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Members of the Tri-County Veterans Honor Guard posted the colors at the McLendon-Chisholm SpringFest on April 28. Pictured from left are Commander Gene Allen, Brent Erickson, Jerry Howell and David Ussery. The opening ceremony honored members of the military past and present. The rest of the day was filled with food, games, and music all for the benefit of the McLendon-Chisholm Volunteer Fire Department.

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Royse City Lions Club takes strides, earns recognition

The Royse City Lions Club recently received several awards, including the 2011-2012 District 2x1 Lions Club of the Year. The Club of the Year award is given to the organization that has provided the most service to the community and district with outstanding service above self, according to the district.

Other awards given to Royse City Lions included recognition of Kathleen Tyre as recipient of the International Presidents Leadership Award and Kimberley Wheeler, who received recognition for her passion of environment as she discussed what the district does to promote environmental awareness. Additionally, Melda Belk was awarded the 2011-2012 District 2x1 Lion of the Year.

The district 2x1 spans west of Dallas, north of Carrollton, east of Commerce, and south of Wauhatchie. Within this region there are 68 clubs with average size of 20 members. The District has called upon the Royse City Lions Club to fill various district chair positions such as Zone 4 team leader, Tyre; district environmental chair, Wheeler; and district opportunities for youth, Melda Belk.

The original Royse City Lions Club was chartered March of 1946. Over the years the club dwindled and disbanded. The district re-chartered the club in January 2009 with 23 charter members. The club met two times and the club president received news of a job transfer and the club ceased to exist except on record. After preliminary meetings, the current club met for the first time on April 1, 2009, with Tyre serving as club president, as well as

two former charter members from the 2008 charter.

In June 2009, the current club president, Chandler, joined the club with her husband. The club grew a few members and lost a few. In September 2010, the struggling club of three began the meeting with a simple prayer that the community would open, accept the club and provide members. Immediately after the prayer, the door opened and Wheeler walked in to attend the meeting. She joined the club the next week. Membership began to slowly gain interest, but not members until June of 2011 when the club inducted three new members and proceeded to gain momentum on membership. During the 2011-2012, the club reached 16 members and community recognition for numerous service projects.

The 2011-2012 year was a strong one for the Royse City Lions Club. The organization conducted its first Sight and Tissue Clinic, providing 32 residents, adults and children with complete eye exams and glasses at no charge. The Lions independently assisted six local residents with eye exams, glasses and eye surgery referrals to Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation of District 2x1.

Additionally, the Lions adopted the FM 548 highway for cleanup and can be seen on site for clean up three or four times a year. The club organized its second annual Send Santa to the Troops, which provided 50 care packages to troops stationed overseas. Members assisted Royse City Main Street in unloading nearly 2,000 pumpkins for its pumpkin patch as well as providing

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Members of the Royse City Lions Club, pictured above, were the recipients of several awards, including the 2011-2012 District 2x1 Lions Club of the Year honor. Individuals awards went to Kathleen Tyre, Kimberley Wheeler and Melda Belk.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Possible rabid animal leads to death of family pet

by Darcy Rocha

Learning that what was thought to be a rabid animal had tried to attack a family in Heath made me aware that the extent of my knowledge about rabies did not go far beyond the mad dog that terrorized Scout in "To Kill a Mockingbird" or the childhood book I had about Louis Pasteur. I know we have our fair share of wildlife out here on the rolling prairie in Heath, and I think it may behoove us all for a rabies safety refresher course.

On April 15, a family in the Darr Estates neighborhood was enjoying Sunday afternoon until a raccoon that appeared to be rabid lunged and attacked, enraged in its encephalitic state. Children were chased and a dog was bitten as it fearlessly and faithfully protected its owner.

Animal Control was notified and was promptly on the scene to incapacitate and remove the animal. After consulting with their veterinarian, the family decided to put the dog down. She was a loving and loyal Great Dane quite advanced in her years and was suffering from several ailments, but still the decision was deeply heartbreaking.

Because the virus is so easily transmitted from animals to humans and because the virus has a mortality rate of virtually 100 percent if bite victims are not given a vaccination protocol in time, an erratic acting animal that could possibly be a carrier must be contained by animal control authorities as quickly as possible.

Dogs remain the principal host for the rabies virus, but pet vaccination requirements have kept incidences down in domesticated populations. Feral dogs and cats and wild animals such as skunks, raccoons, coyotes and especially bats, need to be watched cautiously for signs of the disease. Rabbits, such as those prevalent in the yards of many homes in Heath, are not typical carriers of rabies.

Many believe that an animal would have to be "foaming at the mouth" as a sure sign of rabies, when in fact any animal that is acting aggressive or erratic, drooling, limping or having a seizure, or any combination of the above, should be contained immediately by authorities. The extremely contagious virus lives in the saliva and can be transmitted through bites, scratches or abrasions.

This particular raccoon showed many of the above symptoms, although post-mortem testing came back negative for rabies.

Rockwall Animal Shelter attendant Lyndsey Weaver says that another disease with similar symptoms, distemper, can be mistaken for rabies. The only way to definitively determine if a suspected animal has rabies is to put the animal down so brain tissue can be sent off for testing at the state lab in Austin. The rabies test results are available within two to three days.

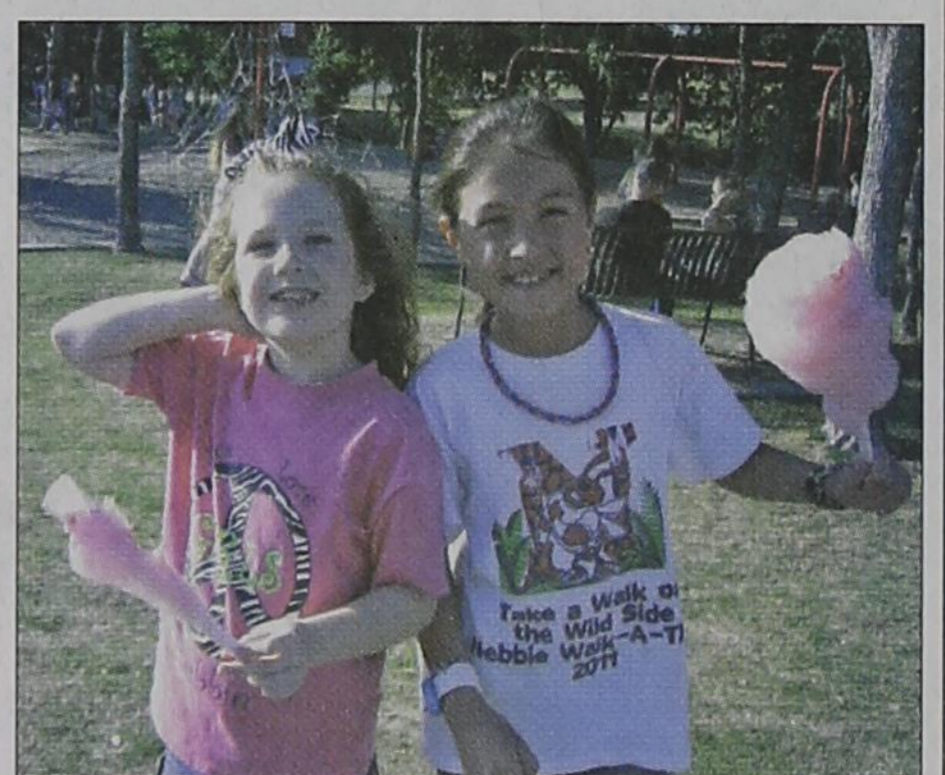
If your pet has come into contact with an animal that could be suspected of having rabies, call the city of Rockwall animal services at 972/771-1035, after hours call the Heath police non-emergency line at 972/771-7721. Not all cases require the pet to be put down.

According to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), if you yourself are bitten by an animal that you suspect could be rabid, let the wound bleed to help remove the rabies virus from the wound. Wash the wound with soap and water as this will also help remove the rabies virus from the wound. Then apply an antiseptic, if available, and seek medical attention as soon as possible. Any bite, even a small one, can be deadly.

You should also contact animal services immediately. If they can find and contain the animal for rabies testing, you will know whether or not you will need to undergo a series of shots, known as post-exposure prophylaxis (or PEP) which must be administered within 10 days of the exposure to the virus. The series takes 14 days to complete and is very expensive, even with insurance.

If the suspected animal is not able to be found and tested, consult your doctor to determine if you should undergo PEP. Rabies is 100 percent fatal in humans, so taking the right steps is absolutely essential.

As always, make sure your pets are up to date on their rabies vaccination, as required by state law. Again according to DSHS, dog and cat owners are required to vaccinate their pets against rabies by 4 months of age and give a booster one year after the initial vaccination. Following these first two vaccinations, dogs and cats can be vaccinated at either one-year or three-year intervals, depending on the type of rabies vaccine used.



Hannah Moore and Sarah Trahan, second grade students at Nebbie Elementary, enjoyed cotton candy as part of the school's recent Pizza in the Park celebration. The school's PTA hosted families at the Shores Park April 27, providing free pizza and cotton candy. Families picnicked throughout the park and children played until dusk. About 400 attended the annual spring event.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



B&GC offers summer program for youths

The Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County's summer program, which will run June 4 through Aug. 10, will be open to youths ages 6 to 18 years of age.

Early bird club hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 8:29 a.m.; regular club

hours will run from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cost is \$25 for annual membership (if not already a member), \$50 per month per child (ages 6-11) or \$20 per month per child (ages 12-15). Membership and dues is free to those ages 16 and older. Early Bird Fee is \$1 per day, plus there is an additional \$10 T-shirt Fee required for anyone participating in a field trip.

Breakfast and lunch, as well as a snack, is served to each participant.

Participants will enjoy a structured, fun program filled with activities that center around the Boys & Girls Club's five core program areas: education and career development; character and leadership development; the arts; health and life skills; and sports, fitness and recreation.

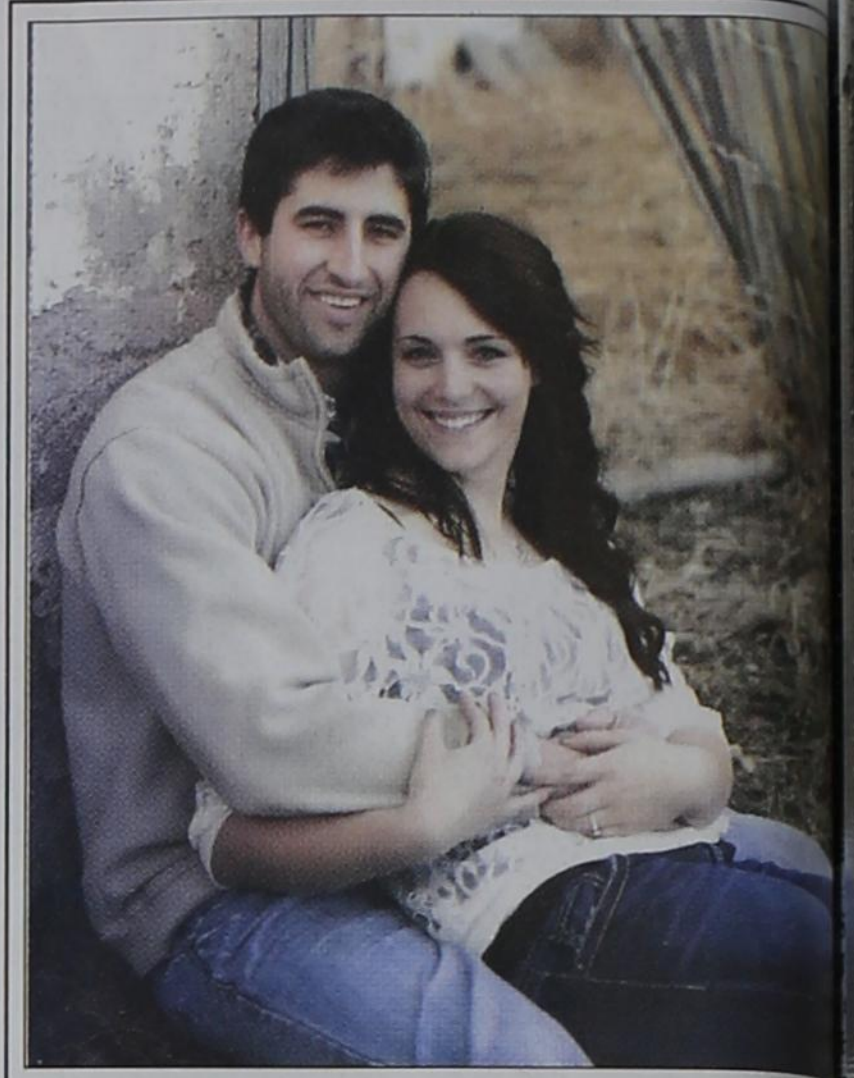
For more details visit begreatrockwall.org or call 972-722-2462.

Rockwall Farmer's Market to open

The Rockwall Farmer's Market, sponsored by Friends of Downtown, will begin its 2012 season, opening at 8 a.m. May 5.

Items to be offered include fresh produce, local honey, handmade soaps, dry mixes, grass-fed beef, farm eggs, fresh-baked breads, dipping oils and fresh fruits and vegetables. A new kitchen and gourmet shop is also planned.

The market will be open from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday through Sept. 29.



Cox, Clow to wed July 21

Danica Cox and Brett Clow will marry July 21, 2012.

The bride is the daughter of Tracy and Shelly Cox of Weskan, Kan.

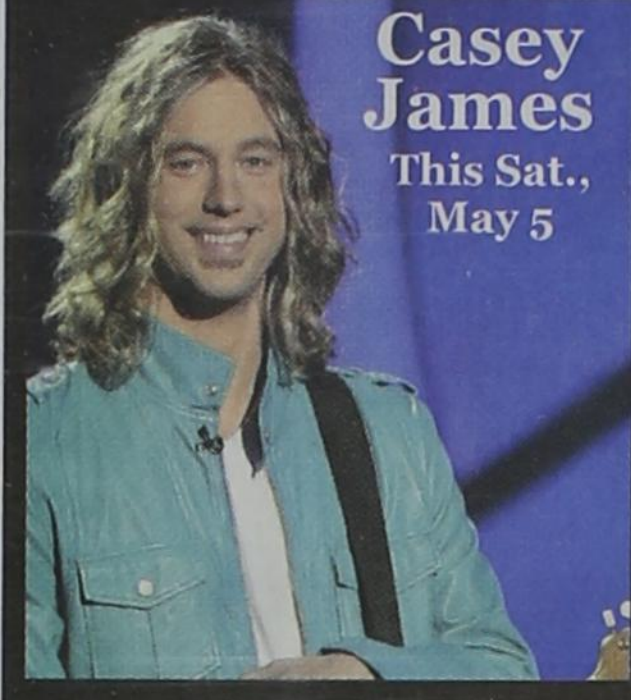
The groom is the son of Wayne and Donna Clow of Heath.

The bride-elect is a 2009 graduate of Weskan High School She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Bethel College in 2012.

The groom, a 2005 graduate of Rockwall High School, earned a bachelor's degree in business management and marketing in 2008 from Bethel College. He also earned a master's degree in sports management from Wichita State University in 2011. He is employed as the assistant football coach and coordinator at Bethel College where he also serves as an admissions counselor.

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Volunteers of the Lake Pointe Health Network were recognized by staff at a catered breakfast conducted April 19. Each honoree received a pin with the National Volunteer Week logo featuring the message "Volunteers: Exceptional People, Extraordinary Hearts." Pictured above at back row are Jerry Hughes, Terry Holloway, Norma MadLeod, Pat Coates and Evelyn Ridsdale. Seated at front are Vera DeFusco, Jessie Green, Diana Messick and Peggy Wyatt.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Early voting in Rockwall election now under way

Early voting for the City of Rockwall General Election will run through May 8.

