies); exemptions received in the current year; information from the previous year for comparison; an estimate of last year's tax rates; and the date and place the appraisal board will begin hearing protests.

The appraisal district has its own Appraisal Review Board, accord-

ing to the release. The board is comprised of five members appointed by the Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. Members of the review board are residents who have lived in the district for a minimum of two years. Officers and employees of the appraisal district or a local taxing entity are ineligible to serve on the board.

The review board has the responsibility of reviewing and listening to evidence from both the property owner or agent and the Central Appraisal District representative before making a decision.

Taxpayers may contact the district at 972-771-2034 to schedule an informal hearing with an appraiser.

Appraisers are interested in reviewing the property records with property owners to answer any questions, according to the news release. Property owners may bring in any appraisals, repair estimates, sales documents or

other documentation that may help value their property.

A Notice of Protest form is enclosed in each appraisal notice. The protest form must be filed with the Appraisal District office by June 13, 2011. For more details call 972-771-2034.

Feeding area seniors by playing a round

A round under blue, cloud-studded Texas skies with the temperature in the 50s degrees on the gorgeous, green courses of Buffalo Creek Club is any golfer's dream. But on May 13, 2011, the participants who enjoyed the beautiful weather and surroundings, they also helped feed seniors.

The Rockwall County Committee on Aging sponsored the charity tournament. The event was held at the Buffalo Creek Club. RCOA was incorporated in 1978 to help keep the elderly and disabled living independently in their homes as long as safely possible by providing nutritious meals, services and daily human contact. Meals on Wheels, its biggest program, delivered more than 30,000 meals in 2010. Although the organization receives some funding from the state, it is not nearly enough to feed the growing number of seniors in the area.

Margie VerHagen, executive director of RCOA, is the force behind the growth of MOW in Rockwall County. She is in charge of: evaluating and enrolling new clients for food delivery and services, securing volunteers to deliver meals, writing grants for funds and raising money to supplement the program.

"I never was much of a money person," she said. "But I have to be in order to get funding for our seniors. The money the state gives us isn't enough to keep up with the growing needs of our community."

Individuals interested in donating to MOW may do so. There is also a need for individuals or companies to sponsor emergency and holiday meals for local seniors.

In addition, drivers are always in short supply, especially during the summer months. Volunteers can work as often or as little as they like, choosing the day or days that fit their schedule best.

For more information, visit rockwallmow.com.

County facing tough budget choices

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Items of interest was an amendment to a bond agreement increasing the amount of the debt, and to refinance the existing debt due to the increase in the interest rate from 4.16% to less than 3%. The amendment would cover the cost of improving the Baffling system on the gun range to reduce some of the noise on the gun range at the law enforcement facility financed by the bond agreement. The item will be discussed at the next meeting for action.

The board also discussed a number of items on the Agenda without taking action. Most of these issues are expected to be included at the next meeting.

Revised Inter-local Agreement with the City of McLendon-Chisholm relating to county enforcement authority for onsite sewage facilities and flood plain regulations.

Moving toward a more paperless Commissioners Court with the use of iPads.

The Commissioners Court meets each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am in the Historic County Courthouse. Live streaming audio is available online during the meetings, and minutes from previous meetings are posted online, as approved. You will find both of these resources available at www.RockwallCountyTexas.com.

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On God's Word

The eye is not the ear...1Corinthians 12:14-22
by Tim Burnett

Following 1Corinthians chapter 12, last week we addressed the one body of Christ, which is made up of many members who have all been baptized by one spirit. Not only are they baptized, but are made to drink into that same spirit from God. In other words they are free to partake of the same spirit in all nine ways listed in verses 7-10.

We also addressed the difficult subject of how the body of Christ is greatly divided between different church subgroups. The members of the different churches may not sense the division because they are like-minded with others in their church, but the division can be seen when we look at the bigger picture. God made one body of Christ, yet there are many different churches with their own beliefs and practices. This is a topic that warrants more attention in the future.

1Corinthians 12:14-31 clearly reveals a problem that God knows will naturally occur within the body Christ. He does so with the wonderful analogy of the human body. The human body is made of many different members that uniquely serve as part of the whole body. The members are put for the many people who form the body of Christ.

The verses address different ways that the members might approach themselves and others in the body. It says in verse 15, "if the foot shall say, 'Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body.'" It then poses the rhetorical question, "is it therefore not of the body?" We might think, since we don't have another believer's strong suits, then we're not part of the body of Christ. Does this mean that I'm truly not part of the body? No!

It's a very natural thing for us to feel insecure if we are not strong in an area that somebody else is excelling. This is especially real considering that we as Christians want to excel in every area possible. God wants to lovingly remind us that each member will be spiritually strong in different areas.

Verse 19 gives a funny analogy, "If they were all one member, where were the body?" What if our whole human body were made up of thumbs? What a mess! Sometimes we feel like we're all thumbs. But instead God designed our bodies with different and uniquely important members.

Verse 22 addresses another important issue, "And the eye can't say, 'I have no need of you.' Nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' No, much more those members of the body which seem to be feeble are necessary."

Members in the body of Christ who have developed and are successful in business and life, are seen as necessary. So, the natural tendency is to disregard those who appear less necessary. Some people work hard to make a living and raise a family in the Lord, but are not major influences in the overall success of the world. Others might be sickly or disabled for different reasons and have not been able to move up in the ladder of career. It continues, "And those members of the body which we think are less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor...for our weakness we have no need. But God has tempered the body together, having made abundant honor to that part which lacked." God gives more honor to the people in the body of Christ who are lacking in areas such as or are lowly in the overall class standing of society.

In the body of Christ, some people will be in a higher standing in the community and society as a whole, and might be honored by others in the community. Others in the body of Christ will be in a lower standing and might not be honored by many in the community. Generally, honor involves financial status, and overall business and personal success.

God wants those members of the body of Christ to view themselves as members of lower standing, as if they are of a high standing. If God gives the honor, then we must give no less.

In verses 14-22, God covers all the social dynamics in the body of Christ. He knows how people think. And He sets the conditions so that the members might be avoided. In God's eyes, those who are unseemly in the eyes of society, are seemly and attractive in the eyes of God. Those who are less honorable in society, are seen as honorable in the eyes of Christ. Those who are less necessary and useful in society, are more necessary and useful in the body of Christ.

We do this because God does the tempering, and God gives the honor to do this because all members in the body of Christ has the fullness of God in them. And there is nothing more beautiful and powerful and that! All members of the body of Christ are defined not by their standing or social usefulness, but by who God made them to be in them.

In case there is any doubts about this, let's read 2Corinthians 5:17, "Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh. Yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him not. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things are passed away. Behold, all things are become new..."

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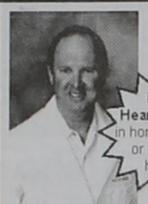
Four locals named to SOSU honor roll

Four area residents were among students named to the Honor Roll for the spring semester at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, according to a university news release.

Honorees included Anna Christine Anderson and Jonathan Edward Bertrand of Rockwall, Callie Christine Martin of Rockwall and Andrew Preston Johnson of Rowlett.

A total of 506 students were listed to the honor roll. Undergraduate students who complete a minimum of 12 credit hours with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher with no lower than a C qualifies for the list.

