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# ckwall FFA Ag Mech Team earns wins at Houston

kwall FFA Ag Mech Team earned first place in two classes and ice in one class recently at the 2014 Houston AG Mechanics

Il High junior Will Morris won second place in showmanship 0 exhibitors.

vards were as follows:

ace, Welding Trailer Class: Will Morris, Tristan Johnson, Will

ace, 10' and Under Trailer Class: Chandler Agee

d place, Other Gooseneck Class: Zach Thomasson, Casey acob Hogue, Hayden

bbon, Goat and Lamb Walker: Ryan Ullom, Cole Schieberle,

bbon, Truck Bed: Neal Trammell

# yse City senior road to recovery

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autiful sun-shiny day early in the morning of Sept. 30, Austin two of his friends were on their way to school. Austin was the back seat a Ford Mustang. They were on the east bound ad of I-30.

mile from Royse City High School, where they all three lool, the car went out of control and rolled. The driver was not but no one is quite sure or can remember what happened or y times the car rolled.

horrific accident. Austin was seriously injured.

s parents are Dean and Angela Pille. Dean said Austin was ambulance to Baylor Hospital Dallas. When I called the family ormation, Dean answered and said he was going to put me on hone. Then suddenly Austin on the phone. He was home from tal. How strange it was to feel so emotional at just hearing the someone I didn't even know, but what a joy to get to speak efore the conversation was over, his mother Angela came in, d all three voices. I can't explain the feeling I had - one of ess for a family that means so much to this community.

isked how he was doing, Austin responded, "Getting stronger - and more independent."

chimed in, "It will be a long slow path."

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# ath's bond credit aing hits all-time high

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their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 25, First Southwest y Senior Vice President Jim Sabonis announced that Standard & atings Services had raised the city's rating to 'AA+', the highest e city has ever seen.

been working on this really for about a year now and this will the issuance of obligation for the improvements that are in the mprovements Plan that we discussed and approved earlier in the layor Lorne Liechty said.

is congratulated the Council for sound management practices ected from "very strong economy, very strong budget flexibility, udgetary performance, very strong liquidity, strong management od financial policies, and strong institutional framework."

Liechty and the rest of the council expressed their appreciation to volved with the city's accomplishment in the improved rating. leath City Council also unanimously denied a request from a mer for a conditional use permit for an accessory building that erve as both an indoor gym and stable for horses.

was based on concerns with the sheer size of the building. owner Doug Knostman was seeking a permit to build a quare-foot building on his property located at 810 Laurence and approval to build a structure 25-feet tall, with metal siding and roof on 4.52 acres as part of his 6.52 tract of land.

reason we want to build a building of that size is, my family, basketball family. I have two boys and a little girl on the way. My ys for the high school basketball team and my younger son hopes e same thing. Weekends we go play basketball. Basically, that's o with our time. What we've always dreamed of doing is having ty big enough but close enough to the city yet big enough and tall that we could play basketball inside of it," Knotsman said.

man said a typical basketball court is 80 by 60, but his would not

roposed barn would also serve as a shelter for two horses.

presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission, a motion de to approve and failed due to a lack of a second. A second was made to deny it and passed with a three to one vote, with embers being absent.

chairJohn Main

ems like a great idea, but on the other hand, I always rely with nce on our P & Z as well. Not withstanding Mr. Knostman, who I nd like, and I really like the idea. I think it's a cool idea and I think bably a unique enough property to do it on," Councilmember Holland said.

esidence that is on the property, after a planned addition, will be quare feet.

sman will be able to return to the council with a revised plan after for the lot for reconsideration.

ne was present to comment were made during the public hearing. next city council meeting will be held on April 8 at 6:30 p.m.

#### ounty to test election equipment

automatic tabulating equipment to be used in the upcoming general ecial elections will undergo routine testing at 9 a.m. April 15 at 107 fman St., Rockwall.

ing is conducted to ascertain that the equipment is in proper working and will accurately count votes cast in the upcoming elections. equipment will be used for the elections for the City of Fate, the f Heath, the City of Wylie and the Rockwall Independent School et, according to information provided by Glenda Denton, elections istrator for Rockwall County.