Individuals interested in casting their vote during the early voting period may do so during the following dates and times:

- Through May 5 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- May 7-8 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

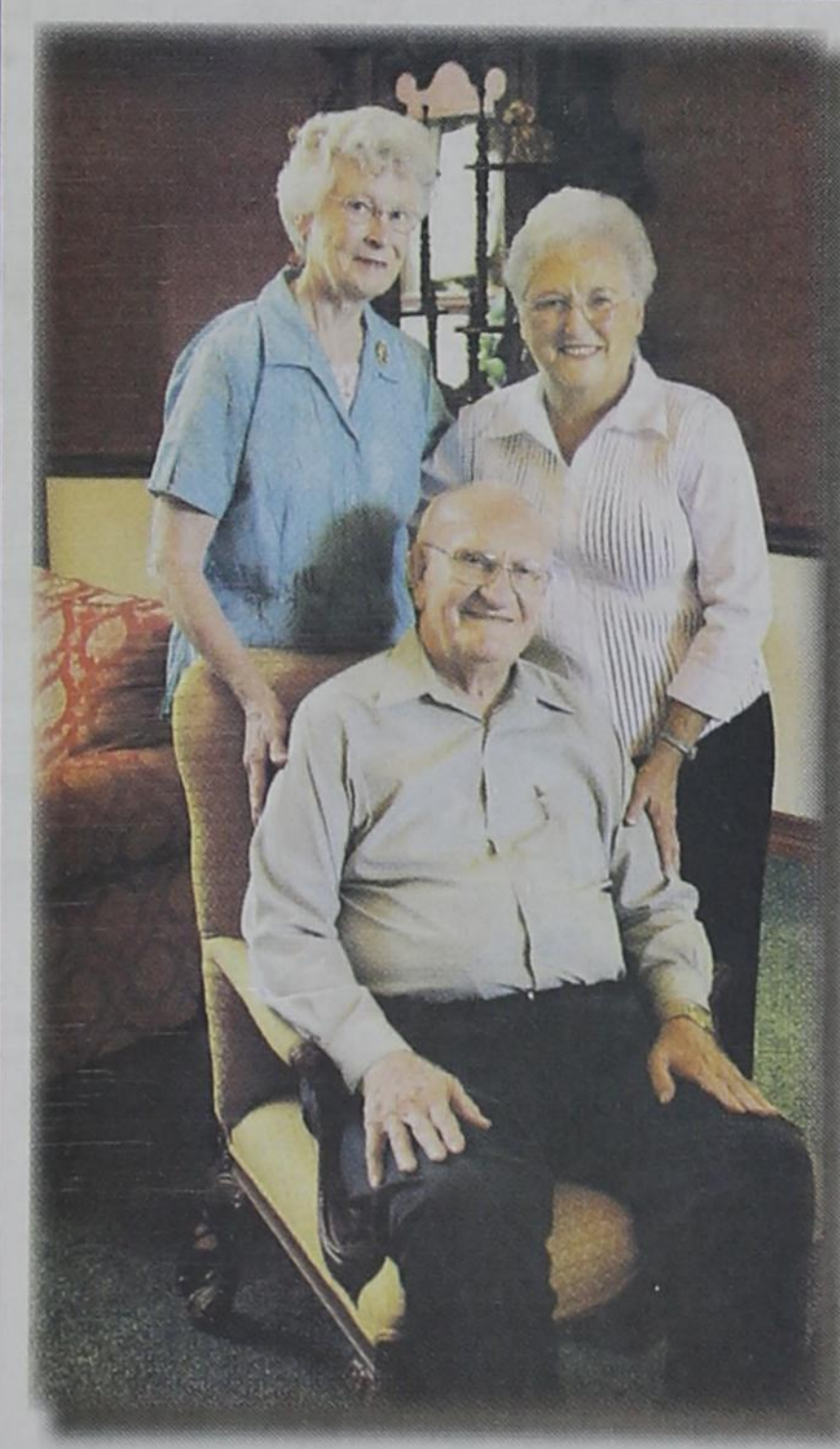
Early voting will take place at the

- following locations:
- Elections Office, 107 E. Kaufman, Rockwall
 - Fate Community Center, 104 South W.E. Crawford, Fate
 - Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence, Heath
 - Chisholm Baptist Church, 1388 S. State Hwy. 205, McClendon-Chisholm
 - Roys City City Hall, 305 N.

Arch, Roys City
Early voting also will take place at the Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary School, 5801 Scenic Drive, Rowlett between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. through Saturday and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 7-8.

Election day is May 12. On that date, Rockwall city voters may cast ballots from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at Utey Middle School located at 1201 T.L. Townsend.

For information on bond-ballot propositions, including associated costs and potential tax implications, visit the City of Rockwall's home page at rockwall.com and click on "Bond Election Information."



Weldon Collier, his sister Guyrene Randles and niece Carolyn Bryan

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Zoe Hartmeier is the daughter of Mike and Debra Hartmeier. She has been a member of Kick Club for three years and was voted Spirit of the Week in her junior year. She serves as treasurer of Social. She was Miss High School and a member of the ASL Club and an active member of the Baptist Church of Rockwall. She plans to attend Blinn College where she will major in elementary education.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

'Idol' finalist to perform May 5 at Southern Junction

Casey James, who first hit the national music scene with a third-place finish on Season 9 of "American Idol," will be in Rockwall May 5 to perform at Southern Junction.

James already had been making music for a decade when, following his mother's advice, he tried out for the TV talent show.

A native of the Cool community west of Fort Worth, he grew up surrounded by music. Both of James' parents play the guitar and sang, as did other family members. He played guitar and performed throughout his young adulthood.

James' influences include such artists as Merle Haggard, Vince Gill, ZZ Top and Bonnie Raitt, along with a mix of 1970s rock, blues and outlaw country tunes.

Following his success on "Idol," he set his sights on Nashville and toured with Sugarland in early 2011. He also played several of his own shows in preparation for his upcoming debut album set for release later this year.

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The City of Heath recognized outgoing board and commission members at its April 17 council meeting. From left are Tom Smith, Board of Adjustment; Chuck Dale, Board of Adjustment; Mayor Dan Ruffe; Dennis Bailey, Heath Economic Development Corp. and Heath Municipal Benefits Corp. (former mayor); Jack Wilson, Planning and Zoning Commission; and James Tunnell, HEDC and HEDC (former City Council member). Not shown is Kathy Manuel, Park Board. Council members made new appointments to the municipality's boards and committees this summer and welcomes applications from interested citizens. Applications may be downloaded at heathtx.com.
Coxsey photo/Rockwall County News

Methodist church plans program on election

The "Room for God in the Election Booth?" is the topic of a presentation set for 7 p.m. May 17 at the Wall Street United Methodist Church, 1500 E. Yellow Jacket Lane.

The program by Dr. Matthew Wilson, associate professor of political science at Southern Methodist University, will explore the impact of religion on the 2012 election. He holds a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Indiana State University and received his master's and doctoral degrees in political science at Duke University. He has taught several courses at SMU, including Political Dynamics and Religion and Politics, focusing on the relationship between religious faith and political life from philosophical, theological and historical perspectives. He is the author of "From Pews to Polling Places: Faith and Politics in the American Religious Mosaic."

Tickets are \$5 and may be reserved at fumrockwall.com or purchased in the church office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Childcare will be available free of charge if reserved by calling 972-771-5500. The public is invited to attend.

Royse City Lion's Club wins awards

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Volunteers for the patch's operations. The club provided its second annual holiday party for the local St. Ann's classroom as well as field trips for the class.

The club has participated the last two years in the District 2x1 service project called Sports Extravaganza, which serves as Special Olympics for blind or visually impaired children. The club has also participated the last two years in the District 2x1 service project Snowball Express, which provides winter gear to children of fallen firefighters.

Most recently, the Royse City Lion's Club was the first community group to be on site for the 9/11 Memorial Project, providing packages, manpower, glasses, water and assistance of all kinds to the families affected by the Sept. 11 attacks.

The club continues the tradition of assisting the families with financial support.

The Royse City Lions Club has had these projects possible through fundraisers including the annual Texas Hold'em tournament, which will be in its 10th year this year, as well as other fundraisers throughout the year.

On the upcoming fundraiser, the club will have an Open House Wineshare, which will be held this month, providing information about local clubs.

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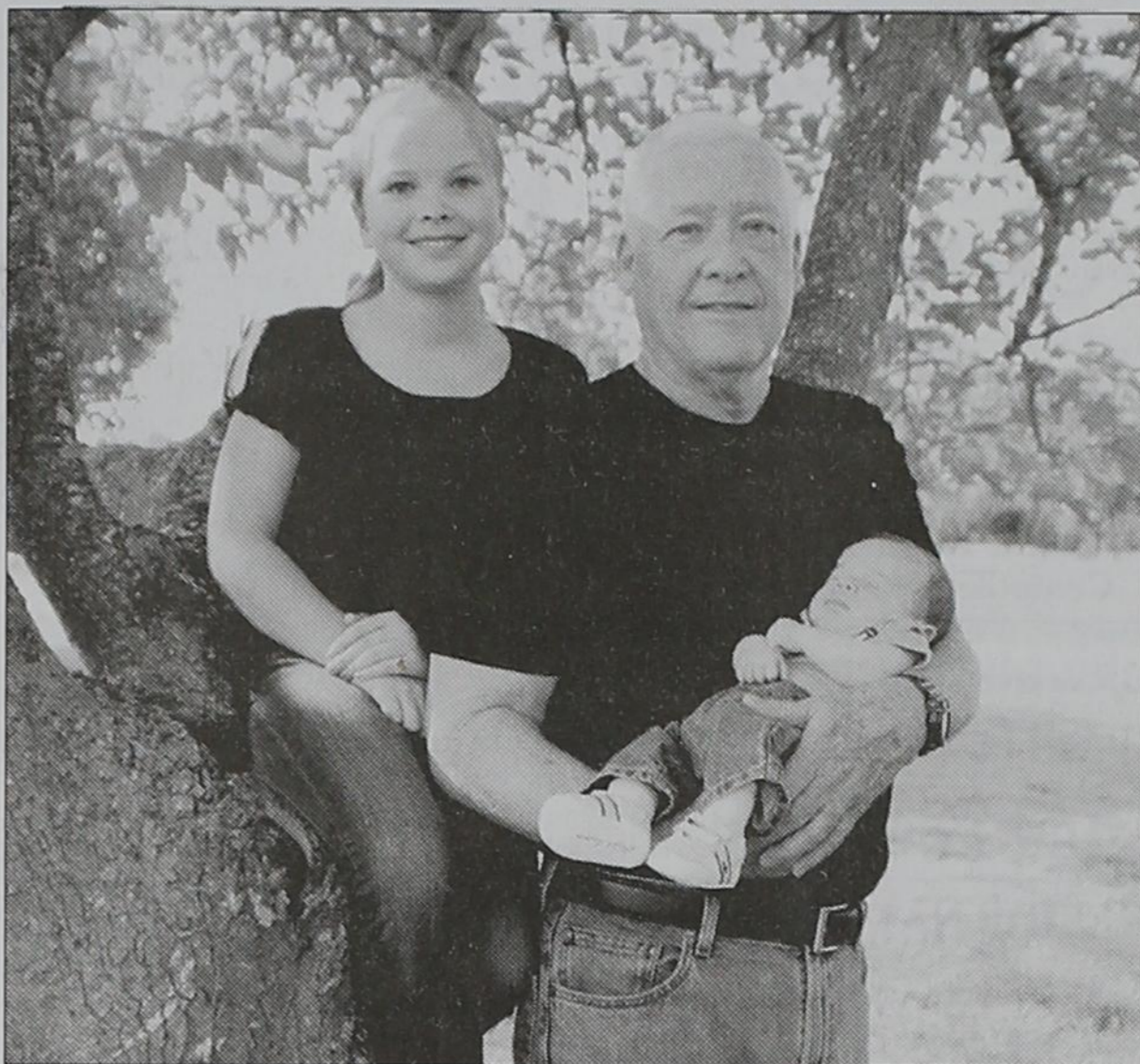
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Jesus teaches more about love...John 15:9-13

Last week we looked at John 15:1-8 where Jesus Christ compared abiding in him with a branch that can not bear fruit unless it is on the vine. The true way to bear spiritual fruit in our lives is through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ by the spirit of God that is in us. In the rest of John 15, and first part of chapter 16, Jesus began to teach about love. He said, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Continue in my love. If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love, even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love" (John 15:9-10).

According to Galatians 5:22, one of the fruits of the spirit is love. This word love is translated from the earlier known Greek word agape that meant love that is shown from God to people. How did God show His love? The answer is found in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whoever believes on him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

At the time of this teaching, Jesus Christ had not been killed yet. He was preparing them for what was to come in the future. Jesus continued by saying, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment,

that you love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do whatever I command you" (John 15:11-14).

What did he command them to do? Love one another. It's so simple and easy to entreat. When he said to love as he loved, he wasn't calling them to give their lives by dying for mankind. That was his calling and purpose. Now we can lay down our lives by abiding in God's love through the name of Jesus Christ who is not dead, but alive in heaven.

John 3:17-18 shines more light on love, "but who ever has this world's good, and sees his brother have a need, and shuts up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwells the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth. The words "in deed and in truth" were likely a figure of speech that meant "truly in deed," or "in true deed." We can say that we love until we are blue in the face, but unless we love truly in deed, then others cannot see God's love dwelling in us. This is not just about giving material goods to brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need, but it's about manifesting the power of God for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that others might be healed and delivered from what ever bondage they are in.

Acts 3:3-9 is a record of God's love being showed. When Peter commanded the man to stand up and walk, he was demonstrating God's love. The man believed that the name of Jesus was able to heal him, reached out and grab Peter's right hand, lifted himself up, and start walking. He humbly believed to receive God's love that was shown through Peter and John by the spirit of God in them. The Gospels are filled with records of Jesus Christ showing God's compassionate

love in truly spiritual deeds. The Acts are filled with God's saints showing love in the same manner.

These records are great examples for us to learn from. We can show love also, and God is most gracious to help us grow spiritually to the point we are demonstrating God's powerful and compassionate love by His spirit in us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The records of Jesus' life and service toward God on earth before his resurrection provide great and dynamic examples God's beloved saints to

Nana Pat's Kitchen

by Pat Burnett

From my mother's first cook book:
"Home Helps" A Pure Food Cook Book (1910)

Baked Apple Dumplings
(Miss Willis)
For six dumplings use half the rule for pie crust, and six large tart apples.
Core and pare the apples.
Divide the paste into six parts, and roll out one piece into a shape and size that will cover the apple.

Place an apple on this and fill the center with sugar, a lump of butter the size of a hazelnut and some cinnamon.
Now draw the paste over the apples and press the edges together.
Put the dumplings in a baking pan, the rough side down, and proceed in the same manner.
Bake in a moderately hot oven for half an hour.
Serve hot with a nutmeg or cold sauce.

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Library nabs Texas Book Festival grant

The Rockwall County Library has received a \$2,500 literacy grant from the Texas Book Festival, according to a news release from the library. The grant will be used to fund family story times in Spanish during the summer and fall. "We are grateful and pleased to receive this grant," said Doreen Miller, the librarian. "The funds will enable us to extend our programming by providing programs of stories, music and puppetry to benefit our Spanish-speaking bilingual families, as well as families who have children learning Spanish." The Texas Book Festival grants are designed to help initiate or continue innovative literary and technology programs and to update and increase book collections. This year grants up to \$5,000 are being distributed to 13 public libraries across Texas.

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B&GC offers summer program for youths

The Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County's summer program, which will run June 4 through Aug. 10, will be open to youths ages 6 to 18 years of age. Early bird club hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 8:29 a.m.; regular club hours will run from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cost is \$25 for annual membership (if not already a member), \$50 per month per child (ages 6-11) or \$20 per month per child (ages 12-15). Membership and dues is free to those ages 16 and older. Early Bird Fee is \$1 per day, plus there is an additional \$10 T-shirt fee required for anyone participating in a field trip.

Breakfast and lunch, as well as a snack, is served to each participant.

Participants will enjoy a structured, fun program filled with activities that center around the Boys & Girls Club's five core program areas: education and career development; character and leadership development; the arts; health and life skills; and sports, fitness and recreation.

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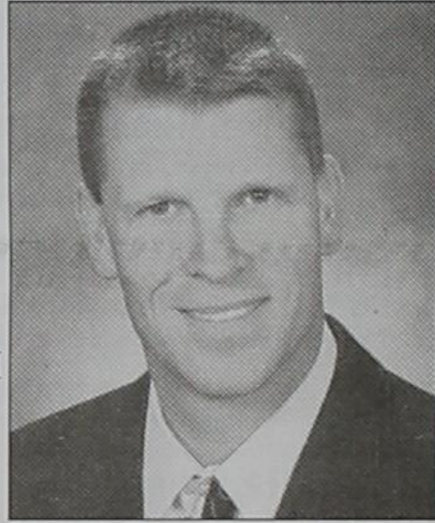
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Jeff Rickert, PA-C

He was preceded in death by his sister-in-law, Hannelore Gerlach. In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested that donations may be made to the donor's local animal shelter.

Maurine Holt

Services for Maurine Holt, 93, were conducted at 1 p.m. May 1, 2012, in the First Assembly of God Church in Lavon with Pastor Sidney Brandon and Pastor Wayne Brashear officiating. Graveside services followed at 3:30 p.m. in the Grove Hill Memorial Park in Dallas. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died April 28.

Born May 28, 1918, in Collin County to Arthur and Jessie (Lamb) Payton, she was a lifelong resident of Lavon, where she was a member of the First Assembly of God Church. She was a beautician for many years, as well as a homemaker.

Survivors include her children, Glen Holt of Farmersville, Janis Holt Green of Lavon, Bobby Weldon Holt of Winnsboro and Andy Holt and his wife, Carol, of Nevada, Texas; her sisters, Julia Recer of Lavon and Joyce Mills and her husband, Walker, of Copeville; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, J.B. Holt; her second husband, Weldon Preston; her twin sister, Maxine Payton; her sister, Mozelle Payton Lillard; her brothers, Olen and Ralph Payton; and a granddaughter, Becky Crews.

Elizabeth A. Hutton

Services for Elizabeth A. Hutton, 50, of Royse City were conducted at 10:30 a.m. May 2, 2012, in the First Baptist Church in Royse City with Pastor Chad Hays, Juan Pablo and the Rev. George McCain officiating. Burial was at 2:30 p.m. in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Mineola under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City Chapel.

She died April 28.

Born Dec. 15, 1961, in Dallas to Lindell Arthur Hutton and Effie Lorraine (Burke) Hutton, she attended Royse City schools and was homecoming queen in 1980. She worked for the U.S. government in document control.

Survivors include her husband, Eric Gassman, her daughter, Jessica Hernandez, and her husband, Efrain, and her son, Jonathan Hutton, all of Royse City; her granddaughter, Priscilla Hernandez; her mother, Effie Hutton of Royse City; a sister, Margarita Cahill of Wimberley; and numerous cousins and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father; a sister, Pamela Hutton; and a brother, Lynn Arthur Hutton.

Everett E. McIntosh

Graveside services for Everett E. McIntosh, 88, of Mesquite were conducted at 11 a.m. May 2, 2012, in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, 3900 Rowlett Rd., in Rowlett with Deacon Joe Perez officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rowlett Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died April 28.