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Rockwall County News Briefs

Older Americans Day event set

The Rockwall County Committee on Aging will host Older Americans Day beginning at 1 p.m. May 20 at the Rockwall County Library, 1215 Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. Theme will be Older Americans: Connecting the Community. Each year Rockwall County organizations, the five city mayors and city governments and individuals nominate outstanding seniors to receive an award for making a difference in the community at large. For more details call 972-771-9514.

'Oklahoma!' auditions planned

Auditions for "Oklahoma!" which will be staged in August by Rockwall Summer Musicals, are set for May 20 and 22 at Utley Middle School and will be open to the public. Auditions on May 20 will run from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will be open to adults, teens and children. Auditions on May 22 will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will be open to all three age groups as well. Dance auditions will run from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For audition requirements, visit rockwallsummermusicals.org or call 214-202-9673.

Habitat workday scheduled

Some framing adjustments need to be made May 21 at 801 Peter's Colony before roof decking can begin. Windows were to be delivered this week. The workday will begin at 8:30 a.m. For up-to-the-minute information in the event of inclement weather visit rockwallhabitat.blogspot.com.

Founders Day Festival set May 21

The City of Rockwall's historic downtown square will play host to the annual Founders Day Festival May 21 beginning at 10 a.m. Vendor booths, children's activities, food, entertainment and a sunset concert are planned. Entertainment will include the Dallas Puppet Theatre, Concho Grass (bluegrass), Django Walker (country), Ponty Bone (Cajun/Zydeco) and Asleep at the Wheel (country/Texas swing). For more details visit rockwallfoundersday.com.

Fate plans fire station grand opening

The City of Fate will celebrate the grand opening of its new fire station with a ceremony set for 1 p.m. May 21 at the new station, 128 E. Fate Main Place (across the street from City Hall). Following the ceremony, public tours will be offered throughout the day until 9 p.m.

'Always... Patsy Cline' slated May 21

A single performance of "Always... Patsy Cline" will be offered in the Royse City HS auditorium on May 21. Tammie White will star as Cline and Carolyn Thumann as Louise. The funny and touching show celebrates the career and life of the singer of "I Fall to Pieces," "Your Cheatin' Heart," "Walkin' After Midnight" and "Crazy." Tickets cost \$10 and may be purchased at the Royse City Chamber office at 216 N. Arch St., Royse City, as well as several other locations in town. For more details call 972-636-5000.

Church to host Praise in the Park event

The First United Methodist Church of Heath will host its second annual Praise in the Park event on May 22 at Town Center Park, Heath. This year's family event, in conjunction with a global mission to change the world with a special emphasis on Imagine No Malaria, will include music, children's activities, films/slides of recent mission trips and a message from Pastor Scott Holcomb-McLain. Activities will begin at 4:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

H-Hands to host fashion show

Helping Hands will host a Divas, Dames and Desperate Housewives Fashion Show May 24 at Occasions at Stone River, 1250 FM 2453, in Royse City. The event will feature clothing and accessories from the HH thrift stores and will feature a silent auction and lunch. Tickets cost \$20; seating is limited. To secure a ticket contact Kay Dutta at 972-772-HELP.

Retailer plans donation for battery purchases

USA Cares will get an extra 'boost' from Rockwall's Batteries Plus during the May 24-30 campaign to assist Sept. 11 service members, veterans and their families. During that week, the local store will donate \$5 for each regularly priced watch battery replacement (regular and lifetime). The store is located at 2014 S. Goliad, #150, in Rockwall.

Me & My Monkey to perform

Me & My Monkey, a Beatles tribute band, will be the featured performers at the Concert by the Lake event beginning at 7:30 p.m. May 26 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.

May 27 is registration deadline for cooking schools

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Rockwall County will present two healthy-cooking schools in June. "The Healthy Kitchen," a three-lesson program scheduled on June 1, 8, and 15, will provide information about healthy meal planning, grocery shopping and healthy holiday foods. "Cooking Well with Diabetes," a four-lesson program scheduled on June 7, 14, 21 and 28, will provide information for individuals with Type 2 diabetes who want to adopt healthy eating habits and attain better blood glucose control. The fee is \$20 for either cooking school. Registration is limited; pre-registration is required. For more details or to register, call 972-204-7660. Registration deadline is May 27.

Museum plans tea, fashion show

The Zaner Robison Historical Museum in Royse City will host its annual Keep the Cup Tea and Fashion Show on May 28. The event will include a full tea, as well as a fashion show organized by Helping Hands. Cost is \$10 per ticket, and seating will be limited to 32. Purchase tickets at the RC Hardware Store or at the museum. For details, call 972-635-7438.

Hope at the Harbor set May 28

Hope at the Harbor, a benefit for The Genesis Center Women's Shelter, will begin at sunset May 28 at the Rockwall Harbor Amphitheatre. The event will include a contemporary dance collective choreographed and performed by local professional dancers. Admission to see the performance is free for those who want to bring a chair or blanket from home; seating in the chairs in the reserved section will be available for a minimum donation of \$25 per chair. For more details visit danceforhopecharities.org.

Journey tribute band to play

Escape, a Journey tribute band, will be the featured performers at the Concert by the Lake event beginning at 7:30 p.m. June 2 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.

Church to host June 6 blood drive

A blood drive will be conducted from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 5 at the Transformation Anglican Church. The blood drive will take place in the church parking lot. The church worships at Heritage Christian Academy, located at 1408 S. Goliad. For more details, call the church office at 972-772-5525.

'Pink Panther' auditions slated

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse Teen Theatre Production of "Pink Panther" will be at 1 p.m. June 11-12 at the playhouse. The production will be open to teens ages 13 to 19. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

RHS Alumni Banquet set June 11

The Rockwall High School Alumni Association will conduct its 61st annual Rockwall All Class Banquet and Reunion on June 11 at the high school. All RHS alumni and friends are invited to attend. The dinner will feature a buffet-style barbecue. The program will feature speakers from each of the classes honored - 1941, 1951, 1961, 1971, 1981, 1986, 1991 and 2001. Tickets cost \$15 each and may be purchased in advance at Community Bank (downtown), Alliance Bank (Heath) and American National Bank on Ridge Road. Tickets also may be purchased by mailing payments to P.O. Box 385, Rockwall, TX 75087. For more details, contact Kathleen Plagens Evans at 214-514-1689 or email kathleenpevans@sbcglobal.net. Visit rockwallhighschoolalumni.com for updated details.

RHHS cheer camp set June 17

The RHHS cheerleaders will host a skills camp for children ages 5-13 on June 17 at Cain Middle School. The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants will be divided into skills-appropriate groups. Cheerleading skills, jumps, cheers and tumbling will be taught. Cost is \$30. T-shirts will be available at a cost of \$10. For more details or to receive a registration form via email contact Kelli Delozier at kdelozier@idi.com or Debbie Goodwin at dgoowdin@idi.com.

RHS Band needs vendors for craft fair

The RHS Band will host its fourth all indoor craft fair Oct. 8. Vendors of all types are needed for the event, which will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plenty of parking also will be available. The fair also will include a senior class fundraiser - a haunted house game booth event. Contact Liz Tarter at 972-772-1846 for more details.