Pictured are members of the Rockwall FFA Ag Mech Show Team, at front, from the left, Aiden Baker, Ryan Ullom and Cole Schieberle and, at back, Neal Trammell, Casey Harding, Will Morris, Dr. Courtney Gober, RHS Principal, Zach Thomasson, Chandler Agee, Black Clark and Bobby Fowler, ag mech teacher. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

#### Lake Lavon drops to 48% full, conservation pool

(NTMWD), Lake Lavon, recently dropped to 48% full.

According to the State of Texas, the lakes water level was at 479.64 feet Tuesday April 1, 2014.

During April 2012, the water level was at 483.74 feet and 63.1% full. The height above the conservation pool is -12.36 feet. The conservation storage is currently at 195,246 acre-feet with an overall capacity of 406,288 acre-feet.

According to the State of Texas, between 1990 and 2012, the lake has reached maximum levels has during the months of April and May.

According to the NTMWD, the District serves Ables Springs WSC, Bonham, Caddo Basin SUD, Cash SUD, College Mound WSC, Copeville SUD, Crandall, East Fork SUD, Fairview, Fate, Forney Lake WSC, Gastonia-Scurry SUD, Greater Texoma Utility Authority, Josephine,

The primary water supply for the North Texas Municipal Water District Kaufman, Kaufman Four-One, Lavon SUD, Little Elm, Lucas, Melissa, Milligan WSC, Mount Zion WSC, Murphy, Nevada WSC, North Collin WSC, Parker, Prosper, Rose Hill SUD, Rowlett, Sachse, Seis Lagos UD, Sunnyvale, Terrell and Wylie Northeast SUD.

> NTMWD Member cities include Allen, Farmersville, Forney, Frisco, Garland, McKinney, Mesquite, Plano, Princeton, Richardson, Rockwall, Royse City and Wylie.

> According to the District, the NTMWD holds water rights for raw water supplies from Lavon Lake, Lake Texoma, Jim Chapman Lake, Lake Bonham, and the Wetland. Additional supplies are available through a contract with the SRA, providing for water transfer to Lavon Lake from Lake Tawakoni and from a contract with the Greater Texoma Utility Authority for additional supplies from Lake Texoma.



Lake Lavon as shown from U.S. Highway 380 during March 2014 looking toward the south. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Lake Lavon as shown from Little Ridge Park during March 2014 looking toward the north.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

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#### **Rockwall County News Briefs**

#### Spring Plant, Seed Swap set April 5

The Rockwall County Master Gardeners will host their annual Spring Plant and Seed Swap from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (or until everything is gone - they do go fast!) April 5 at Discovery Garden, 875 Riding Club Road. Participants need not bring plants or seeds to participate; gardeners with giveaways want to share. Individuals who do have plants or seeds to swap may bring them in bags or plastic pots; identification of plants is encouraged. This event is free and open to the public; no pre-registration is required.

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# Pille on road to recovery ...

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Austin played left tackle for the Royse City Bulldogs and was number 74. This husky, well-liked senior is continuing rehabilitation at TIRR Memorial Herman Rehab Center in Houston. Austin said he is finished with inpatient rehab and is now on an out-patient basis. The accident left him paralyzed from the neck down.

Thankfully, the two other boys - Dequan Smith and Chris Smith - are fully physically recovered.

On April 12, there will be a fundraiser, Play for Pille Golf Tournament, at the Stone River Golf Club at 846 FM 243, Royse City. The mounting medical bills and expenses for those things such as gas, food and shelter,



Seventeen-year-old Austin Pille, a senior at Royse City High School, was involved in an accident on Sept. 30 on his way to school. He has been in rehabilitation in TIRR Memorial Herman Rehab Center in Houston since the accident, but recently was released on an out-patient basis. On April 12, there will be a fundraiser for his family, Play for Pille Golf Tournament, at the Stone River Golf Club at 846 FM 243, Royse City.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Memorial Stadium

can be devastating, not to mention the mental anguish the family is going through.

All three boys had Renee Wallace for Art Club and she was their Interact sponsor. She has been busy making fliers and posters, contacting people for support and making the arrangements for the fundraiser.

The Play for Pille entry fee is \$100, and the team entry fee is \$400. The Bulldog Sponsorship is \$300 and includes company recognition on a banner in the club house, company logo hole sponsorship sign and recognition in the program. The Gold Paw Sponsorship for \$150 includes company logo hole sponsorship sign and recognition in the program. The Silver Paw Sponsorship of \$75, includes recognition in the program. Checks should be made payable to RCHS Interact Club and include driver's license and date of birth on the check.