Born June 13, 1923, in Galveston to Henry William and Edna Barbara (Stechmann) McIntosh, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He married Verona Tinney on June 13, 1951, in Galveston and worked as a postal clerk for the U.S. Postal Service in Mesquite until his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Verona McIntosh of Mesquite; his son, Markus McIntosh, and his wife, Catherine, of Rockwall; his daughter, Rebecca King, and her husband, David, of Dallas; and his grandchildren, Matthew and Joshua McIntosh and Leon and Joey King.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Michael McIntosh; and a brother, Henry.

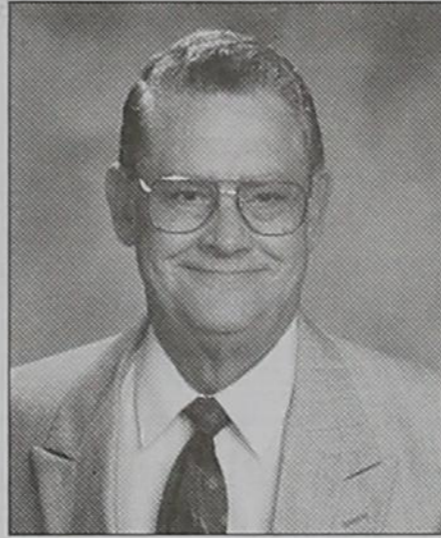
Ronald D. Schvab, Sr.

Services for Ronald D. Schvab, Sr., 75, of Richardson were conducted at 2 p.m. April 28, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Joe Pool officiating.

He died April 25.

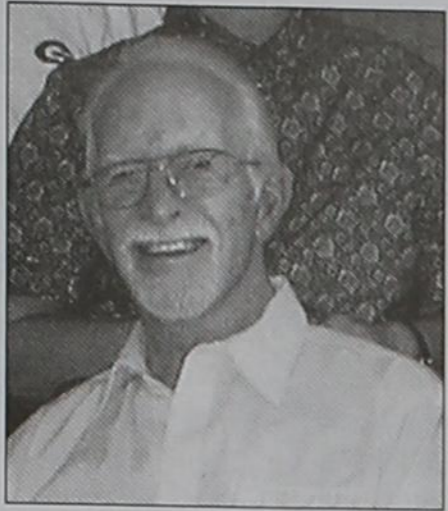
Born April 16, 1937, in Shreveport, La., to Otto and Thelma (McKee) Schvab, he served in the U.S. Navy and married Audra Ann George on Aug. 1, 1959, in Mercedes. He worked as a jeweler.

Survivors include his wife, Audra Schvab of Richardson; his children, David Schvab and his wife, Sandi, of Portland, Ore., John Schvab and his wife, Becky, of Troy, Mo., and Mary Lamb-Dodds and her husband, Kevin, of Rowlett; a sister, Jackie Lundy, and her husband, Larry, of Lockport, N.Y.; his grandchildren, Zachary, Ashleigh, Karin, Alanna, Kaitlyn and John; a great-granddaughter, Sophia; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.



Rockwall County Obituaries

G. Emory Anderson



Funeral services for G. Emory Anderson, 84, of Rockwall were held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel in charge of arrangements.

He was born May 18, 1928, in Atlanta to Fredrick and Ethel (Frederick) Anderson, and served in the U.S. Navy during the war and worked sales for Birmingham and San Francisco. He retired in 1984. He was a member of a poker club in Dallas and a 50-year Mason in Rockwall. He attended the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall.

He is survived by his wife, Jo Anderson of Rockwall; his daughter, Beth Anderson of Atlanta; a granddaughter, Christi Anderson; and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mary Verneila (Mackey) Bradford



Funeral services for Mary Verneila (Mackey) Bradford, 90, of Rockwall were held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Chad Hays officiating. Burial will be in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City Chapel at 2 p.m. immediately prior to the funeral home.

She was born May 7, 1921, in Poteet to Joseph and Aray (Watts) Mackey, she spent her childhood in Albany, Okla., with most of her life on her parents' farm. She graduated from Albany High School and worked for the Durant, Okla., where she married Bruce Carl Bradford in 1942. After World War II, the couple spent more than 50 years in Durant and moved before moving to Rockwall to be closer to family. She spent the remainder of her life as a homemaker and a mother who enjoyed family gatherings, music, writing, gardening and sewing. She was an avid collector of antiques and books, especially dolls.

Survivors include her sons, Carl Bradford and his wife, Janice, of Keller, Texas; her daughter, Sharon, of Alba and Brent Bradford and his wife, Rosemary, of Rockwall; her grandchildren, Chris and Kiki Bradford, Craig and Amy Bradford, and Jennifer Bradford and Bridget and Bradley Hartman; her great-grandchildren, Chance, Chris, Collin, Cameron, Cody, Cayden, Calvin, Matthew, Abigail, Benjamin, Daniel, Addisyn and Cohen; and her sisters, Betty Mackey, L.J. Mackey, Pauline King and Juanita Tuttle. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a son, David Bruce Bradford; her brothers, Robert and Charlie Mackey; and two sisters, Joyce and Mabel Hopkins.

Iva Dampier Childress



Funeral services for Iva Dampier Childress were conducted at 10 a.m. Monday at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit Presbyterian Church, 5001 North Dallas, followed by the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died April 26 following complications resulting from Alzheimer's disease.

Born May 17, 1923, she was a wife, mother-in-law, grandmother, aunt and friend. Her career as a homemaker spanned more than 40 years, including with her retired husband, the Garland Independent District in 1993. Her life was filled with a deep and abiding faith in Jesus Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Carol Childress of Rockwall and Connie Childress of Garland; one son, R.J. Childress, a daughter-in-law, Suzy Childress, and a grandson, Drew Merritt Childress, all of Dallas; a sister, Bonnie Dampier Childress, of Dallas; two brothers and three sisters-in-law, James and Doris Childress of Weaubleau, Mo., Frank and Sue Dampier of Urbana, Mo., and James and Sue Dampier of Lone Lane, Mo.; and 19 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Paul Childress, in 1987; her parents, James Porter and Edna Garrison Dampier; a sister, Mary Childress; and her brothers Lee Dampier, John Dampier and Drue Dampier.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested contributions may be made in her memory to the Garland Retired School Personnel Scholarship, 508 Meadowlake Drive, Garland, TX 75042 or to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Dallas Chapter, 444 N. Central Expressway, Suite 750, Dallas, TX 75204.

Betty Owens Dolph



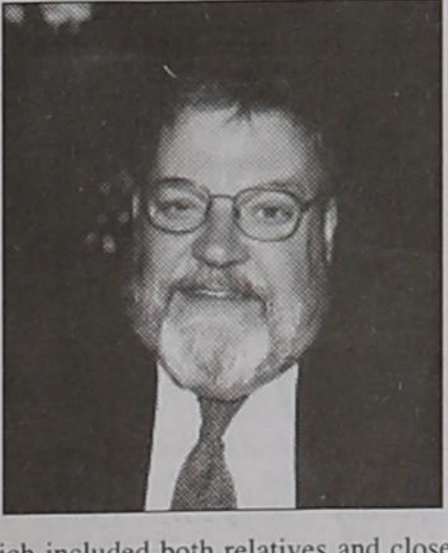
Funeral services for Betty Owens Dolph, 85, of Rowlett, formerly of Hobbs, N.M., were conducted at 10 a.m. April 27, 2012, in the First Baptist Church in Garland with Pastor Anne Sparks and the Rev. Belva Windham officiating. Burial will follow at a later date in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died April 24. Born May 28, 1926, in El Dorado, Ark., to B. and Elizabeth (Griffith) Dolph, she had been a competitive swimmer. She loved NASCAR and fishing.

Survivors include her daughters, Lana Owens of Weatherford and Janet Carter of Rockwall; her son, Bob, of Rowlett; her sister, Linda Meeks, and her husband, Bob, of Rowlett; her brother, Cecil Earnest, and his wife, Sue, of Midland; her grandchildren, Morgan and Arron Wickson; her dog, Mimi; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Sheriff Horace Owens; and her sister, Gwendolyn Bradford. The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to the church for the church house.

George Smith Gerlach



George Smith Gerlach died from complications of a stroke at his home on April 18, 2012, at his home, surrounded by his family. The funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Born in St. Louis, Mo., in 1934 to Arthur and Fritze Gerlach and Fritz Gerlach received his master's degree in physics from Washington State University and worked in the field for more than 40 years. He spent his adult life in the Dallas and Houston area. He was married to the love of his life, Merry Pate Gerlach, for more than 20 years. Of all his accomplishments, he was proudest of his family, which included both relatives and close friends. He was a loving husband and father.

Survivors include his wife; his daughter and son-in-law, Mary Gerlach and her husband, Larry; his son and his family, George Gerlach, II, Amy Gerlach, and her husband, Colton Gerlach and Sadie Gerlach; and his brother, John Gerlach, and his family, Alexis Gerlach, Charles Letourneau and Tristan Letourneau.

Hospital named to list of '100 Great Places to Work'

Texas Health Presbyterian Rockwall was included on the "100 Great Places to Work in Healthcare" listing published by Becker's Hospital Review and Becker's ASC Review.

The list "recognizes healthcare organizations that create an outstanding workplace through robust benefits, opportunities for development and a strong sense of community," according to a news release issued by the hospital. These workplaces go "above and beyond to keep their employees happy, healthy and motivated" by encouraging a healthy work/life balance.

"Our hospital is so unique," said Cindy Paris, hospital president. "Each of our employees consider their co-workers and patients as if they are part of a big family. It is that mentality that makes coming to work so special and rewarding for all of us. Truly it is our employees who make us great."

The full-length version of the list is available for viewing at beckershospital-review.com.

Big Band to open Concert by the Lake series May 10

The Big Band sounds of Hunter Sullivan will open this year's Concert by the Lake Series at The Harbor on May 10.

Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

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Relay For Life marks another successful year

by Mary Thacker

The community of Rockwall County turned out in full force on April 27 to unite against a common enemy.

This year's Relay For Life, the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society, organized by co-chairs Carla Brooks and Mindy Brence, exceeded all expectations, earning the highest amount of money of any Rockwall Relay to date.

The event opened at 7 p.m. with the presentation of the colors by Boy Scout Troop #314 and the singing of the National Anthem by members of the Rockwall Children's Chorus led by director Alan Clark. Congressman Ralph Hall, whose own grandson was diagnosed with cancer, spoke about the importance of preserving the nation's space program, in hopes that a cure for cancer is likely to be discovered in the gravity-free space station laboratories.

The survivors opened the Relay by walking the first lap to the cheers of the crowd. Tom and Betty Moore were fan favorites. Married for more than 50 years, Betty whizzed around the track in her electric chair, high-fiving onlookers, while her husband, Tom, leisurely strolled with the aid of his walker and the company of

their daughter, Erin.

The caregivers took to the track next, applauded by their family and friends before the rest of the participants joined in.

Each individual at the Cain Middle School track has his or her own story behind his participation in Relay. Fifth grader Molly Wilcoxson was there with her teacher, Karen Folleras, whose involvement in Relay had inspired her to donate the money she received from the Easter Bunny to the cause. Two of Molly's grandparents have been diagnosed with cancer, and she decided that people with cancer needed the money more than she did.

Eleven-year-old Grace Milder decided to host her birthday party at Relay. Grace's own family has been affected by the disease, and Relay is an important part of their lives. Grace and her nine guests wore matching purple tie-dyed shirts with the caption More Birthdays, Less Cancer.

Reece McKelva's reason to Relay is decidedly personal and was boldly and humorously written across his chest in big letters.

The team Three Tough Cookies is named for three of its members, who each suffered from a different type of cancer. Their

personalized shirts featured a pink background to represent cancer, zebra-striped letters to represent neuro-endocrine and a teal-colored ribbon to represent ovarian cancer.

No matter what the participant's motivation is to Relay, they were touched by the solemn ceremony that remembers the lost their fight with cancer. At 9 p.m. the stadium lights were dimmed to reveal the word *HOPE* spelled out in luminaria. A small group from the Rockwall Children's Chorus, joined by the women's choir from Rockwall-Heath High School, provided inspirational music during the Remembrance Ceremony, and Hush Angels quieted the crowd.

"Nobody has cancer alone." The words of keynote speaker Leigh Plagens, ring true. A cancer diagnosis impacts not only the one suffering from the disease but all of his or her friends, colleagues, and loved ones, as well. Leigh detailed how the community of Rockwall rallied around the former French Creek and school board member to encourage her during her fight with cancer. The pharmacist at her local drugstore who filled her prescriptions and even provided dinner for her to the elementary school

Notice of Test of Automatic Tabulating Equipment

Notice is hereby given that the Automatic Tabulating Equipment that will be used in the Primary Election held on May 29, 2012 will be tested on May 9, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at 1215 E. Yellowjacket Ln., Rockwall, Texas to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and all measures.

Issued this the 26th day of April, 2012

Glenda Denton
Elections Administrator
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Aviso de la prueba del equipo de tabulación automático

El aviso por este medio se da para informar que el equipo de tabulación automático que será utilizado en Elección general en el día 29 de mayo de 2012 será puesto a prueba en el día 9 de Mayo a las 9:00 a.m. en el domicilio 1215 E. Yellowjacket Ln, Rockwall, Texas para comprobar que el equipo contara precisamente los votos emitidos/entregados para todas las oficinas y para todas las medidas.

Publicó esto el 26th día del abril, 2012

Glenda Denton
Administrador de las elecciones
Condado de Rockwall



Emily McCarthy, pictured above, was just one of the Spaghetti Hair participants at the Rockwall County Relay For Life event conducted April 27 on the Cain Middle School track. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

All interviews will be by appointment only. Please call for an Appointment or mail your completed protest form by the Deadline if you wish to protest and you will be contacted.

Please call 972-771-2034 to schedule an appointment.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The

ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at, 841 Justin Road, Rockwall, Texas 75087.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal. Appeals to District Court, Binding Arbitration, or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

Tax Payment

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at:
Rockwall Central Appraisal District
841 Justin Road
Rockwall, Texas 75087
972-771-2034

You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the ARB approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

who wrote poems or drew pictures to lift her spirits to the first staff at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital who took care of her. She felt the loving arms of the town enfold her.

Leigh Plagens concluded her speech with the words, "I am a survivor. I am a survivor," as the luminarias and bleachers changed to spell out the word *CURE*.

After the solemn Remembrance Ceremony, the action moved into high gear with wild games like the nearly impossible Fire T-Shirt Contest where participants attempted to free a knotted T-shirt from a block of ice using any means possible. The event also featured a popular Miss-ter Relay competition featured three handsome high school men in drag. Spaghetti Hair was vastly entertaining as partners worked together to insert the greatest amount of spaghetti into one person's hair to produce a lion-like mane. There were wacky laps, including the Poker Lap, Crazy Socks Lap, Boxers Lap, Bed Head Lap, the Make Noise Lap, and the Paper Lap.

The Fight Back Ceremony at midnight got the crowd ready to continue through the wee hours of the morning until the event wrapped up at 7 a.m. The top three money-raisers were Leigh Plagens, Second Place Mike Rask and Third Place Carolyn Keane. The top money-raising teams were Walkers of Light, Team 5-H, and Sisters Standing Strong. The Most Spaghetti Team award went to Strength in Numbers and the Best Tent Spaghetti was awarded to Striking Out Cancer.

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Greenberg is student regent for Texas State University System

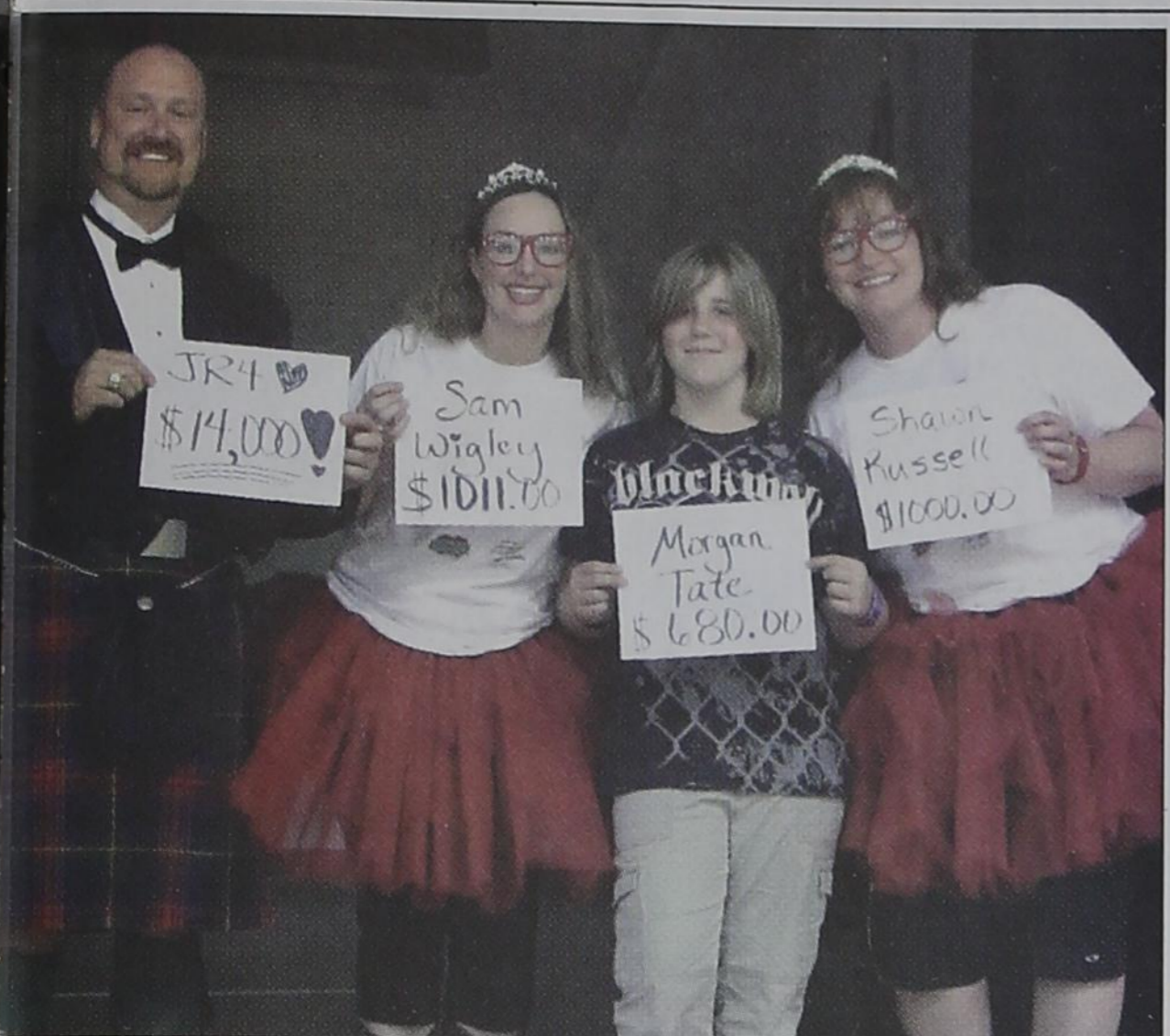
Andrew Greenberg became the first Lamar University student to serve the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System as a student regent following his gubernatorial appointment to the position last month, according to a university news release.