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter recently was sent to Congressman Ralph Hall, the U.S. president and vice president and more than a dozen other legislators and politicians. It was provided to the Rockwall County News for publication.)

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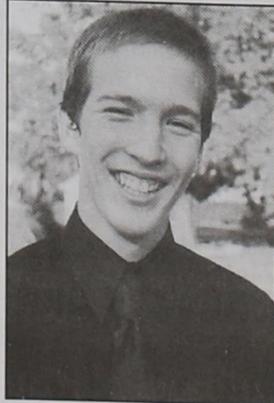
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Keane tapped for scholarship at University of Ozarks

Shaun Patrick Keane, a senior at Rockwall Heath High School, has been awarded an achievement scholarship to attend the University of the Ozarks beginning in the fall 2011 semester.

According to a university news release, the scholarship is worth \$7,500 per year and is a leadership-type scholarship based on school participation, volunteer, civic and/or church activities and organizations.

Keane is the son of Caroly and John Keane of Heath.



Shaun Keane
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Hungry Harry

A new scoop of information

Desserts may be my favorite course of the meal. I clearly love a sweet tooth and always look for the next sweet treat location.

I especially have a weakness for frozen desserts. There's ice cream at the time consisted of milk and fruit that was brought to the Quakers. Then there is sherbet, which contains 1 to 2 percent of the health benefits of probiotics, which help with some digestive issues but it is made with sweetened water and includes fruit. So include alcohol.

The most recent trend is frozen yogurt, which is slightly less healthy than regular yogurt because it usually contains a whole bunch more sugar. It was introduced in New England and became an overnight food sensation. Yogurt TCBY started sprouting up everywhere and became the rival. By the late '90s yogurt stands' appeal started to wane until the health benefits of probiotics, which help with some digestive issues. Now we have a rebirth of yogurt stands everywhere and there's a new one opening every week.

I know yogurt may not be everyone's cup of tea. However, it's a chain that keeps service sweet and simple. The store has a top and includes sorbet. The decoration is spaced out and is out in any obnoxious form. The set-up is a la carte and after you flavor you add to your cup either fresh fruit or almost any kind you can think of.

Since it is a la carte, the service is fairly limited, but the staff was bubbly and polite. The fruits were fresh and the place was spotless.

If you are looking for place to satiate your sweet tooth you should consider Yogurt Story for your next trip.

Atmosphere: Yogurty and slightly sterile

Service: Friendly, self-service

Food: Good

Price: \$

Overall: Two out of four smiles.

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(Editor's note: Hungry Harry is a local resident who enjoys writing. The writer receives no compensation or benefit from any publication.)



"A Salute to Veterans," offered May 13, was the final of the Brown Bag Lecture Series season sponsored by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation. Sheri Fowler, using excerpts from family letter and local newspapers, traced Rockwall County's involvement in the U.S. military from World War I to present conflicts. Jan Willess Johnson and her husband, a Navy corpsman attached to the Marines in Viet Nam, relate their lives as part of the military. The Johnsons are above.

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During the Friends of the Library meeting on May 10, meeting of the year, Carolyn Duckworth, right, was awarded the Hartman Award, the organization's highest honor. The given "for service above and beyond what is expected," according to FOL officials. Making the presentation was Pat Calhoun, a past Hartman Award winner. Incoming FOL officers also were announced and the outgoing president, Linda Garret, was presented with a certificate from incoming president Kathleen Brozse.

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Joseph Pelgreen was the recipient of the Celia Hays Award, the Friends of the Library Volunteer of the Year when the organization met May 10 for its final meeting of the year. Pelgreen was the youngest volunteer to receive the award. Making the presentation was Marcine McCulley, library director. FOL membership applications are being accepted for inclusion in the 2011-2012 yearbook. For more information contact Pat at dave.calhoun@sbcglobal.net

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Royse City News



...ed are just a handful of the more than 90 vehicles that were registered in this month's Main Street 2011 Car Show in Royse City. ...nizers have declared the event a "huge success," drawing more participation than in any other year since the event started in 2008. ...ous photo/Rockwall County News

Royse City car show draws 90-plus vehicles

The Main Street 2011 Car Show in Royse City drew big crowds and a large number of participants, according to organizers of the event. More than 90 vehicles were registered as part of the show, a number that is a record for the event's history.

- Below is an overview of first- and second-place winners:
- 1930s – David Wright, 1931 Ford Model A; Ed Brizendine, 1941 Ford
 - 1940s – Ed Caruth, 1956 Chevy Bel Air; Bud and Terry Fowlkes, 1955 Chevy
 - 1960s – Richard Queen, 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle SS, Stephen Brand, 1967 Mustang
 - 1970s – Matt and Stephanie Whitehead, 1979 Chevrolet Camaro Z28; David and John Ehrle, 1972 Chevy Chevelle
 - 1980s – Christie Harry, 1985 Olds 442; Jim West, 1981 Chevy Z28
 - 1990s – Denny Renfro, 1996 Corvette; Steve Cooke, 1998 Ford Mustang
 - 2000s – Jim Crown, 2008 Mustang Shelby; Jerry and Teri McEachern, 2008 Callaway Corvette
 - Best of Show – Ronnie Thomas, 1968 Chevrolet Nova
 - Best of Truck – John Ehrle, 2010 Ford Mustang Convertible Roush 427 R, 2008 Shelby Super Snake

- Convertible – Vara and Donald Buchanan, 1956 Red Chevy Convertible; Loyd Brigrance, 1963 Chevy II SS
- Trucks
 - Pre-1950s – John Oznick, 1941 Chevrolet pickup; Harold Evans, 1933 Dodge pickup
 - 1950s – Kelly Baird, 1956 Chevy truck; Johnny and Jackie Gentry, 1956 Chevy pickup
 - 1960s – Payton Potter, 1963 Chevrolet C-10; Ken Kendall, 1965 Ford 4-wheel drive shortbed
 - 1970s – Virgil Pierce, 1972 Chevrolet K5 Blazer 4x4 K5
 - 1980s – No award given
 - 1990s – Lorenzo Dominguez, 1998 GMC 1500
 - 2000s – Marco Ramirez, 2006 Chevy Silverado; Jevin Womack, 2007 Ford F150
- Open truck – Charles Pinnell, 1952 Willys Jeep truck; Lucius Lydick, 2006 Chevy Trailblazer SS
- Other
 - Import – Robert Stephens, 1999 Mazda Miata MX5
 - Street rod/roadster – Freddie Mahon, 1923 Ford T-Bucket
 - Motorcycle – Karl Kozlovsky, 2004 Harley-Davidson Deuce
 - Best of Car – Vara and Donald Buchanan, 1956 Red Chevy Convertible
 - Best of Truck – Kelly Baird, 1956 Chevy truck
 - Best of Motorcycle – Karl Kozlovsky, 2004 Harley-Davidson Deuce
 - Club Participation – Stooges Car Club
 - Under Construction – George Palin III, 1968 Chevy Camaro

Library's 'Cinco' Luncheon in Royse City drew a success

The Royse City Library's recent Cinco de Mayo Luncheon was a success, according to organizers. The event was conducted at the Trinity Baptist Church in Royse City. The luncheon featured a variety of activities, including a presentation of the city's new librarian, Teresa Chiv. Chiv has been with the library now for 10 months, bringing with her several years of experience in library work. She is currently working on a proposal for the growth of the library. The luncheon was prepared and contributed by Arboleda's Restaurant in downtown Royse City. The event began with the drawing for prize baskets. Contributors included the National Bank, Avon, Censibles, Friends of the Royse City Library, Warmers, Joeluis Music, Royse City Pharmacy, Sun Kiss, Violetea, The Well and "Z" Museum. The highlight of the fiesta was the grande auction led by Stan Pinkham. The bidding received an evening at The Harbor, a package that included a dinner at Agave Tapas Restaurant & Bar and a movie for the evening. The funds raised through the event were matched by Modern Woodmen of America. A portion of the funds will be used to fund the summer reading program "A Good Book" which will be open to individuals of all ages. For more information about library-related events, visit roysecitylibrary.org or call (972) 636-2250.