The check-in time at Stone River is 11:15 a.m. There will be a complimentary lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the shotgun start will be at 1 p.m. There will be raffles and door prizes.

For more information, contact Wallace at wallacer@rcisd.org. or Scott Wallace at 940-390-3439.

Austin's dad wants everyone in the community to know how much his

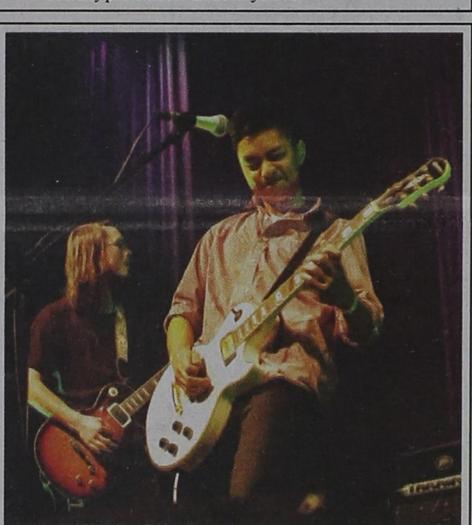
family appreciates all that has been done to help his son. "We greatly appreciate the prayers, cards and support of every kind

from our friends, the schools, the community and especially their church," he said. "I don't know how we would have made it without everyone's kindness and support."



at the March 20 Rotary Club lunch meeting. Ruboko attends Billie Stevenson Elementary. He is shown above receiving the award from Mike Pitcher, principal at Rockwall High School.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



#### **Annual Battle of the Bands returns to Rowlett High School**

Artus Cunanan (front) on guitar and lead vocals and Jacob Parrish (back) on guitar, both Rowlett High School students in the band Circuitry, showed off their talents to the judges on Saturday, March 29 for the 2014 Battle of the Bands at Rowlett High School. Bands from Rockwall, Rowlett and Garland battled for the judges' votes. Circuitry placed third in the contest, followed by second place finisher Surface 180 of Rockwall. The band Therapeutic Insanity placed first in the contest.

Photo by Brittany Williams/Rockwall County News



#### Lang, Mailey set April weddin

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Neal and Tammy Lang are proud to announce the wedding of daughter, Bethany Lang, to Zachary Mailey, son of Dana Millet an Mailey.

The bride-elect, a 2009 graduate of Rockwall High School, me prospective groom, a graduate of Lake Highlands High School, at A&M University where they both graduated in the Class of 2013. She plans to begin work on a Doctorate of Physical Therapy Southwestern in May, while he works as a project manager for M

The couple will be married April 12 in Rockwall and reside in Di Gen. Thomas

# Friday Study Club tours Bimbo Bakerie

The Friday Study Club met on March 21 at the Bimbo Bakeries for a tour of its Rockwall facility, which opened in January 2013. Wayne Sager, plant manager, and Jerry McManus, human rela manager, welcomed the group and gave a brief history of Bimbo Ba

The company's story begins in 1994 when Grupo Bimbo, Mei largest baking company with operations in 19 countries, purchas California-based tortilla company, according to information pro during the tour. They entered the U.S. bread market in 1997 with acquisition of Pacific Pride Bakeries of San Diego. Several other by acquisitions, such Mrs. Bairds, George Weston Ltd. and Sara Lee, made doubling BBU's size and making it the largest bakery i country.

The Rockwall plant specializes in baking breads and buns. Its of-the-art equipment enables it to bake 345 loaves of bread per mi It makes the brands of the bakeries acquired, along with its own B brand.

The club was given the opportunity to view, through large windows, the bread-making process as McManus explained each s

After the tour, the club's president, June Frawley, conducted a business meeting. Peg Pannell Smith announced the spring lunch set for April 11 at The Fatted Calf. Reservations and payments shou made to Carolyn Duckworth by April 7. The day's leader, Nancy Hill co-hostess, Betty Moon, were commended for making the arrangen for the tour and for providing the refreshments.



Pictured are Nancy Hill, Wayne Sager, Jerry McMan Rockwall Ar and Betty Moon during the Friday Study Club's recent tour e public is i Bimbo Bakeries USA. Hill and Moon organized the tour, white p.m. to 8 p.r. was provided by Sager, plant manager, and McManus, Bimbo ved Mattlin's human relations manager.