He will serve a one-year appointment, and with his appointment becomes the first student regent from LU. Greenberg, a native of Rockwall, will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in political science and a bachelor's degree in communication major at Lamar University. He will continue at Lamar when he begins studies toward a master's degree.

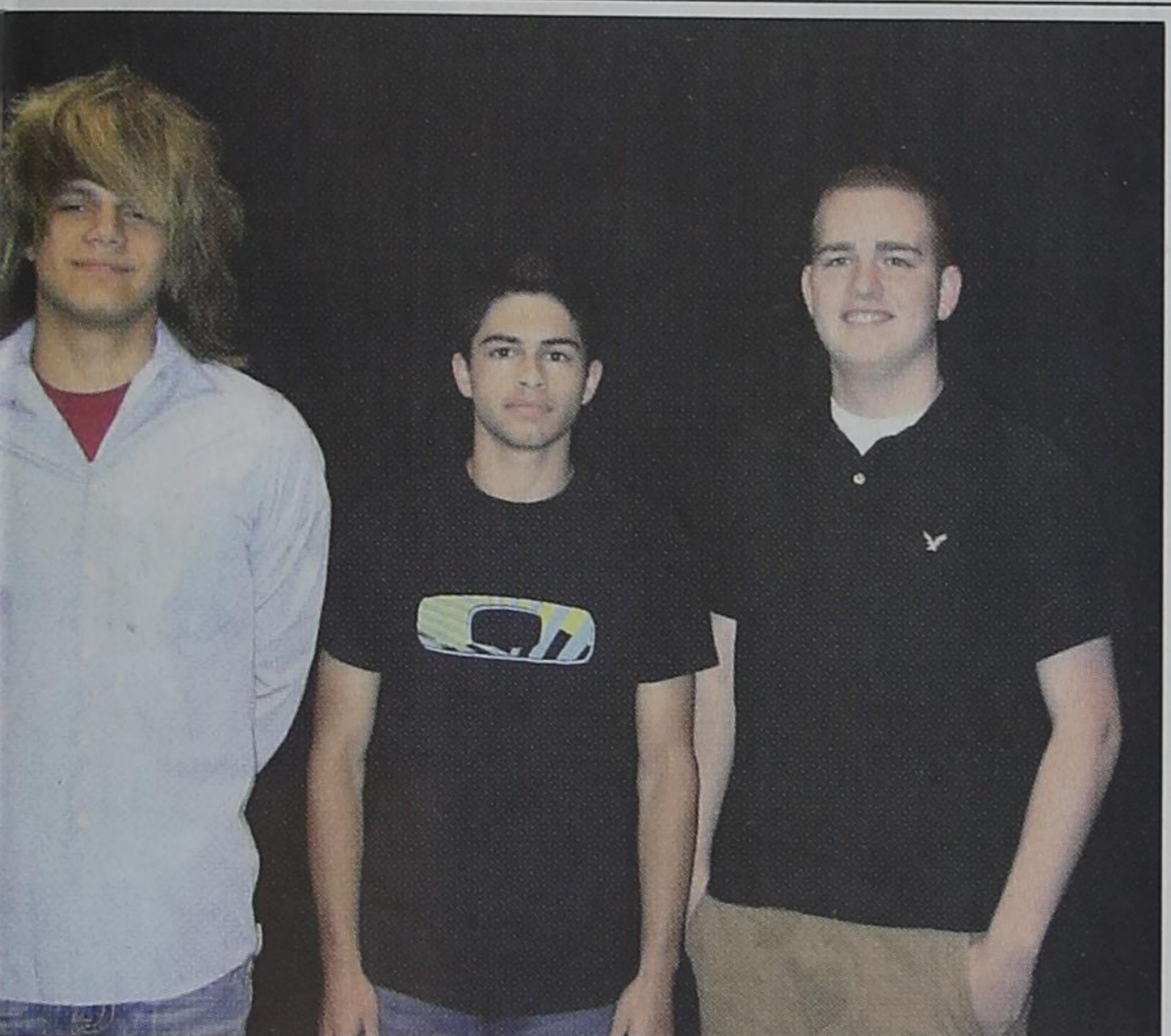
Greenberg is one of 10 student regents appointed by the governor to serve as non-voting members of the governing boards of various public universities and university systems in Texas. The appointment runs from June 1, 2012, to May 31, 2013.

"It is essential to provide a voice on the board for the students of all the system's colleges and universities," Greenberg said. "The board members really rely on the student regent to provide the student perspective as they deal with the challenges facing the system."

He will bring his experience as Lamar student body president as he shares his perspective with the TSUS board at its quarterly meetings. He said he also hopes to attend other board-related functions during the year.



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Fate city council election correction

It was incorrectly reported in the April 20, 2012 issue of the Rockwall County News that the May 12 Fate City Council election had been cancelled because there were no challengers to current council members.

The Place 6 seat will actually be filled by new council member Michelle Butler. Current Place 6 council member Tammy Ryan did not file for reelection.

Incumbent Mayor Bill Broderick and incumbent council members Steve Skipworth and Sheri Garber filed for reelection and will retain their positions as they were unopposed.

The council will be sworn in at the May 21 city council meeting.

The Rockwall County News regrets the error.



Teachers and students at Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary raised more than \$1,300 for their Relay Life team. Students were encouraged to bring any extra change they could spare to add to their Cancer jars. Karen Ward's third grade class won the competition by collecting \$412. The class, pictured above, will receive a snow cone party later this month. Shown above are Max, Alverson, Joyce Ayala, Lauren Colpitts, David Escobedo, Cody Faaborg, Nicholas Garcia, Jamison Gladney, Nikita Gomez, Joshua Goodwin, Xavier Gutierrez, Gabe Hernandez, Luke Hernandez, Goodnews Iwuamadi, Abraham Montenegro, Ben Morton, Tyler Newark, Alexis Nott, Christina Perez, Aaron Rosales, Madrena S. Bereket Sibhat, Sarenity Smith and Jayirus Dunson.
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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."
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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 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.
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The Reading for Adults program of the Rockwall County Library recently observed World Book Night by distributing free copies of "The Kite Runner" to members of the GED preparation class. Book Night is an annual event designed to spread the love of books and reading. Pictured are, at front from the left, Tracey Haack, Matthew Romine and Ko Asha Veazey; middle row, Theresa Keith, L. Snowden (tutor), Hugo Jaramillo, Duyen Vo, Kristina Hill, Veronica Guero and Cecilia Contreras; at back, Kay Snowden (tutor), Cedric Thompson, Alexandra Handel, Jeana Ballard, Jeff Mason (tutor), L.C. Turner, Casey Markham, Claudia Flores and Brian Jefferson.
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All Systems Go is the theme for the second annual fashion show which will benefit Helping Hands. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. on May 23 at the Hilton Bella Harbor. A production of Centible Thrift Stores, the event will feature Quinton, Russ Childers and Franza. Tickets cost \$30 and will include lunch, a silent auction and the fashion show.

This year's event also will feature a Thrifty Designers' Challenge complete with home décor items from the Centible Thrift Stores that have been renovated by designers.

All proceeds from the event benefit Helping Hands, a nonprofit crisis assistance agency that serves Rockwall County residents. Tickets are available online at rhcinc.ejoinme.org/fashionshow. For more information, email events@rockwallhelpinghands.com or call 972-771-4357.

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Lady Jackets' bats, Vandergriff's pitching win Bi-District matchup

Vandergriff gave up just three hits, but allowed three runs Friday in the Rockwall's best-of-3 Bi-District playoff softball series. She surrendered eight hits to Frisco Centennial but stranded 10 runners as RHS took a 9-1 victory at the Campbell Complex to sweep the Area playoff Friday night against Seagoville (11-9-1), the Lady Jackets are in line to reach the Regional playoffs for the seventh time in franchise history.

The bases loaded Saturday, Vandergriff had little trouble. Rockwall scored in each of the first two innings for a 7-0 lead. Centennial scored its first run in the third, and RHS came back with two in the bottom of the inning. The Lady Jackets combined to leave 11 runners on base during the final four innings, but they scored.

A characteristic during the series for the Lady Jackets to be scoreless for long periods. They totaled 11 hits Saturday, and were even more potent in Friday's game against Frisco Lone Star.

McMillan and Kennedy Harrison crashed long home runs over the left-field fence, and Charlie Jenkins hit an inside-the-park homer to right-center field that featured 13 Rockwall hits.

McMillan hit a two-run double in a four-run first inning Friday. In the second, the first six RHS batters reached base to put up another early 4-0 lead. Wallace and Haley Baker each had a two-run single.

McMillan replaced Centennial starting pitcher Heather Oldham after her first out in the second inning were balls to Jenkins. Harrison singled to right-center, and Atwell drove in two more with a single for a 7-0 lead.

McMillan didn't have a hit until the third inning. Sara Coronado led off the third with a single to third base on Holly von Ehrenfried's single and scored on Coronado's sacrifice fly.

McMillan scored the final runs with two out in the third. Wallace walked. Then McMillan and Harrison, who doubled, and Atwell, with a single, each scored.

McMillan sparked in the field Saturday. After Centennial scored its run, with McMillan on second base, she ran in to catch a fly ball by Jones over second base. McMillan was threatened in the fifth. Jones singled with two runners on base, but McMillan got out Coronado at home plate.

McMillan was coming up with some great plays," said RHS head coach Shadie Vandergriff. "We did not accept that we were up by (eight runs) and stop playing. We were in a lot of situations where we have given up extra runs. That shows maturity."

McMillan isn't all she had to talk about. She also pitched. Last night, Kayla gave up three runs. I spoke to her (Baker) before the game and told her it was the same exact lineup and she was able to do better."

McMillan Vandergriff pitched both games against Centennial, she won't pitch in all of the Lady Jackets' playoff games. Acosta said, "I'll still use

both pitchers. Kayla was really effective and in a good rhythm, but her and (Emily) Cowan both are good and will be ready."

At 11-9-1, Seagoville doesn't appear to be a difficult opponent for RHS, which is 23-10 and on a 15-game winning streak. Friday's game is scheduled for 7 p.m. at

North Forney High School. Despite that hot streak, Rockwall still hasn't attracted attention in the TGCA's 4A state poll. That doesn't matter to Acosta, who said, "I believe we can play with anybody."



Lady Jackets' catcher Haley Baker (9) tags out Frisco Sarah Coronado (2) at the plate Saturday April 28 in the fifth inning of game 2 of the Bi-District playoff game in Rockwall. Photo by Roy Heath (royheath.exposuremanager.com)/Rockwall County News

Heritage Christian Lady Eagles outlasts Texoma to reach Regionals

Jenna Geyman didn't want her senior season to end so soon. She knew it would have ended against Sherman Texoma Christian School last night. Heritage Christian Academy won the TAPPS Area playoff game in February. Through nine innings, the two flocks of Eagles were tied 1-1. In the 10th, Erika Mendoza — another HCA basketball player — walked, slid into second base and went to third when Texoma pitcher Shelby Weatherly struck out Rael McMillan's grounder. And, yes, McMillan also played in the game.

Mendoza scored on a ground ball to first base, sliding under catcher Montano's tag. McMillan then took a daring lead off third base, which paid off when Montano's pickoff throw hit the runner and she scored. Then Micalah McMillan's hit and a single by Madeline Schroepfer (basketball player) gave the Lady Eagles a seemingly insurmountable 4-1 lead.

In the bottom of the 10th, Geyman walked Texoma's pitcher, Wilson. She went to second base on when Weatherly's fly ball was caught by Montano. Suddenly, the tying run was on base.

McMillan's next batter was Hannah Bentsen, who had scored 14 of her 24 points in the game. Pictured are Bentsen, Geyman, and McMillan. Photo by Tim Burnett/Exposure Manager.

McMillan didn't want to repeat herself? Not with Geyman on the mound, pitching her longest game. Geyman's best — game — was a third strike, and so did Kharissa Rallins. Geyman's 12th strikeout was a hard-earned 4-2 victory.

"I don't want it to end," said Geyman, who transferred from City of Dallas this academic year. "I can keep going," she insisted.

Heritage coach Rick Trapane, "She had to. We had no subs."

Geyman said the best part of her five-hit victory was "my team building me up. They took a lot of the game into their own hands. She helped herself in the game with assists and two putouts, and also singled for one of the Lady Eagles' runs."

In the bottom of the 10th, both teams played good defense for most of the game, all of the runs were scored. The pitching was just that good.

McMillan's baserunning also was the major factor in allowing HCA even to win the game. Her two-out single in the fourth was Heritage's only hit against Texoma through the first seven innings. After reaching first base, McMillan stole second, and continued home to score when Montano threw past third base.

McMillan took a one-hitter into the sixth. Then Weatherly reached base on a force out. She then singled. When throws by both Hawkins and first baseman Taylor were too high, Weatherly was able to score the tying run.

McMillan had most of the game's scoring chances, but Geyman's clutch pitching kept the Eagles to leave 10 runners on base. HCA left just two on base, partly because of Weatherly's pitching and partly because of aggressive baserunning that resulted in three Lady Eagles caught stealing, another picked off and a fifth out at first base on a line drive.

HCA entered the 10th with just three hits, but put the ball in play and came up with two hits for breathing room in the final inning. Trapane said, "Unfortunately, it took 10 innings, but once the girls found it, they started to hit. The bottom of the lineup came through."

Heritage's next game, as one of eight teams in the TAPPS 1A/2A Regionals, is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Tuesday against Shiner St. Paul Catholic High School at Field 2 of the Shiner Starplex. St. Paul defeated Huntsville Alpha Omega 15-2 in the Area round.

The HCA-Texoma game was played on Field 6 at the Ballparks at Craig Ranch in McKinney because HCA finished second in its district. The Lady Eagles tied Waco Vanguard Prep for first place, but lost a playoff against the Waco team Thursday, April 26. If Heritage had finished first, it would have hosted at least the Area-round game.

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Lady Eagles' pitcher Jenna Geyman (4) puts the finishing touch on a 4-2 win over Texas Christian Tuesday May 1, at the Ball Fields of Craig Ranch in McKinney. Geyman strengthened her performance after 9 grueling innings. Ready to assist in the play are 3rd baseman Erika Mendoza (22) and Taylor Powers (9) at 1st base. Photo by Tim Burnett/Exposure Manager

Rockwall Christian Academy defeats Watauga Harvest, advance to Regional tourney



Rockwall Christian Academy's Cameron Carroccia (5) hits a solid single in the fourth inning Tuesday May 1, during the Area round playoff game against Watauga Harvest Christian at Tillery Field in Mesquite. Photo by Roy Heath (royheath.exposuremanager.com)/Rockwall County News

It's almost a given: Rockwall Christian Academy will make it to the TAPPS 1A/2A baseball Regionals every year. That's the case again this year. The Warriors barely broke a sweat on a warm Tuesday night in defeating Watauga Harvest Christian 10-0 in an Area playoff game.

In its sixth consecutive trip to the Regionals, RCA will meet Tomball The Woodlands Preparatory School. The game is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Monday, but by Wednesday the teams had not decided on a site along Interstate 45.

Against Watauga, the TAPPS District 2-1A/2A champions took a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning and didn't look back. John Edwards' two-out single drove in Robert Rodriguez with the first run, and Edwards scored on Jordan Williams' two-run home run to left-center field.

Edwards also pitched another no-hitter, during which Watauga didn't hit a fair ball. He struck out 13 batters in the game halted after five innings because of the 10-run mercy rule. The other outs came on a foul fly to the outfield and a pop up behind home plate.

The no-hitter happened even though Warriors head coach Caleb Palmer said, "John didn't have great command."

"I don't mean to say he didn't pitch well, but he shouldn't have gotten behind so many batters. John has been starting for us since he has been in high school, and we expect that out of him. He's a senior, and he has been starting at Regionals."