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Sailing in the Chandler's Landing 2011 Spring Wednesday Night Series is the boat *Cuttin Up!* Sonar23 owned and skippered by Jeff Willis, on an exciting downwind leg with spinnaker flying in near surfing conditions. *Cuttin Up* finished third in a fleet. Crew members on board are Jack Branch of Plano, Chris Gradisar of Dallas and Jeff White of Richardson.

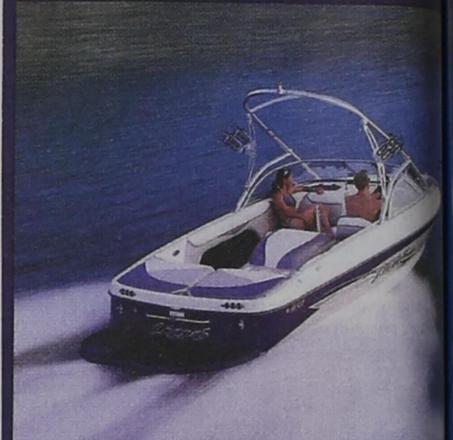
According to Willis, at this point in the race, they were engaged in a close contest with *Orion* (owned and skippered by Dan Malak), that lasted over thirty minutes and covered four and a half miles at the end of which the outcome was determined by only seconds.
Photo courtesy of Dan Malak/Rockwall County News



Pictured are members of the Rockwall-Heath High School chapter of Family, Career, Community Leaders of America for the coming school year. Pictured at front, from the left, are Lexus Swiercinsky, social chair, and Annie Fiedler, star events chair, and, at back, Austin James, membership chair; Ashley Piper, historian; Bailey Bridges, president; Makayla Johnson, secretary; Savannah Smith, treasurer; Brienna Wall, vice president; Kirsten Fladeland, community service; and Jessica Liao, public relations.

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Malak's 'Orion' takes 2 races in Dam Series sailing

Dan Malak skippered "Orion" to victory in each of the first two Sunday sailing races in the Dam Series on Lake Ray Hubbard. His boat won both the fourth and fifth races in the series, May 1 and 15. There was no race scheduled on May 8, Mother's Day.

On May 1, Malak outmaneuvered Roy Kuipers in "Three Sheets to the Wind." In the May 15 race, Kuipers was third behind Malak and Heiko Mueller in "Proprius Munia."

The Dam Series races begin at 1 p.m. Storms canceled the fifth race in the Spring Wednesday Night Race Series May 11, making the race scheduled for Wednesday Race #5.

In the Wednesday series' fourth race May 4, Robert Cummings' "Wiley Wabbit" led the A Fleet, and Keelan Manuel sailed to first place in the B Fleet in "Joint Venture."

Among the other A Fleet leaders were David Carter, second in "Geronimo"; Marshall MacKenzie, third in "Superman's Cape"; Jeff Willis, fourth in "Cuttin Up," and Chris Hunke, fifth in "Swale." Phil McBride was the B Fleet runner-up in "Carpe Diem."



Rockwall resident Phyllis Manns is shown turning over some outdated prescription medications to Ruth Fitzwater, Citizen on Patrol volunteer, at the recent National Take-Back Initiative sponsored by the Rockwall Police Department. The event, conducted at the Community Services Center named for Fitzwater's late husband, John Fitzwater Sr., gave area residents the opportunity to get rid of expired, unwanted or unused prescription or over-the-counter medications. A total of 273 pounds of medications was collected.

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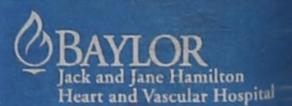


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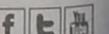
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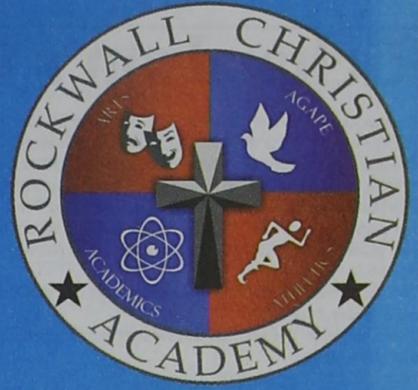


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Richardson's hard work pays off in state championships

Brianna Richardson had a goal that was simple, but not easy, for her junior season with the Rockwall-Heath track and field team. She wanted to win the state 4A triple jump championship. She had finished second as a sophomore, and the 2010 state champ graduated.

"I went last year and got experience, so I was ready. Finishing first is way better," Richardson said after her 40-foot, 2-inch performance won her first state championship by 9 inches.

Her performance at the state meet, which included second place in the long jump, gave RHHS 18 points and a tie for eighth place. The Hawks' boys tied for 23rd with 8 points on the strength of Jonathan Fuller's second place in the high jump at 6-8.

To win, Richardson had to do far more than simply showing up at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the University of Texas campus Friday, May 13.

"Becoming older this year, she was stronger and getting faster. This season she was on a mission," said Lady Hawks head coach Libby Holley.

"Being ranked at the top in the triple jump, she worked to win that event in every meet all season through the Texas Relays and the regionals and state, and to do it wasn't easy. She handled it real well."

Richardson said, "This season I came out to practices and worked hard throughout the year.

"For the triple, I was working on the second phase," For those old enough to remember when the event was a hop, step and jump, the second phase would be the step.

"I did cone drills, hurdle drills, all kinds of jumping drills to work on it. You have to have good legs, strength to be able to jump."

At practice this season, RHHS' coaches would place cones at the landing spot for each phase, and cones were used to measure the distance.

At the state meet, Richardson wasn't even satisfied after taking the early lead with her 40-2 leap, Holley said. "She was upset that she wasn't going 41 or 42. She wants the state record and the national record." The champion was a familiar face, McKinney North's Aundrea Gamble, who also was the runner-up to Richardson at the 10-4A and Region II-4A meets.

She also had the memory of leading early in the long jump before finishing second at 18-8 1/4, just 2 1/2 inches behind champion Tiana Dockery of Richmond Foster.

That gives Richardson another goal for 2012: to win both the triple jump and long jump at the state meet. Before that, she has an even more exciting goal of qualifying to represent the United States at the World Youth Field Championships July 6-10 in Lille, France.

She'll compete with the Texas Faces club team, going first to the Great Southwest Track and Field Classic in N.M., June 2-4. She could qualify for her first trip overseas by finishing among the top two at the USA Track & Field Championships June 28-July 3 in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Richardson's senior year also will include a decision on which of the many colleges seeking her talent she will accept on a track and field scholarship.