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Texas Health Presbyte aldren's pro Hospital Rockwall will offer 12 ad at 2 LIFE Beyond Cancer Survivors Fallcommunit Program and Networking Gn Mice 30 minu from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. April at the Medical Office Build lets purchase located at 3136 Horizon Roller 2014 season Suite 150, Rockwall.

The event, open to all car 417. Visitm survivors, family meml supon code and friends, will provide to support services and education opportunities. From emotic health to nutrition, benefits exercise, managing fatigue overall quality of life, ex speakers will address questi Rockwall C about cancer survivorship.

To register online for the evil visit texashealthrockwall.c news-events or call Barbara Qu at 469-698-1333.

Participants should use Women's Imaging Center entra on the night of the event.

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May 30, 1939, in Hunt o Oland Burl Shaw and nelle (Lancaster) Shaw, she om the Irving Independent istrict where she served as lab manager. She was a of the First Baptist Church City.

ors include her husband of Jerry Easley of Royse City;

er, Runelle Shaw of Royse City; her sons, Marc Easley and Janna, of Dangerfield and Craig Easley and his wife, Lucy, of her sister, Joan Ganelle Cantrell of Overland Park, Kansas; ers, Jerry Oland Shaw of Rockwall and Ronald Dale Shaw and Barbara, of Arlington; her grandchildren, Ashton Hope Easley, ose Easley and Trenton Michael Easley; and numerous nieces, and other relatives.

s preceded in death by her father, Oland Burl Shaw.

#### of Physical To use tapped to lead NTMWD wing Parks' resignation

ien. Thomas W. Kula has been selected by the North Texas 1 Water District Board of Directors to succeed the retiring director, Jim Parks.

ommander of the Southwestern Division, U.S. Army Corps of s, will leave the U.S. Army after 32 years of service effective according to a NTMWD news release. The NTMWD has a letter of assurance from him stating his intention to accept the once his military commitment is completed.

ned in January 2011 an o very appreciative of the many opportunities I have been given McManus, human er your nation, and I'm always proud of the men and women I have f history of Bimbon frante to serve with and to lead," Kula said in the release. "I have ny nearly four years with Southwestern Division, supporting n Grupo Bimbo, we state region and providing value to the public and our many 19 countries, purned It's been a tremendous last assignment. Though it's always hard g to information and he chapter of a career, I have the best of all memories of the market in 1997 ay 1 I look forward to continuing to serve our region and our nation Diego. Several other apacities."

on Ltd. and Sara Julia previous assignments have been in Germany, Fort Leonard the largest baken d. e 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.; the Pentagon; and ents in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

replace Parks, who, after 35 years of service to the NTMWD, paves of bread per re on April 30. For the past 16 years, Parks has served as executive along with its owere and will continue to lead the agency until Kula joins the district

view, through lar ar proud of the role that I have had in guiding the NTMWD's nus explained early over the past 35 years, and I hope that the master plans that I rawley, conducted hoed to develop will be beneficial in guiding the NTMWD over ced the spring lunne 150 years as its service population grows from 1.6 million to ns and payments a mi on citizens," Parks said in the news release. "I hope that this y's leader, Nancy fo vard becomes my legacy. Now I plan to spend more time with ly and enjoy retirement, but I will always be thankful for the ity that I have had to serve the citizens of North Texas that rely TMWD."

#### kwall County Entertainment

'Steel Magnolias' to be staged at RCP

Magnolias" will be featured at the Rockwall Community se, 609 E. Rusk, Rockwall, in performances set for April iday and Saturday shows will be at 8 p.m.; the Sunday ance will be at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at lcommunityplayhouse.org or by calling 972-722-3399.

'Believe' ballet slated for April 5, 6

armonic Motion Ballet Theatre and Harmonic Motion School of al Ballet will stage "Believe" at 7 p.m. April 5 and 2 p.m. April Rockwall High School Theatre. Professional dancers will be anied by students in performing this ballet. General admission cost \$10 at tututix.com.

RAL plans artist reception

Cockwall Art League will present Artists Gallery on the Square, public is invited to attend a reception for artist Scott Mattlin p.m. to 8 p.m. April 5 at 102 S. Goliad. Wine and appetizers will .d. Mattlin's impressionistic work has been collected around the and he has been in several magazines and won numerous awards. If his paintings will be available for viewing.