It's in large part because of Edwards that Palmer believes RCA could return to the State Final, where the Warriors lost last season to Shiner St. Paul Catholic High School. To reach that level, Rockwall Christian (14-4 overall) could have to win a State Semifinal from Jackson Brazosport, which RCA defeated for its most recent State championship in 2007.

Edwards and Austin Dean each hit doubles as part of the Warriors' nine-hit offense against Watauga.

To warm up for the playoffs, RCA played and defeated Fort Worth Calvary Christian, a TAPPS 4A school, Thursday, April 26, at Arlington Heights High School.

Dean, the winning pitcher in the 11-10 victory, hit a double as well. Williams doubled for the Warriors, who outlast Calvary 10-9.

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Rockwall-Heath's Richardson going to State in 2 events

Brianna Richardson didn't just win two events at the Region II-4A Championships last weekend, she also qualified as one of the top two in each event for the track and field State Championships Friday, May 11.

Richardson will defend her state championship from last year as the top seed in the triple jump. She will be the second seed in the long jump at Mike A. Myers Stadium at the University of Texas in Austin.

The Rockwall-Heath senior won her specialty Saturday at the University of Texas-Arlington's Maverick Stadium at 40 feet, 4 1/2 inches. That's more than a foot short of her best performance but still more than 6 inches ahead of the second seed.

In the long jump Friday, April 27, Richardson had a leap of 18-10 1/2. That's within striking distance of the top seed, Pearland Dawson's Porsha Thomas at 19-3 1/2.

Lady Hawks sophomore Yorlynn Engmann barely missed qualifying for the State meet. She placed third in the 100-meter hurdles. Her time of 15.0 seconds was better than two of the State qualifiers from other regions.

The performances by Richardson and Engmann put RHHS seventh among 35 teams with 26 points. Champion Lancaster scored 108.

Beck, Lopez advance to State track meet

Two Roysce City High School athletes qualified for the UIL State Track and Field meet Friday May 11, at Myers Track Stadium University of Texas in Austin.

Joseph Beck cleared the bar in the Pole Vault with a height of 15-00.00 for a 1st place finish Friday April 27 during the Region 2 Track and Field Meet at University of Texas Arlington. Beck will Vault against top seed Shawn Barber of Kingwood Park (16-06.00).

Ulisses Lopez is seeded 9th in the State meet for the 800M run with his Region 2 meet time of 1:56.77. Lopez finished only .04 seconds behind Red Oak's Alec Saucedo during the Regional meet, and will run against 1st seed Danny Tanango of El Paso Burges who arrives with a time of 1:54.24.

The Pole Vault event is scheduled to begin Friday May 11 6:00 p.m. The 800M run is set to start at 6:30 p.m.

Other individual results
Cherokee Sauer - 3200M 13.03.37 (17th), 800M 2:43.85 (21st).
Kenneth Richardson - 3200M 10:39.98 (15th).

Zachary Posey - 110M Hurdles Prelims 15.49, 300M Hurdles Prelims 42.47.

Krystal Pickron - Long Jump 16-07.50.
Christopher Doyle - Pole Vault no height.

Damion Foster - Shot Put 45-02.50 (11th).



Lady Hawks' Brianna Richardson takes flight in the Triple Jump Friday April 27 during the UIL Regional Track and Field meet at UTA in Arlington. Richardson will advance to the May 11-12 State meet with her 1st place finish in the Triple Jump with a 1st place distance of 40-04.50, and in the Long Jump with an 18-10.50 1st place distance.

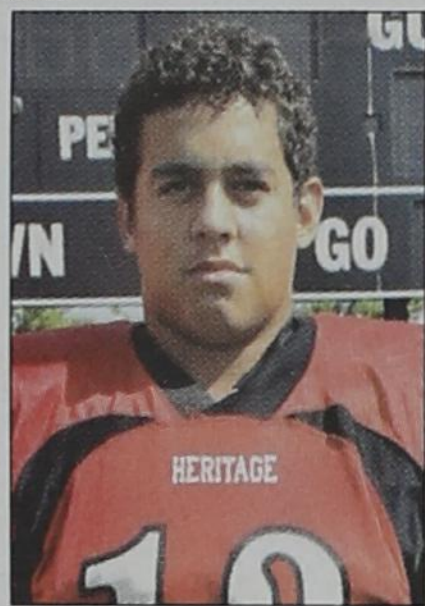
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Salter signs with OBU

Heritage Christian Academy senior Stephen Salter signed to play football at Oklahoma Baptist University. Salter, a 6-5 center and tight end, was All-District, team captain and North Texas All-Star his senior season under HCA Coach Robert Huckabee.

The Rockwall, Texas, standout also was second-team All-District as a junior.

Stephen is the son of Brad and Paula Salter. Salter said he picked OBU "to grow in my walk with the Lord and excel academically and athletically at the college level."



Steven Salter



Roysce City High School's Joseph Beck clears 15-00.00 in the Pole Vault event, Friday April 27 during the UIL Region 2 Track and Field meet at University of Texas in Arlington. Beck's 1st place finish qualified him for the May 11-12 State meet in Austin.

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Ulisses Lopez (right) races hard for the finish line against Red Oak's Alec Saucedo (left) in the 800M run Saturday April 28 during the UIL Region 2 Track and Field meet at University of Texas in Arlington. After nearly 5 minutes of deliberation, UIL officials determined that Saucedo past the finish line only .04 seconds before Lopez's time of 1:56.77. Lopez's 2nd place finish qualified him for the May 11-12 State meet in Austin. At back is Rockwall High School's Gaines Kinsey whose time of 1:58.40 gave him the 3rd place finish in the event.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

3 from Rockwall High School just miss qualifying for State meet



Rockwall High School's Adam Zolman clears the bar toward a 3rd place finish in the Pole Vault with a height of 14-06.00, Friday April 27 during the UIL Region 2 Track and Field meet at University of Texas in Arlington.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Of the nine track and field athletes who represented Rockwall at last weekend's Region II-4A Championships, seven scored points for their team.

Three of them placed third in an event, but none qualified for next weekend's 4A State Championships.

RHS' Adam Zolman tied his personal best to finish third in the boys' pole vault at 14 feet, 6 inches. Kaylee Hinton did the same, matching her best vault at 10-6 to tie for third. Gaines Kinsey knocked almost 3 seconds off his preliminary time to place third in the boys' 800-meter run in 1 minute, 58.40 seconds.

Thorne Pettigrew, who finished ahead of Kinsey in the preliminaries, was fifth in the final in 2:00.38. Jonny Lee, who has pushed Zolman this season, placed fifth in the pole vault at 14-0.

Two Lady Jackets placed sixth: Emily Bonny in the high jump at 5-2 and Sara Cuzick in the discus at 118-5.

Rockwall tied for 15th among 39 teams in the boys' competition with 16 points. The RHS girls scored 11, good for 20th among 35 teams.

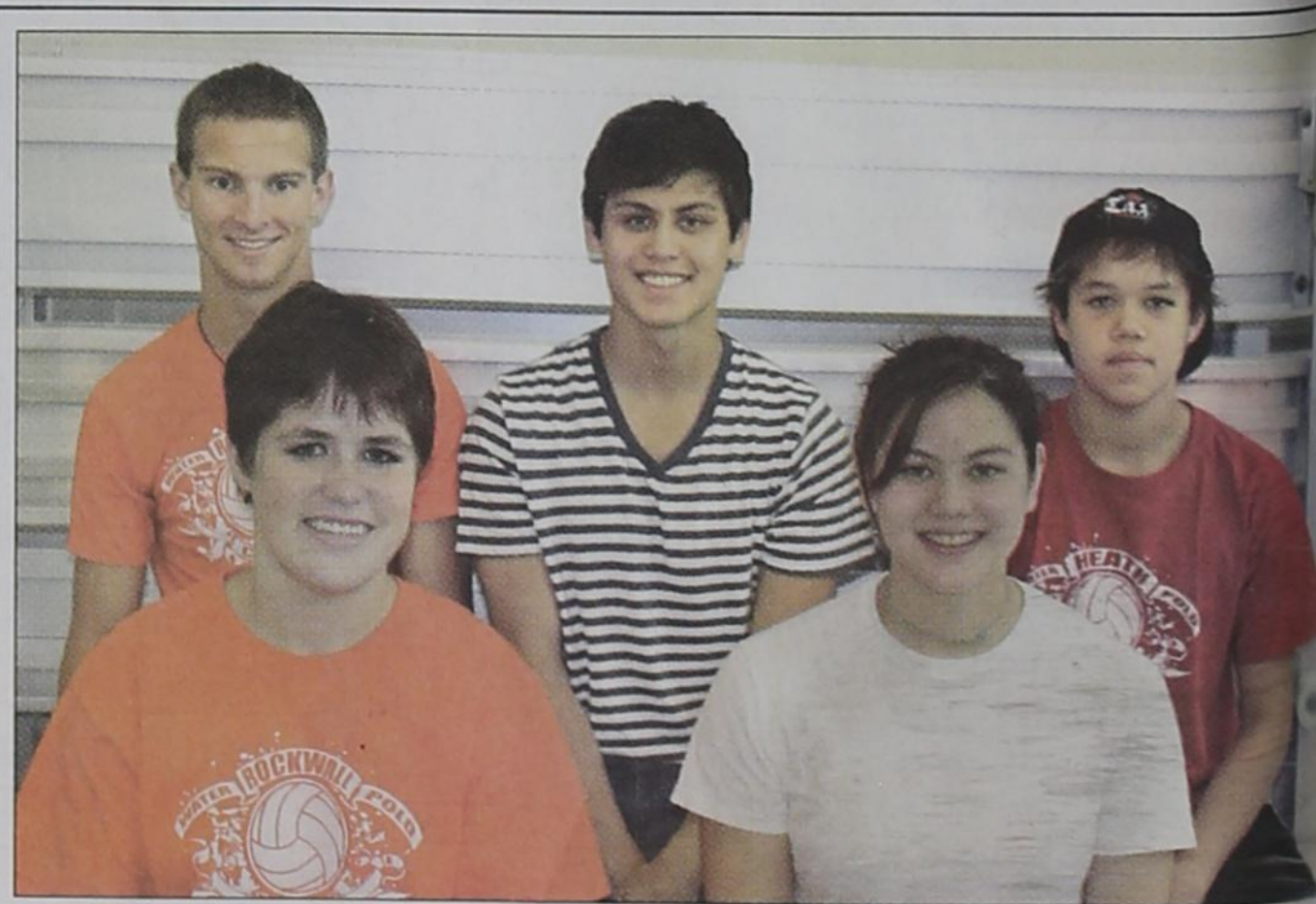
Lenamond, Treadway stand out for Fulton advance to TAPPS State track meet

Seventh-grader Tyler Treadway and eighth-grader Mary Jane Lenamond were The Fulton School's top individual in the track and field CSAF Regional Championships Tuesday, April 24.

Treadway was fourth in the boys' 200-meter dash in 29.64 seconds and fifth in both the 100-meter dash (1:18.40) and long jump (15 feet).

Lenamond placed second in the girls' discus at 53 feet, 3 inches, and finished ninth in the 200 (33.92). She also ran on the Lady Falcons' fifth-place relay team. Lenamond ran the anchor leg behind Kamryn Burns, Laine Ellison and Liz Cobb. Fulton finished in 2:22.20.

The Falcons' varsity boys, along with Heritage Christian Academy's boys and girls, is competing this week in the TAPPS State Championships. Fulton's Jaston Reese is seeded first in the 1A high jump, and HCA's Stephen Salter is among the favorites in the 2A shot put and discus.



Rockwall Water Polo team members earning All Region honors are (back row left to right) Luke Phillips 2nd team, Nathan Eldridge 2nd team, Eliseo Villarreal 2nd team, (front row) Jordan Hummingbird 1st team all region, Raena Eldridge 1st team all region.

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Even more losses keep Bulldogs out of playoffs

Rockwall was one out away from a playoff berth on Friday night, April 27. 24 hours later, the Bulldogs' baseball season was over. Mount Pleasant Friday, the last night of the regular season, the lead over the Tigers for District 13-4A's final playoff berth. In the final meeting this season, the Dawgs had prevailed at home 10-0. In Rockwall, the City led 3-1 entering the bottom of the seventh inning – and when the visitors' lead was down to 3-2 with two out in that final inning, it appeared that the Bulldogs had the one victory they needed to move on to the playoffs.

Mount Pleasant's Michael Kopech drilled a two-run single to win the game 4-3. Three seventh-inning runs against losing pitcher Jared Jordan ended the game. His leadoff home run in the sixth, which started a three-run game, was the game's only extra-base hit.

At the end of the game, the teams were tied. That situation resulted in a one-game tiebreaker Saturday afternoon at a neutral site, Sulphur Springs, with the Bulldogs going on to the playoff and the losing team going nowhere but

The situation was almost reversed on Saturday. The Tigers took a 2-0 lead into the top of the seventh inning. That time, RC rallied to tie the game 2-2 on Mitchell Venhaus' sacrifice fly and Dylan Youngblood's run-scoring single. Venhaus pitched on until the ninth inning. He pitched 8 1/3 innings, striking out six.

Still, the game wasn't decided. It went on to the 11th inning. The Bulldogs moved a runner to third base in the top of the inning, but their chance ended with a fly out to center field.

In the bottom of the 11th, Andrew Flanagan, whose double had driven in the game's first run in the second inning, lined a single to bring home the winning run in Mount Pleasant's 3-2 victory.

The Tigers outthrew Rockwall in each game, 8-6 and 11-7. The Bulldogs' season ended 13-16 overall and 6-7 in the district. Mount Pleasant took a 9-15-1 overall record (7-6 in 13-4A) into the Bi-District playoffs against District 14-4A champion Whitehouse.

Religion and morality are the essential pillars of civil society.
George Washington

Whenever you are to do a thing, though it can never be known but to yourself, ask how you would act were all the world looking at you, and then act accordingly.
Thomas Jefferson

Thompson leads 10-4A champs into playoffs

Rockwall-Heath couldn't be much better rested as it enters the 4A baseball playoffs. Having faced a potentially tense situation Friday, April 27. To win the District 10-4A title, they needed a victory over Wylie East, fighting for the fifth playoff berth.

In the contest, RHHS defeated the Raiders 14-0 in a game shortened by mercy rule. The Hawks pounded 15 hits while Jake Thompson outdid East to two hits.

Rockwall-Heath, Russell Hughes hit a trouble, Timbo Duncan laced out and Thompson had one himself.

That is unusual for Thompson, who leads the Hawks with six runs and a .417 batting average. The senior is also their best pitcher, with a 9-1 record, 0.34 earned run average and 117 strikeouts and just 13 hits in 67 innings.

It would be easy for RHHS' Bi-District playoff opponent, Frisco, to outpace Thompson. However, even that might not work. The Hawks' roster includes Duncan, with a .393 average and team-high 32 runs in 100 at-bats. Hernandez, like Thompson an All-American, batting .381 with four homers and 26 RBI, and junior Bret Boswell (.376 with three

homers and 22 RBI).

On those nights when Thompson isn't pitching, head coach Greg Harvey could call on freshman Tyler Ivey, who is 4-3 with a 2.44 ERA, or Hernandez. He's usually the catcher, but he has a 4-1 pitching record this year and has been successful on the mound in the playoff each of the last three seasons.

The Hawks' best-of-3 Bi-District playoff series was scheduled to begin Thursday at RHHS. Game 2 was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Frisco. If a third game is needed, it would be played Saturday at noon at Highland Park's Scotland Yard.

Last week, Frisco was in the same situation as Wylie East, having to win a head-to-head matchup against Frisco Liberty to finish fourth in District 9-4A. The Raccoons survived with a 12-11 victory.

In that game, P.J. Harris, the team's RBI leader, hit a home run, and Jordan Gibbs improved his average to .364 with three doubles.

The Raccoons' leading pitchers are Johnny Sitgreaves (5-3, 2.48) and Andrew Miller (4-3, 2.27, 71 strikeouts in 52 1/3 innings).

They will have their hands full with the Hawks (25-7 overall, 11-3 in the district), who are ranked fifth among Texas' 4A teams.

Jackets face challenge from Centennial in playoffs

Rockwall took care of business Friday night, April 27, defeating Richardson 7-0 to finish the District 10-4A season in a tie for second place.

The Yellowjackets' best efforts, they fell short 3-2 the next day in a tiebreaker against Highland Park, the district's hottest team as the season ended.

The difference in 10-4A between finishing second and third appears to be more than usual. By winning Saturday's game at Dallas Jesuit High School, HP earned the right to play District 9-4A's third-team Carrollton Creekview (12-12 overall). Rockwall's narrow loss to Scots means the Jackets will face Frisco Centennial (21-7) in the Bi-District playoffs.

Scots had to face Rockwall-Heath, ranked fifth in the 4A state poll, in a tiebreaker. Centennial has played and lost twice to second-ranked Frisco last season.

A positive note is that when the Jackets traveled to Hebron High School for the best-of-3 Bi-District round, their older players know that just 2 years ago that the Rockwall upset McKinney there. The 2010 Lions featured Lee and Matt Lipka, both among the first 35 players taken in that year's MLB draft.

Against Pearce (3-11 in the district), Brewer Money was the winning pitcher. Durst clubbed a home run. Josh DeLoach hit a double and all of them, hitting well at the end of the season, smacked two.

The breaker, HP (22-10-1 overall, 11-4 in 10-4A) outthrew RHS 7-6.

including a home run by Dylan May. The Scots' Will Nichol out-dued Rockwall's Logan Terwilliger. Coleman hit another double.

Centennial could create problems for the Jackets in the best-of-3 format. Unlike McKinney, which did not have a solid third pitcher behind Lee and Lipka, Centennial has a trio of starters. Justin Bethard is 7-2 with a 1.07 earned run average, Ryan Hill 6-1 and 1.62 and Jacob Atchley 5-1 and 1.05.