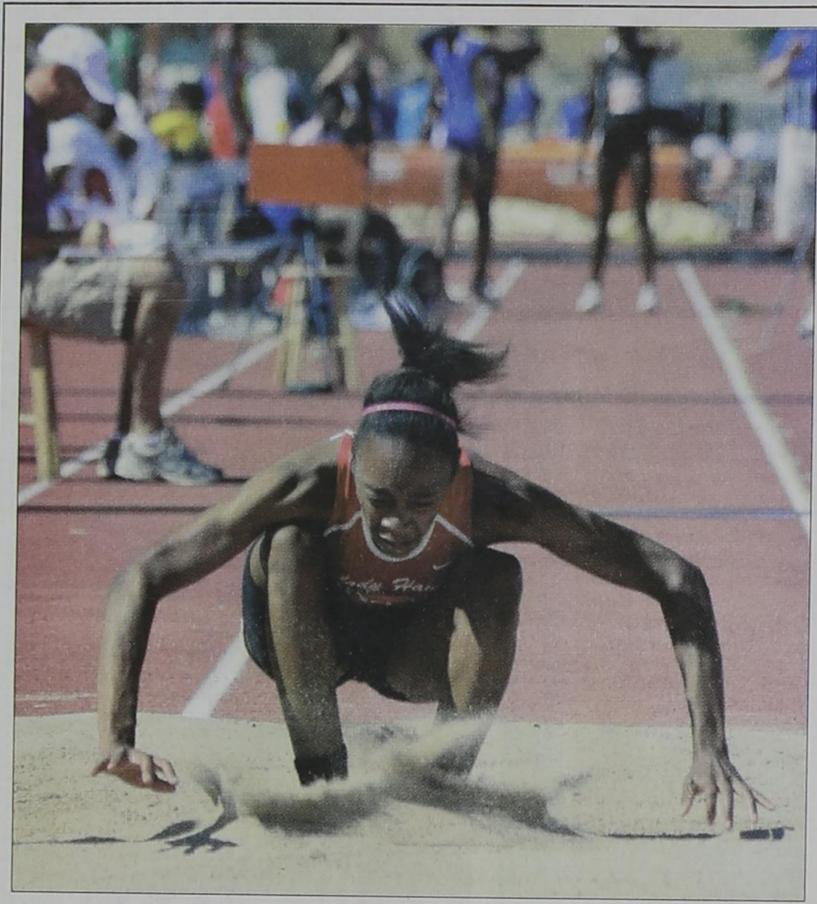
"I kind of like three," she said, naming LSU, Kansas State and Texas A&M.

Holley pointed out, "She wants to compete on a team that's top-notch. She studies it. She's got knowledge of it."

In the latest national rankings, A&M is first, LSU second and Kansas State 19th.

Richardson said, "I'm looking for a better deal, a better program and the best school-wise. She plans to study physical therapy. "My aunt is a physical therapist, and most of my family is in the medical field."

Fuller, the defending 4A state champion, cleared 6-8 on his first jump. He placed second behind Logan Brinkley of Randall, who went over the bar at 7-0. Fuller had a career-best 6-11 this year as a senior, but couldn't make it.



Lady Hawks' Brianna Richardson soars through the Triple Jump and ultimately finished in first place with a distance of 40'2" during last Friday's UIL State Track and Field Meet in Austin. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Hawks' Jonathan Fuller sails over the 6'6" high bar during last Friday's UIL State Track and Field Meet. Fuller finished in second place by clearing 6'8". Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Lady Jackets' Alicia Janke clears the bar in the Pole Vault during last Friday's UIL State Track and Field Meet in Austin. Janke finished third by clearing a height of 12 feet in her first attempt. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Warriors' Cameron Carroccia (5) is called safe at home plate during last Saturday's TAPPS State finals game against Shiner at Belton. Photo by Brittany Williams/Rockwall County News

Lady Bulldogs finish playoffs, Pille records 16 season shutouts

Royse City's Alicia Pille gave up only one earned run in the two games, but Forney took advantage of Lady Bulldogs mistakes to sweep

the teams' best-of-3 Region II-4A quarterfinal softball series last weekend.

The Lady Rabbits (32-7) scored three unearned runs, two on a second-inning wild pitch, to edge Royse City 3-2 in the series' first game Thursday, May 12, at Royse City.

On Friday at Forney, the Lady Rabbits scored an unearned run to tie the game in the third inning, then scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh of their 2-1 victory. That runner had reached base on a popup that fell among Royse City defenders just in front of home plate. Rylie Chappell's single drove in the winning run.

Both pitchers, Pille and Forney's Macie Tillery, pitched out of most of the trouble they encountered in the series.

Pille struck out 12 and allowed just two hits in the first game. The Lady Rabbits managed 10 hits the next night, when Pille frustrated them through six innings.

District 13-4A champion Royse City's five hits against Tillery included only one extra-base hit, a double by Kourtney Kelley. The Lady Bulldogs (21-10) didn't score after the first inning, when Preslei Morrow led off with a double and scored on Pille's squeeze bunt.

In the first game, Forney had broken on top 2-0. With two out in the second inning, catcher Krista Williams reached base on an error. Brook McCarroll singled courtesy runner Christina Binford to third base, then stole second herself.

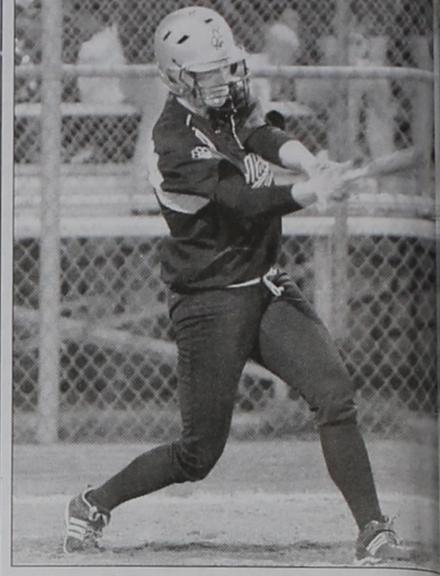
Pille's 0-2 wild pitch then eluded catcher Kyla Simmons. Binford

scored, then with McCarroll rounding third and barreling home, Simmons threw past Pille allowing the second run.

Royse City battled back to tie the game. Krissy Tubb's infield hit drove in a third-inning, Morrow led off the fifth with a double and scored on Simmons' squeeze.

Three consecutive errors led to the Lady Rabbits' seventh-inning run. The Lady Bulldogs put two runners on base in the bottom of the seventh before Tillery coaxed the final out on a ground ball. Forney played errorless softball Thursday.

Pille finished her senior year with 431 strikeouts and 16 shutouts that included nine no-hitters and two perfect games.



Alicia Pille gets a hit for the Lady Bulldogs during last week's Regional Quarterfinals playoff series against RCISD Stadium. Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News

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Football spring games set this week

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Not quite. While NFL players are locked out of their mini-camps, Texas high school teams have been going through their spring workouts.

Four Rockwall County teams that are undergoing spring drills have spring games or scrimmages coming up during the next week. Here's a quick look at where and when you can get a sneak peek at what to expect this fall.