**Brown Bag Lecture Series set April 11** 

Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County cal Commission will present the next Brown Bag Lecture Series rom noon to 1 p.m. April 11 in the second floor courtroom at oric courthouse in downtown Rockwall. The topic will be the from Rockwall County, presented by Nancy and Bruce Beaty. ion will be free and open to the public. For more details call Sheri at 214-926-6466.

RCP to stage 'Goldilocks on Trial'

er progra Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk, will present Idren's production of "Goldilocks on Trial" at 7 p.m. on 12 ad at 2 p.m. on April 13. Tickets may be purchased at Ilcommunityplayhouse.org or by calling 972-722-3399 or at the ice 30 minutes prior to show time.

Discount offered on early-bird RSM tickets

ts purchased before April 30 for the Rockwall Summer Musical's r 2014 season are available at a 20 percent discount. The summer will include "South Pacific" June 26-28 and "Anything Goes" 4-17. Visit rockwallsummermusicals.org or call 881-71-TICKETS upon code HAPPYTALK to receive discount).

First Concert by the Lake planned

City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host its first 1 by the Lake event of 2014 on May 8. Live concerts are conducted p.m. on Thursdays at The Harbor and will run through July 24. ull schedule of performers visit rockwall.com/parks/concert.

Mellody to lead Brown Bag Lecture event

Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County cal Commission will present their Brown Bag Lecture Series rom noon to 1 p.m. May 9 at the historic courthouse in downtown vall. The topic will be One American Soldier, with Jo Nell Mellody the story of her father-in-law who served in WWII and was ed in France. Admission will be free and open to the public. For ietails call Sheri Fowler at 214-926-6466.

Rockwall Founders Day set May 17

Rockwall Founders Day Festival, celebrating the city's 160th ay, will run from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 17 at Harry Myers Park. Zone with bounce houses and games will be offered, as will food and arts, crafts and business vendors. Live music will be featured 0 a.m. to 9 p.m., with the Charlie Daniels Band as the headline

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Stephanie Whitworth Pawley

A celebration of life for Stephanie Whitworth Pawley, 66, of Rockwall will be conducted at 1 p.m. April 26, 2014, at the Allure Restaurant, 501 Yacht Club Drive, Rockwall. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

She died, surrounded by her family, on March 25 following a seven-year battle with cancer.

Born Nov. 29, 1947, in New York, N.Y., to Stephen and May-Britt (Henriksen) Kronberg, she earned a master's degree in education from Florida State University and was

a member of the FSU Flying High Circus, performing on the trapeze, perch pole and roller skates throughout her college career. She was an accomplished water ski performer at Callaway Gardens. Her experience led to the development of many lifelong friendships with fellow performers. She had a great love for snow skiing, which she enjoyed with many friends and family members.

Professionally, she had a successful career as a reading teacher and education administrator for the Atlanta, Ga., school district. Upon moving to Rockwall 20 years ago with her husband, Ray, she began a second career in real estate.

She counted many of her colleagues and clients among her best friends. She also enjoyed a unique bond with animals. Throughout her life she surrounded herself with cats, dogs and ducks and had a special fondness for giraffes. She frequently rescued strays and nursed injured animals back to health including Big Bopper, a mallard duck whose story was chronicled in a front-page newspaper story on July 7, 2004.

She lived a life of openness, generosity and courage, always serving as a source of strength for others throughout her illness. She had an infectious smile and spirit that affected everyone with whom she came in contact. She enjoyed entertaining and welcoming people into her home and life. She and her husband were inseparable and had a relationship admired by many.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall.

Survivors include her husband, Ray; her sister, Cassandra Lindsey, and her husband, Robert, and son, John, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; her half-brothers, Stephen Kronberg and his wife, Elizabeth, of Marblehead, Mass., and Phillip Kronberg and his wife, Rachel, of Kennewick, Wash.; her half-sisters, Ingrid Hodgers, and her husband, Scott, of Marblehead and Sonya Kronberg of Kennewick; her stepsisters, Toni Kronberg of Snowmass, Colo., Karen Leonink and her husband, Perry, of Middletown, N.Y., and JoAnn Papenfus and her husband, Kurt, of Snowmass; her daughters, Nicole Russell, and her son, Justin, of Gatesville and Stacey Pawley of Hollywood, Fla.; and 10 additional nieces and nephews.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorial & Honor Program, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942 (stjude.org) or In-Sync Exotics Wildlife Rescue and Education Center, P.O. Box 968, Wylie, TX 75098 (insyncexotics.com) may be made in her memory.