The two best starters for Rockwall (22-8, 10-5) are Money (7-2, 2.40) and Josh DeLoach (7-0, 2.69). Leading the Jackets' offense are two players who have signed with the University of Texas. Spencer Edwards is batting .453 with four home runs and 14 runs batted in, and Steve Bean .438 with four homers and 31 RBI.

For the Titans, Austin Schotts has a .375 average, six homers and 18 RBI. Taylor Raglin, leading the team with 24 RBI, is batting .321 with two homers.

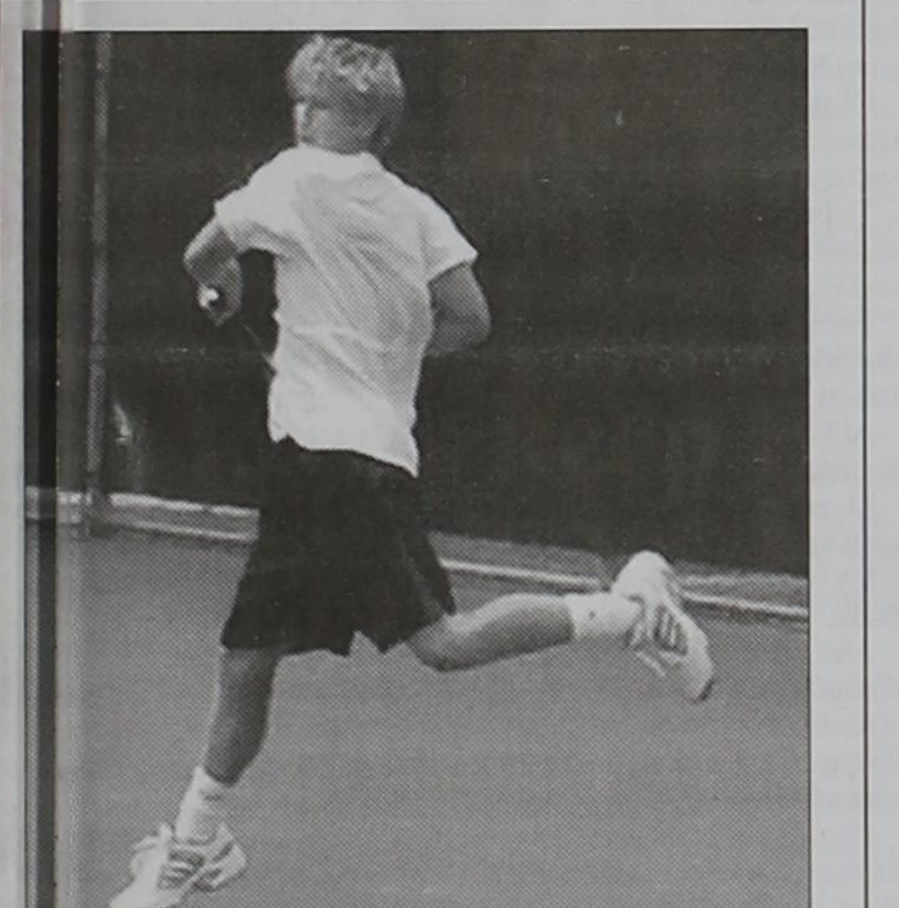
The series was scheduled to begin Thursday, with the second game Friday at 7:30 p.m. If Game 3 is needed, it would be played at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Yellowjackets' Hogland in State Quarterfinals

Rockwall's Hogland's trip to the tennis State Championships ended Monday night as Austin Lake Travis' Austin Mayo in the boys' singles semifinals.

The Rockwall player fell 6-2, 6-1 at World of Tennis in Lakeway, but he held his head high.

Mayo reached the finals, where he won the first set before losing to number one North's Jordan Hart 5-7, 7-6 (7-1), 6-1. Hogland finished fourth in both the District 10-4A and Region II-4A Championships.



Brandon Hogland during the State Quarterfinals Tennis Tournament in Austin. Photo courtesy of Lana Fulkerson/Rockwall County News

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Maheshwari completes 2 unbeaten seasons for Cain Middle School

Cain Middle School eighth-grader Kajol Maheshwari completed her second consecutive unbeaten track and field season in both the 1,600- and 2,400-meter runs. She also was undefeated throughout two seasons of cross country.

Maheshwari was the District seventh-grade champion in cross country, breaking the CMS seventh-grade record, and in both track events, also with record times. At the District track meet, she also ran the first leg for Cain's 4X400-meter relay team that won the District championship.

Last fall, Maheshwari broke the Lady Mustangs' record in winning the District cross country championship in 12 minutes, 33 seconds. This spring, she set CMS records in the 1,600 (5:39) and 2,400 (9:01) in placing first at the District Championships.

She said, "Running has left a lasting imprint on my life, from the everlasting friendships to the high dreams it's caused me to explore."

Cain coach Sarah Napier said, "It has been an honor to coach Kajol for the past 2 years. She is a wonderful young lady with a bright future in front of her. Kajol is a great example to all the other students at Cain both in the classroom and on the athletic field."

In addition to running, she has played in both seventh and eighth grade on the Lady Mustangs' soccer, tennis and B basketball teams.

During her time at Cain, she also has served as president of the Junior National Honor Society and Student Council, historian for Sisters of Class. She also has been a member of Builders Club.

Among the other leading RISD athletes at this spring's District Championships was Williams eighth-grader Rose Charles. She finished first in three events: the high jump (5 feet), 100-meter dash (12.18 seconds) and 200-meter dash (26.52).

Other Williams girls placing first were eighth-grader Allie Feste in the discus (83-11) and seventh-graders Nicole Pugsley in the 800-meter run (2:35) and Micah Larkin in the 2,400 (9:40). The Lady Wildcats' seventh- and eighth-grade girls both placed fourth among the district's 10 teams.

The WMS seventh-grade boys finished second behind only Allen Curtis. Individual champions among the Williams boys were Cameron Schackart in the shot put (36-1), Blake Collins in the long jump (18-7 1/4), Moh-Julien Ntchobo in the 400 meters (58.68) and Campbell Kutak in the 300-meter low hurdles (47.74).

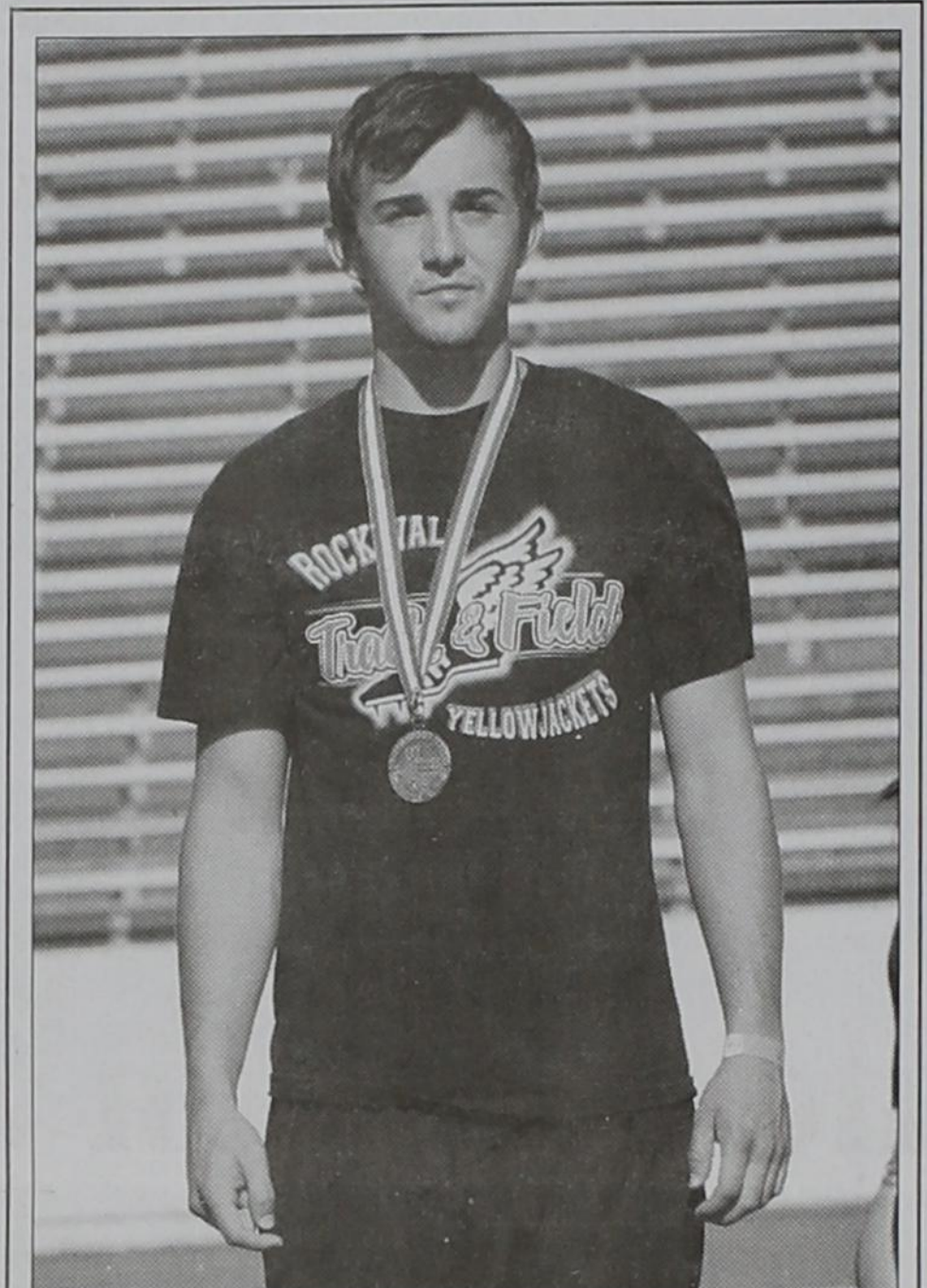
For the Utley eighth-grade boys, Luke Termin set two Wolves records

Falcons finish 1st season 2-4

The Fulton School completed its first season of baseball Monday with a 10-1 loss to Waxahachie Family Faith.

It was the Falcons' second loss this season to the Waxahachie team. They also lost 17-5 to Westlake Academy Tuesday, April 24.

Fulton finished the season 2-4. And because it was the first season, the Falcons joined their football and basketball teams in setting a Fulton record for wins in a season.

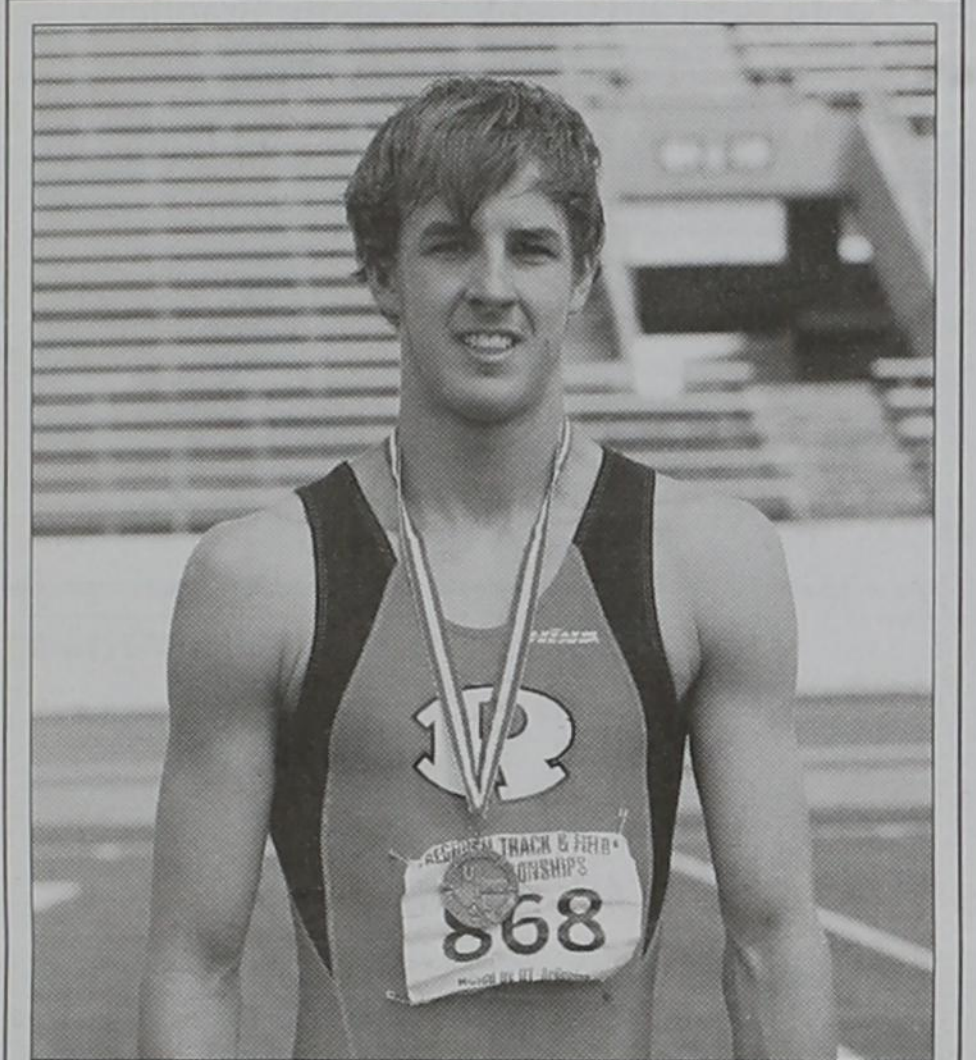


Rockwall's Adam Zolman receives the Bronze medal for his 3rd place finish in the Pole Vault event with a height of 14-06.00 Saturday April 28 during the UIL Region 2 Track and Field meet at University of Texas in Arlington.

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Rockwall County high school varsity results, April 25-May 1

- Baseball
 - Highland Park 3, Rockwall 2
 - Mount Pleasant 4, Royse City 3
 - Mount Pleasant 3, Royse City 2, 11 innings
 - Rockwall 7, Richardson Pearce 0
 - Rockwall Christian Academy 11, Fort Worth Calvary Christian 10
 - Rockwall Christian Academy 10, Watauga Harvest Christian 0
 - Rockwall-Heath 14, Wylie East 0
- Softball
 - Heritage Christian Academy 4, Sherman Texoma Christian School 2, 10 innings
 - Rockwall 14, Frisco Centennial 3
 - Rockwall 9, Frisco Centennial 1
- Boys' track and field
 - Region II-4A Championships (39 teams)
 - Royse City 18, tied for 12th
 - Rockwall 16, tied for 15th
- Girls' track and field
 - Region II-4A Championships (35 teams)
 - Rockwall-Heath 26, 7th
 - Rockwall 11, 20th



Rockwall's Gaines Kinsey receives the Bronze medal for his 3rd place time of 1:58.40 in the 800M run Saturday April 28 during the UIL Region 2 Track and Field meet at University of Texas in Arlington.

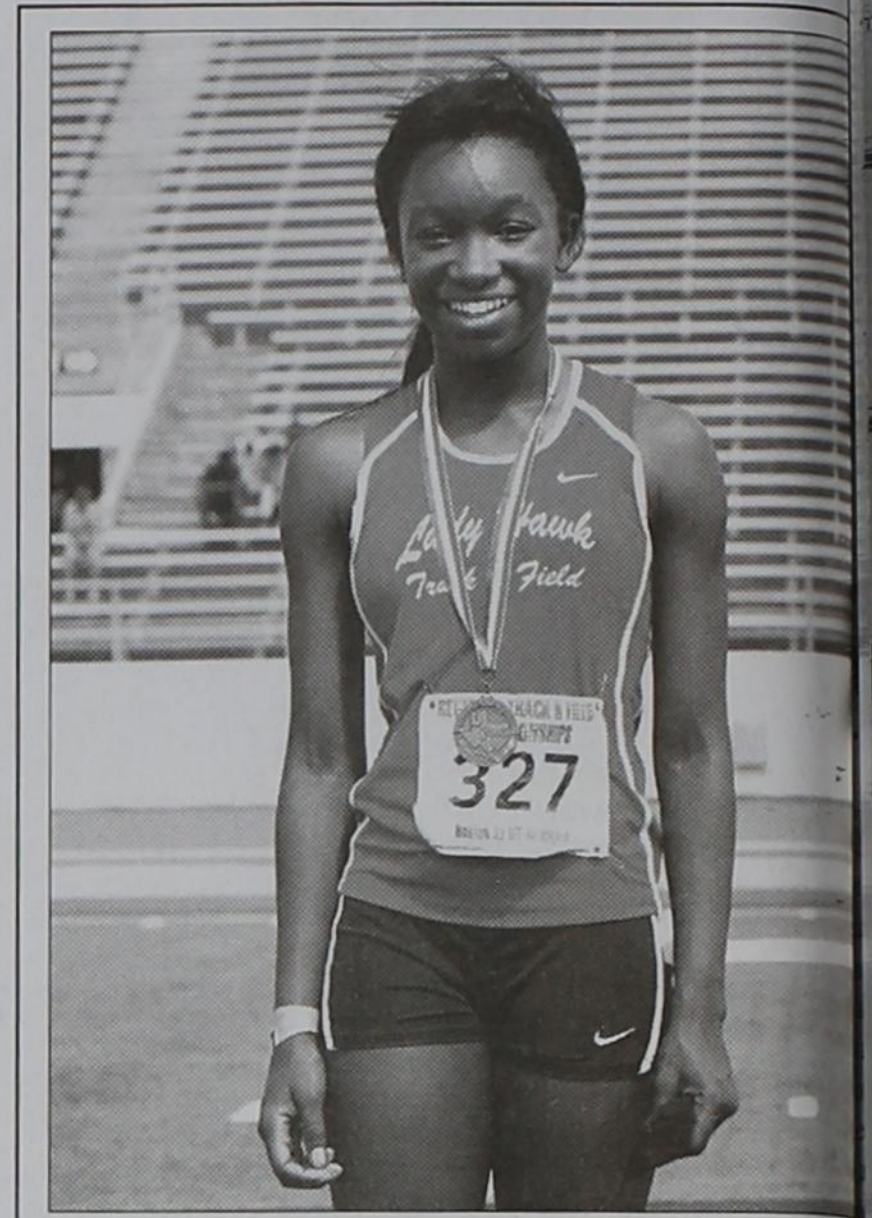
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while finishing first in the discus and second in the shot put. UMS' girls set five school records.