The Fulton School will beat Rockwall to the punch by just an hour or so as the county's first team in action. Because the TAPPS 6-Man II team doesn't have enough players already in school to make up two full squads, its scrimmage will consist of individual and group drills beginning at 5 p.m. Friday on the practice field adjacent to the school in Heath.

Following the Falcons' workout will be a Watermelon Feast.

Head coach Josh Johnson is excited with his team's prospects. Coming off the most successful season in the school's history (5-6, including hosting a playoff game for the first time), he has added a middle school football team at the school. Johnson said transfer students who could become Falcons football players have visited the school.

Rockwall's annual Orange and White spring game is moving this year from Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium to the turf practice/soccer field behind RHS on Kyle Drive. The junior varsity game is scheduled for 6 p.m., with the varsity playing at 7:30. Between games, the Yellowjackets will honor their state-champion girls' gymnastics team.

Rockwall-Heath will have its spring game Wednesday at RHHS, with the JV game at 6 p.m. and the varsity at 7 p.m. Head coach Mickey Moss said this week that the format had not been decided, but it's possible that the coaching staff might draft two nearly equal teams to square off against each other.

Royse City's spring game is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 27, at RCISD Stadium.



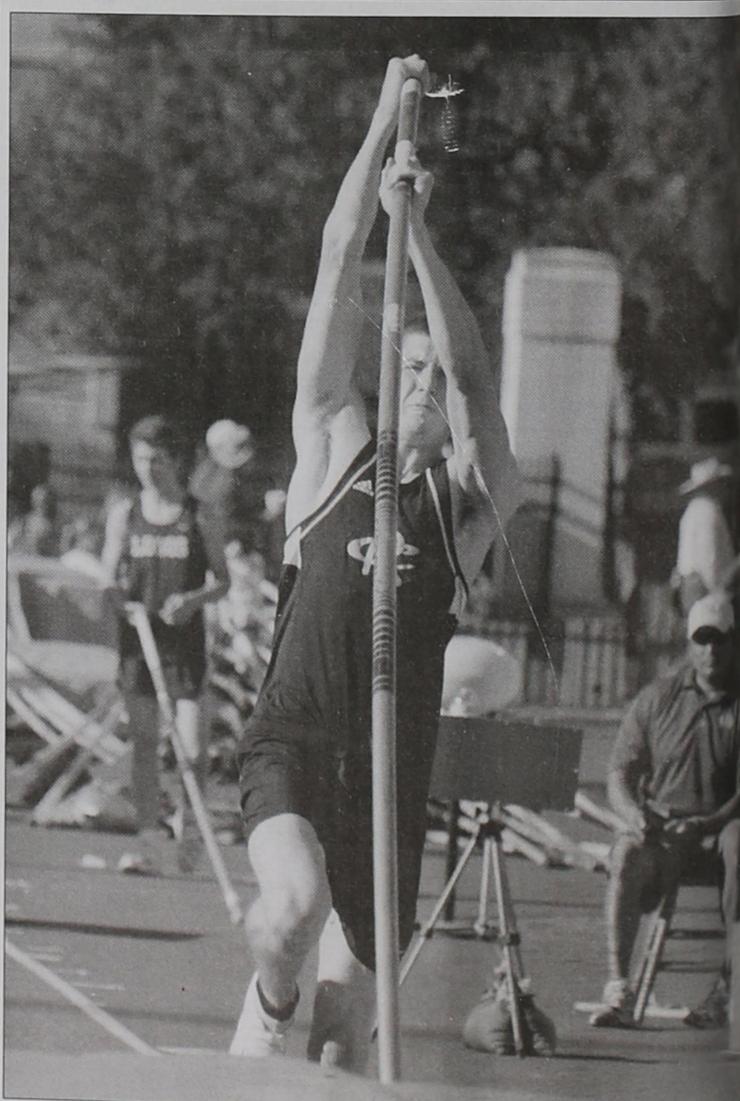
Heritage Christian Academy Eagles' Sophomores Zach Clarke (971) takes the baton from Smalley (977) in the 4x200M relay during the TAPPS State Track and Field Meet held Saturday at Baylor University in Waco. Also competing in the race were Senior Aaron Weghorst and Sophomore Jake Edge (not pictured). The team finished sixth with a time of 1:40.06. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Beck ties for 5th in state pole vault

Royse City's Joseph Beck matched his personal best in the pole vault at 15 feet Friday, May 13, at the 4A state track and field championships.

Beck barely missed tying for the first-place vault at 15-6 when the top of his left foot hit the bar on it.

By tying with Daryll Burrell of Buda Hays at Mike A. Myers Stadium at the University of Texas in Waco, Beck scored 1 1/2 points for the Bulldogs. That gave them a tie for 56th in the state.



Bulldogs' Joseph Beck finishes fifth, during last Friday's UIL State Track and Field Meet in Waco, by matching his personal best of 15 feet. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

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City Council Public Hearing Date:
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2011
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: City Hall
1248 S. Highway 205

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Date: Thursday, June 2, 2011
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: City Hall
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Such time and place the Planning & Zoning Commission will hear comments
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• Plat of 1114 Warwick

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CAUSE NO. P-10-74
 COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS
 The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Determine Heirship and for Letters of Independent Administration in this estate on July 1, 2010, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs of Hortensia M. Martinez, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate. Said application may be heard and acted on by said Court at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 A.M.

on the first Monday following the expiration often days from date of publication of this citation, at the Rockwall County Government Center, 1101 Ridge Road, Suite 103, in Rockwall, Texas.
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 Shelli Miller, County Clerk Rockwall County, Texas
 By: Tina McClaine, Deputy

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary to the estate of GENE ALDERSO, Deceased, were granted by the County Court at Law in Rockwall County, Texas on May 16, 2011, under Docket No. 14 pending in the County Court at Law in Rockwall County, Texas. ELIZABETH JANE BURKS, Deceased's Executrix for the Estate, follows:
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Opinions

After bin Laden?

by Sheldon Richman

The hunt for Osama bin Laden was always a sideshow. President George W. Bush even said at one point that he wasn't much concerned with finding him. He probably meant it. Still, bin Laden played a useful role for the U.S. foreign-policy elite: he was still out there plotting, necessitating a vigilant "war on terror." And if he were eventually caught and killed, whoever was occupying the White House would score a point with the American electorate.

Now it has been done. What's next? Don't look for any big change. American foreign policy was formulated long before al-Qaeda came into being, and its decapitation (if that's what it is) won't make much difference. Not that there won't be surface changes. President Obama may well get the remaining troops out of Iraq as required by the agreement Bush signed with the Iranian-backed government the U.S. military helped install (although the State Department may succeed in maintaining a private army there). And Obama will probably make a big show of drawing down the 100,000-troop force in Afghanistan. The American people are sick of that war (to the extent they are paying attention), and Obama is up for reelection next year. He'd probably like to be rid of the Afghan albatross if he can do it in a way that won't let the Republicans portray him as a wimp. The bin Laden hit helps him out in that regard.

But assuming those things happen, what has really changed? Will the

U.S. government have renounced its global policeman role? Hardly. It will still be bombing Libya, Pakistan, and Yemen, and it continues to claim the authority to intervene anywhere, with or without the blessing of Congress, NATO, or the UN Security Council. (Who cares what the American people think?)

So it's imperative that we not be fooled by appearances. The policymakers will not be using bin Laden's death as grounds to dismantle the thousand U.S. military installations around the world, to stop supporting torture-loving dictators when they serve "American interests," to end the violations of Americans' civil liberties, or to defund the trillion-dollar-plus national security state. That gravy train, which gives prestige to "statesmen," shapes the global order American-style, and lines the pockets of contractors, is not going to end merely because one man was shot by Navy SEALs.

It took no more than a few nanoseconds after the killing of bin Laden for the government to inform us that this is no time to let down our guard. The Bush Perpetual Motion Machine is intact. Every move to counter terrorists creates its own grounds for further moves. For every terrorist killed, ten more arise. (Gen. Stanley McChrystal said that.) Demand creates its own supply. It's an empire-builders' dream come true. The 9/11 attacks were monstrous crimes, but they were not out of the blue.

If we Americans are to free ourselves of the burdens of empire, we have to go to the root. Government must not be allowed the role of shaping

the world to the policymakers' liking. Even if their goals are wholesome — individual liberty and free markets — a super-policeman would be impotent to bestow them on the world. Government is a blunt instrument that works in top-down fashion. It is something that must bubble up from the grassroots if it is to be enduring. Oppressed populations will not have decent nations imposed on them by outsiders. They will have to make their own nations decent.

Anyway, having wholesome goals is not enough. The world would also have to know what they are doing. Yet the complex society puts the relevant knowledge beyond the reach of even the best social engineers. If they are incapable of planning the domestic economy, they certainly will not be able to reconstruct a foreign society.

Of course, it is unrealistic to assume the policymakers have no goals. Behind the pretty window dressing we consistently find that serves particular political and economic interests. American policy has long been the tool for arranging the world in just such a way as to ensure power and wealth for the right people. Just a coincidence, likely.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at *The Future of Freedom Institute* and author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, published by *The Freeman* magazine. Visit his blog "Free Association" at www.sheldonrichman.com

His Majesty, the President ...

by Wendy McElroy

In early April, the White House warned that President Obama would veto H.R. 1363, which would have provided only short-term defense funding and was being used by the GOP to compel budget cuts.

A few days later, the White House threatened to veto H.R.1217, a bill that would have repealed a public-health fund intended to encourage Americans to eat well and exercise. The bill had passed the House but faced stiff opposition in the Senate. The threat of veto almost guaranteed H.R.1217 would never reach Obama's desk.

Other bills that Obama has threatened to veto since the beginning of the year include:

- Department of Defense Appropriates Bill H.R.1,
- Repealing the Affordable Care Act H.R.2 ,
- Energy Tax Prevention Act H.R.910,
- Emergency Mortgage Relief Program Termination Act H.R.836,
- FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act H.R.658,
- FHA Refinance Program Termination Act H.R.830,
- HAMP Termination Act H.R.839 and,
- The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Termination Act H.R.861.

Obama has used the presidential veto less than most of his predecessors but, clearly, he is wielding the threat of it as a powerful way to flex executive power. With House Republican Speaker John Boehner currently taking a rock-hard line on the concessions required before the GOP will vote to raise the debt ceiling, the game of "political chicken" between Congress and executive power will not only continue but probably accelerate.

In this high-stakes game, it is important to understand the nature of a presidential veto, as well as its roots and history.

Vested power of the veto

A presidential veto is a power vested in the executive branch of government by the U.S. Constitution (Article I, section 7) through which the president can prevent the enactment of congressional legislation. When a bill passes both houses of Congress, it arrives on the president's desk. He has 10 days (excluding Sundays) to accept the measure by signing it or to return it to Congress with an explanation of its rejection. Mere failure to sign is deemed to be approval and the measure becomes law. (Note: There is an exception. If Congress is adjourned, the president can exercise an indirect or "pocket veto" by merely ignoring it.) If a bill is returned to Congress, it may be discarded or revised to accommodate the president's objections and, then, returned to his desk. A third alternative is for Congress to attempt an override of the veto; if a two-thirds majority vote of all members present in both houses approve the bill, then it becomes law. Usually, however, the mere threat of a presidential veto causes a bill to stall or to be preemptively revised.

The veto was part of the Constitution's tripartite division of government: the executive (president), legislative (Congress), and judiciary (Supreme Court). The tripartite structure designed to limit power through a series of checks and balances. The veto was a powerful executive check on Congress that becomes ever more potent during times of deep political division when one party controls the White House and the other party

dominates one or both houses of Congress. Through the dissent of one man, the elected representatives of a nation can be thwarted and the will of the weaker party can continue.

It is common to call the president of the United States "the most powerful person in the free world"; no small part of that power comes from the veto. Indeed, people have called the veto a monarchical power. The term is apt; it speaks directly to the origin of the presidential veto within the British Parliamentary system or, more generally, within the constitutional monarchical system. There, the right to veto has long been a prerogative of kings and queens.

Royal Assent in the UK

In the UK, the power is called the Royal Assent and it is required for a bill to become an Act of Parliament. If a British monarch withholds assent, the bill is blocked. If he or she reserves assent, the bill is deferred. Thus, the enacting clause that must accompany every Act of Parliament within the various nations of the United Kingdom makes note of having received the Royal Assent.

During the 14th to the 16th centuries in England, the powers of Parliament expanded, especially in the area of taxation, and it became commonplace for a monarch to enact new laws or policies in consultation with members of Parliament. In turn, a summoned Parliament often submitted bills to the monarch for approval. In general, both parties benefited as the laws they sought acquired legitimacy and popularity through the process. Over time, the monarch lost his power to originate laws and was reduced to approving or vetoing them. Monarchs were under no obligation to assent, however, and often flexed their royal power over Parliament. Elizabeth I was notorious for rarely exercising her right to summon Parliament and for denying royal assent to its bills.

Increasingly, however, Royal Assent became a given. In 1708, Queen Anne became the last British monarch to exercise a royal veto by withholding assent from a Parliamentary Act. (The present Queen Elizabeth II has withheld consent but, technically, the precedent she acted upon is called Queen's Consent, which can be invoked to prevent a bill that bears on the reserve powers of the monarchy from even being heard by Parliament.) Thus, the Royal Assent has become a formality.

Meanwhile, the presidential veto has increased in power and presence.

The Veto in America

Assemblies within the royal colonies of America incorporated a form of Royal Assent. The assemblies that made laws could be blocked by the Royal Governor who, like the monarch, had an absolute right of veto; that is, a veto with no override. Moreover, both the British Parliament and the monarch (through his representatives) could also veto colonial law. Collectively, they constituted the executive power in colonial America. When the Declaration of Independence states,

"He [King George III] has refused his assent to laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. He has forbidden his governors to pass laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his assent should be obtained..." the document is, in fact, complaining about the power of Royal Assent.

It was little wonder post-revolutionary America was reluctant to grant

state governors the power to veto. New York became the first state to do so. The New York Constitution of 1777 provided for veto power by the governor and a panel of council had ten days after a bill passed to exercise its veto. If the veto was overturned by a 2/3 vote of both state houses. In 1780 and in the New York model, John Adams drafted the Massachusetts Constitution. The document spelled out a tripartite division of powers, with a legislative, an executive with strong veto power and a judicial branch. When the Constitutional Convention met in 1787, it drew upon the Massachusetts model to create the U.S. Constitution.