Jordyn Pettigrew was part of three new marks for the eighth-grade Wolves. She set an individual record with her second-place finish in the shot put and was part of Utley record-setting relay teams that finished second in the 4X400 meters (following Jacqueline Kysil, Germesha Booker and Huckaba) and 4X200 meters (with Booker, Kysil and Destiny Gray).

For the seventh-grade girls, Daria Ellis set a UMS record while second in the pole vault, and Morgan Birks established a new state third-place finish in the 100.

The top finisher for the Wolves' seventh-grade boys was Dario H. who placed third in the 2,400.



Rockwall-Heath sophomore Yorlynn Engmann receives the Bronze medal Saturday April 28 for her 15.00 3rd place finish in the 100M Hurdles during the UIL Region 2 Track and Field meet at University of Texas in Arlington.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

3 Rockwall girls named to All-Region water polo

Rockwall County high-school-age water polo teams representing Rockwall and Heath barely missed qualifying for the State Championship, but three players on the All-North Texas Regional Tournament first team.

Rockwall students Raena Eldridge, Jordan Hummingbird and Raena Scown were the All-Tournament selections in the event April 20-21 at Southlake. They had a chance to reach the state event by defeating Guyer, but Guyer won 10-7.

"I don't know if our girls realize how close they are to being a top player," said assistant coach Jim Hummingbird.

"We were 6-6 in the fourth quarter with Flower Mound, whose team just got accepted to St. Francis University. They were competing for a player that is Division I college talent for water polo."

Flower Mound, seeded third, defeated Rockwall 8-6. Guyer was second seed. Before playing those teams, Rockwall scored an 11-3 over Denton.

Like the Rockwall girls, the Heath boys finished fifth, just missing fourth and final qualifying berth. Heath defeated Bryan Adams and Colleyville Heritage 9-4 before losing 20-1 to top-seeded Dallas School of Texas and 8-4 to Denton. Heath's Eliseo Villarreal was voted All-North Texas Region second team.

Rockwall's boys defeated Grapevine 15-0 before losing close against Denton Ryan 8-6 and Colleyville Heritage 8-7. Those teams knocked Rockwall down to ninth place. Luke Phillips and Nathan Boyer from Rockwall were named second-team All-North Texas.

Of the six Rockwall County players named to one of the All-Tournament teams, three are freshmen and one a sophomore. That could mean success as the young players gain experience.

To prepare for the Regional Championship, head coach Andres Rodriguez entered his team against top-flight competition in tournaments at Southlake and Flower Mound April 14.

There, the Heath boys defeated Dallas Bryan Adams 11-3 before losing to the St. Mark's junior varsity 10-6, Southlake Carroll 5-2 and the St. Mark's varsity 10-0.

At Flower Mound, the Rockwall girls lost 9-8 to Denton Ryan and 10-5 to Southlake Carroll.

Three players from the Rockwall Water Polo Club have been selected to participate with 70 of the best players in the nation in their age group at the USA Water Polo's National Team Selection Camp this month at Long Beach, Calif.

Alex Rodriguez, Jordan Hummingbird and Raena Eldridge will be competing to become among the 28 players selected from the camp.

Rodriguez will be vying for a spot on the boys' Developmental National Team, and the girls for the Cadet National Team. This is Hummingbird's second trip to the National Team Selection Camp.

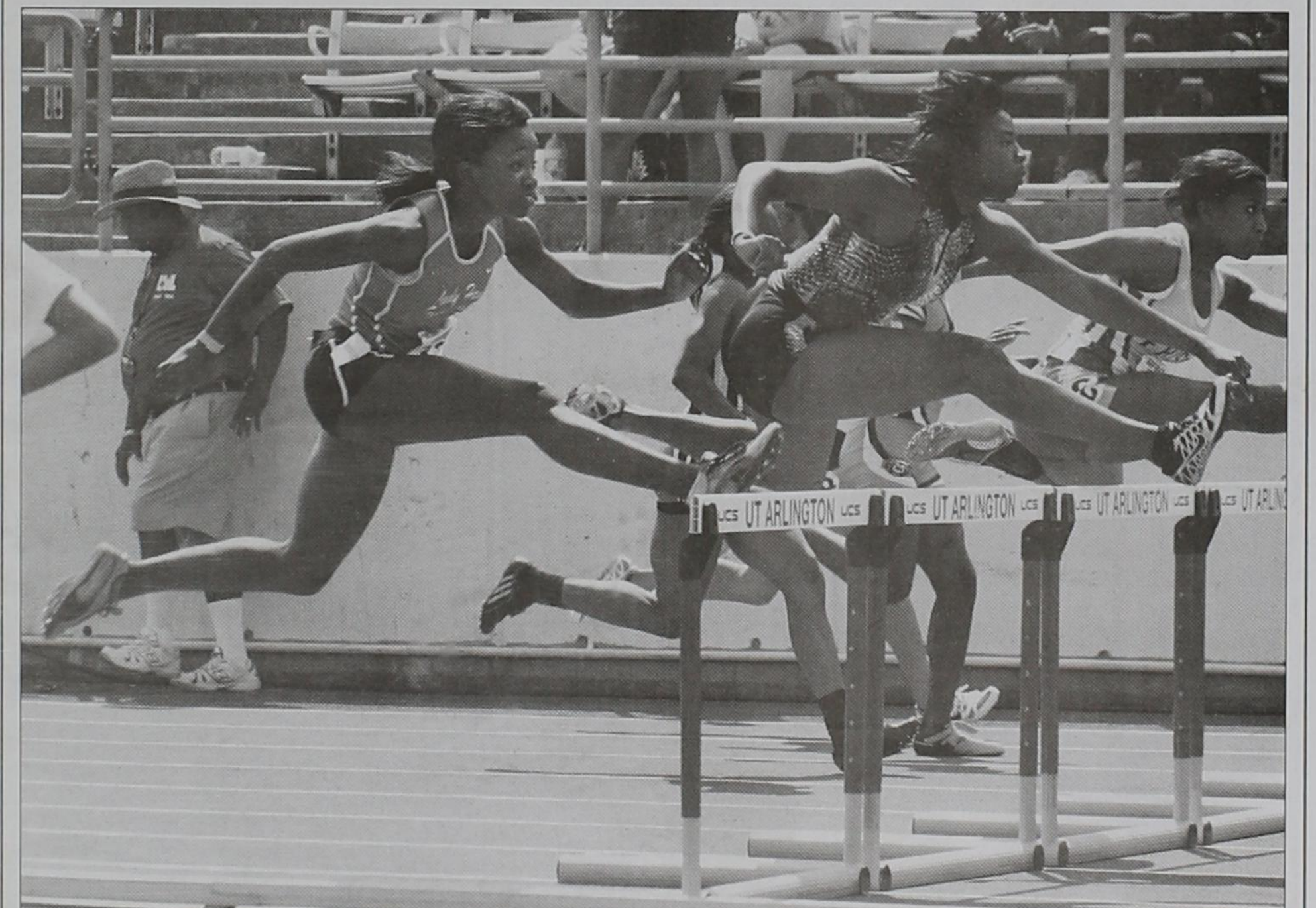
The local players earned their recognition by competing in the Southwest Olympic Development Program. The Southwest's teams played in the West Regional Tournament March 31 and April 1 in Miami, against teams from five other regions.

Coach Rodriguez said, "I can't tell you how proud I am of these players. They are very deserving of their selections."

Playing with the Southwest team of 9th- and 10th-grade girls, Hummingbird and Eldridge helped the squad to a bronze medal. Both were named to the All-Tournament team. Alex Rodriguez was with the eighth-grade-and-boys' team that placed fifth.

The players have been raising money for USA Water Polo. For more information available for making a tax-deductible donation by contacting rockwallwaterpolo.com.

Integrity takes a stronger hold of the human heart than any other virtue. By integrity, I mean a strict consistency between thoughts, words and actions.
Benjamin Rush



Rockwall-Heath sophomore Yorlynn Engmann (left) shoots through the finals in 100M Hurdles for a 3rd place finish, Saturday April 28 during the UIL Region 2 Track and Field meet at University of Texas in Arlington. Engmann's time of 15.00 was .02 seconds faster than Lancaster's Monica Stewart (center).

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Sports Schedule

- The Fulton School Falcons**
 - Friday, May 4 – Track and field: at TAPPS 1A State Championships, Hart-Patterson Complex, Baylor University, Waco, 11:30 a.m.
 - Saturday, May 5 – Track and field: at TAPPS 1A State Championships, Hart-Patterson Complex, Baylor University, Waco, 10:20 a.m.
- Heritage Christian Academy Eagles**
 - Friday, May 4 – Track and field: at TAPPS 2A State Championships, Hart-Patterson Complex, Baylor University, Waco, 11:30 a.m.
 - Saturday, May 5 – Track and field: at TAPPS 2A State Championships, Hart-Patterson Complex, Baylor University, Waco, 9 a.m.
 - Tuesday, May 8 – Softball: at Regional playoff vs. Shiner St. Paul Catholic High School, Shiner Starplex, Field 2, 4:30 p.m.
- Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors**
 - Friday, May 4 – Track and field: at TAPPS 2A State Championships, Hart-Patterson Complex, Baylor University, Waco, 12:45 p.m.
- Rockwall High School Yellowjackets**
 - Friday, May 4 – Varsity gymnastics: at State Championships, Optional, San Angelo Central High School, girls 11:30 a.m. and girls 5:45 p.m.

- Varsity softball: at Area playoff vs. Seagoville, North Forney High School, 7 p.m.
- Varsity baseball: at Game 2 of best-of-3 Bi-District playoffs vs. Frisco Centennial, Hebron High School, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 5 – Varsity gymnastics: at State Championships, Individual Finals, San Angelo Central High School, 11 a.m.
- Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks**
 - Friday, May 4 – Varsity gymnastics: at State Championships, Optional, San Angelo Central High School, girls 11:30 a.m. and girls 5:45 p.m.
 - Varsity baseball: at Game 2 of best-of-3 Bi-District playoffs at Frisco, 7:30 p.m.
 - Saturday, May 5 – Varsity gymnastics: at State Championships, Individual Finals, San Angelo Central High School, 11 a.m.
 - Friday, May 11 – Varsity girls' track and field: 4A State Championships at Mike A. Myers Stadium, University of Texas, Austin, long jump 10:30 a.m. and triple jump 4:30 p.m.
- Royse City Bulldogs**
 - Friday, May 11 – Varsity boys' track and field: 4A State Championships at

- Mike A. Myers Stadium, University of Texas, Austin, pole vault 6 p.m. and 800-meter run 6:30 p.m.
- Cain Middle School Mustangs**
 - Thursday, May 10 – Girls' soccer: home vs. Utley, Rockwall-Heath Memorial Stadium, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.
 - Boys' soccer: at Utley, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.
- Utley Middle School Wolves**
 - Thursday, May 10 – Boys' soccer: home vs. Cain, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.
 - Girls' soccer: at Cain, Rockwall-Heath High School, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.
- Williams Middle School Wildcats**
 - Thursday, May 3 – Girls' soccer: home vs. Lovejoy Sloan Creek, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.
 - Boys' soccer: at Lovejoy Sloan Creek, Lovejoy High School, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.

Rockwall County Sports

Sailors in competitive Chandlers Landing races twice a week

...g on Lake Ray Hubbard now is established twice a week. ...the Spring Wednesday Night Series, the Sunday Dam Series ...for the past 3 weeks. ...as reestablished his position as the sailor to beat in the B Fleet ...He skipped "Wings" to first place in the third and fourth ...ies March 18 and 25. ...Dan Series, Dan Malak in "Orion" and Nigel Brown in "Soap ...ave switched off between first and second places on the last two

Sundays. ...Wednesday's last two A Fleet winners have been Marshall MacKenzie in "Superman's Cape" and Robert Williams in "Hotter Tuna." ...Finishing third behind Brown and Malak in Sunday's race was Kathy Kuipers in "Rij Jik of Jik Ik." A week earlier, Roy Kuipers was third in "Three Sheets to the Wind," followed by David Carter and "Geronimo." ...In the Wednesday series, MacKenzie and "Superman's Cape" placed second in the A Fleet April 25 - followed by "Soap Opera," that time skipped by

Scott Self, third; Heiko Mueller in "Proprius Munia," fourth, and Malak and "Orion" fifth. ...On April 18, Self was second in "Soap Opera," Jeff Willis third in "Cutting Up" and Kathy Kuipers and "Rij Jik of Jik Ik" fourth in the A Fleet. ...Among those following Jones in the B Fleet were Keelan Manuel, second in "Joint Venture," and Phil McBride, third in "Carpe Diem."

Opinions

Romney: An Echo, Not a Choice

Sheldon Richman
Mitt Romney's sweep of Tuesday's primaries, he will almost certainly be President Barack Obama's Republican opponent in November. ...has vowed to make the economy the chief issue against Obama, and ...to portray the president as an enemy of free enterprise in order to ...with himself. How fit is Romney's claim to be a champion ...freedom?
...Massachusetts governor and private-equity capitalist speaks ...of enterprise and the need for government to let entrepreneurship ...out of its current doldrums. This sort of rhetoric is common ...bliss, who then proceed to violate economic freedom.
...George W. Bush, in a weird Orwellian manner, took this ...to its final stage of absurdity when he said during the 2008 ...decade, "I've abandoned free market principles to save the ...ket system." For Bush, the free-market system apparently is not ...free-market principles. But if that's the case, what is the ...constituted by?
...may not typically speak so bluntly, but to most of them "the ...ket system" isn't a set of principles; rather it is an emotional slogan ...specially as an election approaches. It's a way of saying, "Vote ...because the other guys aren't good Americans like we are."
...he says to say, "We are only inches away from ceasing to be a free ...market economy." But that must mean we now have - and have had - a free- ...market economy. Does he really mean that? If so, does he agree with Bush

that free-market principles were "abandoned" with the bank bailouts like TARP (which Romney favored) and the GM and Chrysler rescues?
...Another implication of his position is that the free market was responsible for the housing and financial debacle. We're not likely to hear Romney say this - it would concede too much to Obama - but it's logically implied by Romney's remarks.
...This position diverges from what free-market advocates think happened. The essential story is this: Low-interest-rate money from the Federal Reserve, aggressive government policies to increase homeownership - even among people with bad credit histories or low incomes (or both) - and additional government intervention combined to create an unsustainable bubble in the housing industry, which in turn helped increase the fragility of the financial sector. Dubious mortgages became the foundation of widely held securities and derivatives, facilitated by government-sponsored enterprises - Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac - and a government-licensed rating cartel. Then the bubble burst.
...Does Romney give even a hint that he understands this? If so, he wouldn't be talking as though the free market currently exists and as though we still have it to lose.
...Beyond that, Romney expresses his orientation toward political economy when he says, "Washington has to become an ally of business, not the opposition of business." A free-market advocate would know this doesn't exhaust the alternatives. Government should be neither an ally nor an opponent of business, because both imply interference with private property

and free exchange.
...This may be harder to see in the case of a business-government alliance. One need only remember that we live in a world of scarcity. If government helps one industry or firm, it must do so by channeling scarce resources away from other uses. This disables the process by which entrepreneurs attempt to devote resources to purposes most favored by consumers. It's a form of government privilege, which many businessmen are all too happy to receive - at the expense of others. There is a world of difference between being pro-market and being pro-business - a distinction that apparently escapes Romney.
...Of course, Obama could honestly say he agrees with Romney's statement about business and government. He too believes government should be business's ally. Just ask Jeffrey Immelt of General Electric, who chairs his Council on Jobs and Competitiveness, and Jim McNerney of Boeing (and formerly of GE), who chairs the President's Export Council. Romney and Obama's differences over the precise mix of government and business decision-making power should not fool anyone into thinking they have a fundamental disagreement.
...Once again, the presidential election will present an echo, not a choice. ...Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation in Fairfax, Va., author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine. Visit his blog *Free Association* at www.sheldonrichman.com

Rockwall bond election ... yes or no?