Why did the founders allow for veto?

Historians have speculated on why men suspicious of Royal Assent have included even a limited executive veto. Ronald C. Moore, in "The Founders and Their Experience with the Executive Veto" in *The Framers of the Constitution* believed that the veto exercised by state governors had been a positive part of those administrations. The Framers were associated closely with the assent required from Britain and, then, however, the Convention limited the executive veto by giving the legislature power to override and by restricting his veto to federal laws. The 10-day limit for the president's signature also eliminated the possibility of Royal Assent about which colonials had bitterly complained. The unreasonable amount of time it took to receive approval of laws from Britain.

Early presidents used their veto power with caution. American president, George Washington, debuted the presidential veto power in 1792; only one more would occur during his two terms. The state two-term presidency of Thomas Jefferson would contain no veto trend toward using the power as a tool to shape and impose policy. It took hold. During the presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt (1933-1945), elected for four terms, the combined number of direct and pocket vetoes rose to 635.

One of the predecessors upon whom President Obama could model himself is Roosevelt; under Roosevelt, the executive power and the veto was employed as a potent political weapon not to control balance but to control policy.

The great power of the direct veto comes from how difficult it is to override. The power of the pocket veto comes from how often matters are completed in the last days of a session; once Congress adjourns and passes the 11th-hour bills along to the president, he can quietly veto them.

Conflicts between the Republicans and Democrats will develop in coming months over a wide range of issues from economic (the debt ceiling) to moral (abortion). The House of Representatives is currently dominated by Republicans. If the next election returns a similarly dominated Congress and President Obama's reelection, then expect to see the president assume a more dynamic role in American politics than any since Roosevelt.

Wendy McElroy is the author of *The Reasonable Woman: A Journey to Intellectual Survival* (Prometheus Books, 1998). She actively maintains websites: <http://www.ifeminists.com> and <http://www.wendymc.com>. For additional articles on current events by Ms. McElroy, please visit the Commentary section of our website.

Local Girl Scouts, volunteers earn awards, recognition

Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas, Service Unit 170, recognized a number of girls and adults for outstanding achievements during an event conducted April 30.

One year of service as a leader and given the Outstanding Leader Award were Tracy Godwin, Josie Huls, Cathy Knoff, Rena Reynolds, Robin Spear, Sara Taylor, Diane Trail and Lorie Green Angel Award, marking three years of service as a leader, were Kelly Briceno, Veronica Jones, Judi Spicer and Angela Thomas.

Presented with a Silver Rose Award for her five years of service as a leader.

Outstanding Volunteer Award for a single year of service on the SU Team were Tami Caviness, Andrea, Carrie James, Angela Thomas and Joanna Wilson.

Krauss and Paige Swiney each received an appreciation pin for three years of service on the SU Team.

Green Trip Cookie Manager Trefoil Awards for a single year of service as troop cookie manager were Kristina Cooper, Katherine Kenney, Jenny Lord, Marita Miller, Christina Nelson, Karen Reynolds, Nicole Watson, Dawnyel Williams and Susan Young.

One-year pins for service were Jill Adley, Tracie Anderson-Suazo, Christy Barlett, Kelly Briceno, Kristina Cooper, Delila Dennison, Melissa Doyle, Yolanda Gary, Veronica Hein, Crystal Krauss, Erika Lenk, Glenda Lunceford, Helen Massey, Natasha Miller, Dannielle Phillips, Cynthia Phillips, Reyna Reynolds, Chris Rowland, Kristina Rowland, Stephanie Russell, Tracie Swiney, Paige Swiney, Angela Thomas, Michael Wallace, Nicole Watson, Susan Young, Robin Spear and Tracie Swiney.

10-year pins for service were Ami Brandow, Elizabeth Cotner, Britten Echols, Veronica Ermett and Tracey Tousley.

Recognition for five years of membership in Girl Scouting included Abigail Anderson, Troop 2265; McKinlee Reynolds, Troop 2265; Sanaa Morgan, Troop 2265; Chance White, Troop 2265; Hannah Swiney, Troop 2265; Victoria Robinson, Troop 2265; Sarah Swiney, Juliettes; Smith Juliettes; and Kaelyn Gross, Juliettes.

President's Volunteer Service Award were Caroline Smith, Juliettes, and Kaelyn Gross, Juliettes.

Juliettes, was recipient of the P.R.A.Y. Award.

The Bronze Award were members of Troop 2034: Alyssa Lytle, Alanna Matthews, Abigail Anderson, Mariclaire James.

Bronze Award were members of Troop 2265: Katie Adair, Kennedy Alsbrooks, Taylor Beesler, Chloe Diaz, Rebecca Gutierrez, Elizabeth Gutierrez, Anna Laurie Hibbs, Ryann Irby, Angelica Lazcano, Kendall Magee, Sanaa Morgan, Teresa Nelson, McKinlee Reynolds, Victoria Robinson, Hannah Swiney, Kacie Villanueva, Spencer Ware, Chance White and Peyton Wildermuth.

Award recipients were Caroline Smith, Juliettes, and Kaelyn Gross, Juliettes.



Pictured are the Bronze Award recipients for Troop 2265. From the left are Kennedy Alsbrooks, Alexis Spicer, Victoria Robinson, Angelica Krauss, Hannah Swiney, Spencer Ware, Anna Laurie Hibbs, Kendall Magee, McKinlee Reynolds, Kacie Villanueva, Sanaa Morgan, Teresa Nelson, Katie Adair, Ryann Irby, Chance White, Khloe Diaz, Lauryn Lazano, Peyton Wildermuth and Kendall Brown.
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Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas, Service Unit 170, recently recognized many individuals for outstanding achievements. Recipients of five-year pins were, from the left, Hannah Swiney, Troop 2265; McKinlee Reynolds, Troop 2265; Chance White, Troop 2265; Victoria Robinson, Troop 2265; Abigail Anderson, Troop 2034; Sanaa Morgan, Troop 2265; and Angelica Krauss, Troop 2265.
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On April 30, Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas, Service Unit 170, recognized many Girl Scouts for their achievements during the past year. Recipients of the Bronze Award, representing Troop 2034, included, from the left, Jessica English, Mariclaire James, Abby Anderson, Alyssa Lytle and Alanna Matthews.
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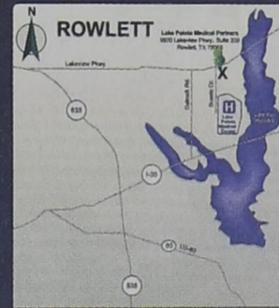
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Summer Ridge Assisted Living and Retirement Community's Food and Beverage staff recently was awarded "Best Plate Presentation" award from Senior Care Centers. Sharing in the honor are (left to right) Hortencia Aguillon, Consuelo Rivera, Tsige Bekele, Lupe Rivera and Kim Rivera. Kim Rivera is director of the facility's Food & Beverage.

By Tom Burnett



Rockwall Chamber of Commerce members welcomed new member Edward Jones/Todd Hooper with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony May 9, 2011.

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