...Rockwall Residents last Fall. These Rockwall residents (all registered voters in Rockwall) determined that these five propositions (Athletic Facility, Downtown Improvements, Downtown Fire Protection, Heritage Park, and Major Road Repairs and Construction) are needed here in Rockwall and, 3) service as a Mayor or City Councilmember in the State of Texas is Non-Partisan. Although the individuals are typically members of a political party, those affiliations are checked (or at least they are supposed to be checked) at the door on entry to the council chambers
...With that foundation let's try to clarify some of those misconceptions.
...* One individual recently wrote that "They (the City of Rockwall) would have the funds if they hadn't built a capitol building (referring to the County Court House). We have poor management in Rockwall County." And therein lies the misconception. The County ... not the City ... of Rockwall built and now occupies the County Court House. The City was not involved in any way with that project.
...* One individual stated that "... these proposals will result in an estimated tax increase of 39 percent." If ALL of the bonds were issued at the same time in their total value that statement is correct. However, the City does not and would not ever do that. Each of the projects are developed in phases such that increases on a year-to-year basis would be minimal and, in many cases could be flat because other debt would be paid down. That same individual expressed concern about "artificial turf" on ball fields, about sprinkler systems on private property, and a park for a rock formation. While the use of artificial turf may be a bit more costly than seeding the fields with grass, in the long run the costs would be close to the same with an added benefit that we can CONSERVE WATER by using artificial turf. As to sprinkler systems in private structures, our downtown district is quite old (parts of it over 100 years). If a structural fire were to begin in one of the buildings it would rapidly spread to engulf the rest of the area around the square. This particular proposition is divided into two parts ... one is the City side to get the necessary water pressures to the structure, the other to sprinkler the interiors of the structure to complete the fire protection needs of our historic

downtown. And, speaking of history, the park for the "rock formation" is an effort to ensure that those who live in Rockwall today and those who will come into Rockwall in the future, will be able to see up close the very "rock wall" for which this great City was named at its birth 158 years ago.
...* Some individuals expressed concern about the financial woes in Washington and down in Austin ... and the ramifications those have on us here in Rockwall. While I understand that there are those who are concerned about these things, there are some other important factors to consider. One key factor that must be brought out is that the City of Rockwall has operated for at least the past 15 years with a balanced budget. The Mayor, City Council, and the Members of City Staff work tirelessly to ensure that good sound financial practices are in place and are working to the benefit of all Rockwall citizens. The City is audited each year and we have maintained our very high Bond Rating of AA- for many years. Further, when issuing bonds the City always obtains insurance to elevate our rating to AAA. So, at the bottom line, the City of Rockwall is in outstanding financial condition and will ensure that the tax rate increases that will stem from these bonds are set at the lowest possible level.
...The Citizens of Rockwall are intelligent and do not need someone to tell them to vote YEA or NAY. What we seek is information that will allow us to be well versed enough to form our own opinions and make an informed decision. I sincerely hope that the information provided above will correct any misunderstandings and allay any fears or concerns over passage of these five bond propositions. And, please remember that these propositions were brought forth by a group of Rockwall residents who believe that all five propositions are in the best interest to Rockwall. Finally, and most important, whether you choose to vote YEA or NAY, please come out and vote. Your opinion matters and your vote counts. For detailed information about the content and implications of the five propositions, please visit www.Rockwall.com.
...Bob Cotti is a former Councilmember, City of Rockwall

...have been considerable discussion in the newspapers about the City of Rockwall upcoming Bond Election. I would request that the following be published in Rockwall County News this week in an effort to clarify some misconceptions.
...several weeks ago a note was posted on the Editorial Page of the Dallas Morning News. That note (from Ed Kominski of Weatherford, TX) rings a bell in Rockwall. It was titled, "What Divides Us?" It reads, "So the most interesting confrontation in America today? Republicans vs. Democrats? Cowboys vs. Redskins? Bulls vs. Bears? Big Oil/Gas vs. Secularists vs. religious warriors? Red Sox vs. Yankees? One vs. 99 percenters? Right to work vs. union membership? Cats vs. Nuts? Is between those who embrace the future and those who do not lose the past."
...Kominski really hit the nail on the head, especially when it comes to political matters here at home. And, the upcoming bond election is an example. Do we embrace the future or do we try to hang on to the past? Yes, Rockwall residents will have the opportunity to vote YEA or NAY on the proposed bond propositions on May 12th. Over the past several weeks there has been considerable discussion about this topic in the newspapers (Newspapers, BLOG, Facebook Pages, etc.) and some real misunderstandings about the bond issues in general. I hope that the following clarifies these misunderstandings and misconceptions.
...in the background, 1) the City of Rockwall has no alternative to capital improvements to its infrastructure other than through the issuance of Municipal Bond Packages. There are no federal, state, or city funds on the revenue side of the budget to cover these; 2) these five propositions were brought forward to the City Council by a group of

...Johanna Runels
...an ordinary citizen, when I review a list of bond proposals, I assume they are on the ballot because my duly elected city council members have approved these proposals and are recommending them. This tacit endorsement is what concerns me.
...the City of Rockwall, are currently carrying a heavy debt - over \$100,000,000 as of 8/11 (brb.state.tx.us/lgs_search.aspx?action=city), which amounts to \$922 for every man, woman and child.* So for are a family of four that totals \$23,686.
...it was "There's more!
...our city debt is now \$105,400,000 (\$86,000,000 plus recently added \$14 million issued in January) (brb.state.tx.us/lgs_search.aspx?action=city), which comes to \$1,345 per person**.
...and finally, our school district carries a debt of \$707,729,600 (brb.state.tx.us/lgs_search.aspx?action=isd), which amounts to \$9,034 per person. And that does not even include the \$1.6 billion and \$1 billion in additional debt which is currently at \$50,000 per person.
...City debt -- \$5,922 per person

...County debt -- \$1,345 per person
...School debt -- \$9,034 per person
...Total -- \$16,301 debt per person
...Plus national debt of \$50,000 per person
...We will also see a personal massive tax hike come Jan. 1 when the Bush tax cuts end, sending a lot of our ever-shrinking disposable income to Washington for the (mis)use of the federal government.
...Now is not the time to increase our debt load in Rockwall, but rather cut spending and pay down our current debt.
...*No" to the bond proposals.
...Johanna Runels, a concerned Rockwall citizen
...* 2010 city census data 37,490
...** 2010 county census data of 78,337

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ACROSS
1 military bugle call
5 Houston Texans OT, Winston
6 "Lake Kick" in Archer County
7 TX Linda Darnell '50 film: "Way Out"
8 Romo signal
9 eatery found in TX: "House"
15 architect l. designed Dallas City Hall
16 Cowboy or Texan TD (2 wds.)
19 storage for cobbled kernels (2 wds.)
21 '70s English rock band: "Heep"
22 an organized whole
27 TX resident Glen who hosts a national radio show
28 people pray for rain season
29 this TX "Mean Joe" played for Steelers in Leon Co. on 79
30 TX TV Tarzan (init.)
33 location of UTA and Rangers ballpark
36 you can steak at the "Big Texan" in Amarillo
37 "sister," informally birdwatching
39 a microstate, like Vatican City, e.g.
41 TX Panhandle often has these in the summer (2 wds.)
44 Meredith of "The Son of Davy Crockett"

45 this Nolte was in '79 "North Dallas Forty" (init.)
46 Gen. Robert _____
47 _____ Ocean, TX
48 this Brown was famous TX female shot putter
51 this TX Banks became "Mr. Cub" at Wrigley Field
52 famous XIT brand did not stand for "in Texas"
53 TX Willie sang on "We _____ the World" ('85)
54 nat'l ID no.
1 oil: "Texas"
2 in Smith Co. on 135
3 Pecos Co. newspaper: "The Fort Stockton"
4 TX Ronnie Dunn wrote song "Boot"
8 TXism: "that hits the _____" (satisfying)
9 TX Roy Orbison's high school band (2 wds.)
10 wood chopper
11 this TX Fess was in "Old Yeller" (init.)
12 "Susan G. Komen for the Cure" is one based in Dallas
13 Euro replaced this in Italy
14 revered DFW meteorologist Harold Taft was born in this Oklahoma town
15 this TX Gordon perfected the "Top 40" radio format
16 TXism: "he was around when the Dead Sea was only _____" (old)
17 stays longer
18 most bashful
20 this TX Alan was the 24th moonwalker
22 noted actress Greer who married a TX oilman in '49 (init.)
23 Rangers are hoping this stat for Yu Darvish will be low
24 member of a Serbia ethnic group
25 action toward a definite end
26 TXism: "she could talk the legs off _____ stove"

28 "not one _____"
31 TXism: "feeling his _____" (frisky)
34 longtime Cowboy scout, Brandt
35 old country music cable network
37 arrived at 2nd base
40 _____ Stanley Gardner
42 Fox series for TX-born Kevin McHale
43 TXism: "got a _____ big as _____"
49 sheets, e.g.
50 boot width

Simple, One Sentence Explanation

The problems we face today are there because the people who work for a living are outnumbered by those who vote for a living."

(Contributed by Richard Bigham, author unknown)



Rockwall and Roysse City High Schools were represented in the 800M finals Saturday April 28 during the UIL Region 2 Track and Field meet at University of Texas in Arlington. Placing 3rd with a time of 1:58.40 was Gaines Kinsey (2nd from left). Finishing 5th in the event with a time of 2:00.77 was Thorne Pettigrew (at right). Ulisses Lopez (4th from left) finished with a 2nd place time of 1:56.77 and qualified for the May 11-12 State meet in Austin. Lopez was only .04 seconds behind the 1:56.73 time of Red Oak runner Alec Saucedo (3rd from left).

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Lady Eagles' 1st baseman Taylor Powers (9) nabs the ball for an out from catcher Madeline Schick (8) Tuesday May 1, during the Area round playoff game against Texas Christian. Ready to assist in the play is pitcher Jenna Geyman (4).

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Sheriff's Department plans open house

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Habitat workday planned

Habitat for Humanity will need a few volunteers May 5 to help with a house at 304 E. Ross. Volunteers will be needed to help place insulation. These volunteers will bring long-sleeved shirts and light gloves, and, if possible, a T-50 stapler and a tape measure. The workday will begin at 8 a.m.

Demonstration Day scheduled

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

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Rockwall Farmer's Market to open

Rockwall Farmer's Market, sponsored by Friends of Downtown, will be open for its 12th season, opening at 8 a.m. May 5. Items to be offered include fresh produce, local honey, handmade soaps, dry mixes, grass-fed beef, fresh-baked breads, dipping oils and fresh fruits and vegetables. A gourmet shop is also planned. The market will be open from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday through Sept. 29.

Main Street Classic Car Show set in Royse City

The 5th Annual Main Street Classic Car Show will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Main Street in downtown Royse City. On-site registration will begin at 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (arrival time no earlier than 9 a.m.); judging will begin at 12:30 p.m., with winners announced at 2 p.m. Awards include Best of Car, Best of Truck, Best of Motorcycle, Club Car and Under Construction. Entry fee is \$20. For more details visit www.treecarshow.com or call 972-636-2184. The event will benefit City Main Street projects.

Local candidate debate slated

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

Founders Day Festival set May 19

The annual Founders Day Festival will begin at 10 a.m. May 19 on Main Street. The daylong event will feature live entertainment, family-friendly activities. Admission will be free. For more information visit rockwallfoundersday.com.

Cars for CASA event scheduled

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

Farmers Market plans event just for kids

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



Girl Scout Troop 3395 of Royse City picked up trash at City Lake Park recently, making its members well on their way to earning Bronze Award. Pictured from the left are Abbey Stinson, Regina Gardner, Rosalie Phillips, Aaliyah Pichon, Kaylee Bobbitt, Jenna Patterson, Pieper Defoe and Rebecca Strong. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall officials note rise in residential development

Residential development in the City of Rockwall appears to be in recovery mode, according to a City of Rockwall news release.

Four new subdivisions are in the planning stage, which could signal the light at the end of the tunnel after four years of steep declines in the homebuilding industry that have slowed Rockwall's growth rate.

But the key word when talking about recovery is caution, said the city's planning director.

"We had a gap with essentially no new residential subdivision

activity between January 2008 and July 2011," said Robert LaCroix. "We're beginning to see some interest in new lot development – but at a very cautious pace. However, this is an improvement from the previous couple of years, and it would indicate the local market may be slowly improving."

Roadways are the key, he said.

"The George Bush Tollway connection and completion of John King Boulevard and FM-549 interchanges will kick-start a lot of growth along the Interstate 30 corridor including home development both south and north of the interstate," LaCroix said. "The FM-549 overpass is still a couple of years out – but at that point, I would expect to see some big things happening."

Another positive sign is the number of recent calls from builders expressing interest in purchasing lots, he said, adding, "But don't expect a return to the growth rate prior to 2007 any time soon."

"If financing of new homes becomes easier and unemployment starts a steady downward trend, I think Rockwall will be the next area of substantial growth in the Metroplex," LaCroix said.

CEO/chief economist M. Elizabeth Morris agreed.

"Because of its many desirable residential qualities, range of employment types and variety of home price points, Rockwall can be expected to be among the earliest North Texas communities to show renewed residential construction activity," Morris said in the news release.

Despite some positive economic signs at the beginning of the year, there was a continued decline in home prices in the Metroplex. But financial experts say economic improvement combined with low interest rates rising slowly, could trigger buyer confidence. Many believe the down cycle has ebbed.

People have been on the sidelines for four years, said Dick Skorborg, who has lots platted in two subdivisions in the city. Their households have changed – growing families, empty nesters – and they are ready to buy a home.

"We're developing new phases, and they are selling well," Skorborg said in the news release, noting that he chose Rockwall based on its school district and strong government.

LaCroix pointed out that the push for new housing isn't strong enough to indicate a significant change in the building pattern.

"Obviously, as the lot inventory diminishes, builders will want to have lots available," he said. "We have had inquiries from builders about certain areas in the city for residential development. That's an indication the market is moving upward, but, again, they are moving cautiously."



Jake Wade (left) receives a Rotary Club Student of Honor plaque from Amy Parks Elementary Assistant Principal Karrie Brown at a recent Rotary Club meeting. Jake was chosen for the honor by the school's sixth grade teachers. He is the son of Guy and Stephanie Wade of Heath. Courtesy Photo/Rockwall County News

Classic Car Show set May 12 in Royse City

The 5th Annual Main Street Classic Car Show will be conducted in downtown Royse City from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 12.

On-site registration will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., with arrival time no earlier than 9 a.m. Judging will begin at 12:30 p.m., with winners announced at 2 p.m.

- Classifications will include:
- Cars – Pre-'50s; '50s; '60s; '70s; '80s; '90s; 2000s;
 - Open; Muscle Car; Convertible
 - Trucks -- Pre-'50s; '50s; '60s; '70s; '80s; '90s; 2000s
 - Other – Import, Street Rod/Roadster, T-bucket

First and second place awards will be given in each classification. Additional awards will include Best of Car, Best of Truck, Best of Motorcycle, Club Participation and Under Construction.

Entry fee cost is \$20, with the first 50 entrants receiving a free T-shirt.

Raffle prizes, door drawings and a split pot will be featured. For information contact Kari Hollifield, Main Street director, at 972-636-2184 or email mainstreetcarshow@gmail.com.

The event will benefit Royse City Main Street projects.

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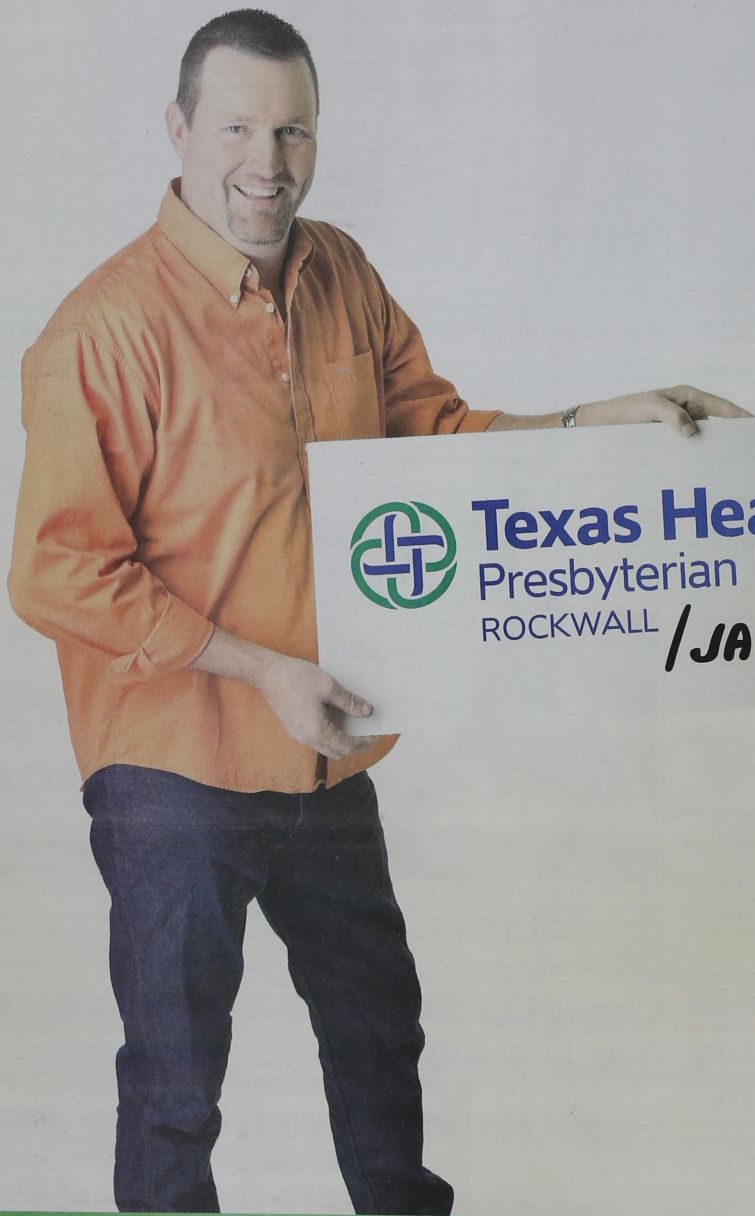
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