#### Rockwall cancels May 10 election

The Rockwall City Council has canceled its May 10 municipal election, according to an article in the city's most recent e-newsletter.

The election was canceled because incumbents who filed for candidacy were unopposed.

Council members Jim Pruitt, Place 2, Dennis Lewis, Place 4, and Mike Townsend, Place 6, each will serve a two-year term beginning in June.

#### Sales tax revenues climb in Rockwall

Sales tax revenues for the month of December 2013 showed an increase over the same month in 2012, according to an article featured in the City of Rockwall's e-newsletter.

Revenues in December 2013 were 2.66 percent higher than the total from a year earlier.

"2013 was a good year," Mary Smith, assistant city manager and finance director, said in the newsletter. "There was significant growth in sales tax revenue for the year and December sales tax set a record. We are cautiously optimistic for 2014 with sales tax revenue projected to reflect a 2 percent increase." The "County News" -

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#### Charter to provide enhanced services

Charter Communications is doubling Internet speeds from 30 Mbps to 60 Mbps for customers in Fort Worth and more than 40 surrounding communities where available at no additional cost with the launch of its new Charter Spectrum suite of TV, Internet and voice services, according to a news release issued last week.

Customers also will gain access to more than 200 high-definition video channels and advanced voice service that includes unlimited nationwide calling.

"Charter's standard Internet speeds are now 20 times faster than standard DSL, and our video lineup now offers the most HD in the area," said Jonathan Hargis, executive vice president and chief marketing officer. "These improvements are made possible by our recent upgrade to an all-digital network. When you combine our reliable, full-featured voice service with substantially improved video and Internet products, our North Texas customers now have access to our highest level of service -Charter Spectrum."

Charter Spectrum Internet plans now start at 60 Mbps -20 times faster than standard DSL - enabling customers to simultaneously stream videos, download music and more without sacrificing Internet performance. Internet modems are provided free of charge.

Customers may visit charter. com/digitalnow to print a copy of their updated channel lineup or call 1-888-GET-CHARTER (1-888-438-2427) for more information.

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Taste of Rockwall, Business Expo slated

The 21st Annual Taste of Rockwall and Business Expo, presented by the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce, will run from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. April 3 at Rockwall High School. Advance tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12 and may be purchased at rockwallchamber. org or at the Rockwall Area Chamber, Alliance Bank, American National Bank and Community Bank. Tickets at the door will cost \$17 for adults, \$7 for children. Children ages 5 and under will be admitted free.

Church plans Priscilla Shirer simulcast

The Rockwall Friendship Baptist Church, 5651 State Hwy. 76 in Royse City, will host a biblical teaching by author Priscilla Shirer via live simulcast from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 5. Registration costs \$20. The event will include a continental breakfast, catered lunch and afternoon snack. To register online, visit tinyurl.com/rfbcpss. For more details about the church, visit rockwallfriendship.org.

RHS to host April 5 job fair

The Rockwall ISD Unified Job Fair Meet & Greet will run from 9 a.m. to noon April 5 at Rockwall High School, 901 Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. Interested parties are invited to stop by and meet with campus administrators and program directors to find out more about job opportunities in the 2014-2015 school year. No pre-registration is required. For more details, contact the RISD's Human Resources Team at humanresources@rockwallisd.org.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day set in Rockwall

The City of Rockwall's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 5 - rain or shine - at the Municipal Service Center, 1600 Airport Rd. Household quantities of pesticides, paint products, household cleaners, herbicides, motor oil, auto chemicals, pool products and rimless tires will be accepted. Document shredding and electronic recycling also will be available. City residents must present a current utility bill or driver's license; no children or pets should be brought to collection site. For details call the Utility Billing Department at 972-771-7736.

Junk Prom to benefit Helping Hands

A Junk Prom to benefit Helping Hands will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 5 at Rockwall County Helping Hands' Centsible Thrift Store, located at 950 Williams St., Rockwall. For more details, call 972-771-4357.

Democratic Men's Group luncheon planned

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will conduct its next luncheon on April 5 at Arboledas Mexican Grill in Heath. The group meets for lunch on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants to discuss local, state and national current events and politics. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the future direction of Texas and Rockwall County are welcome to attend.

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**Ask Dr. Danette** 

by Danette McNew, D.D.S.



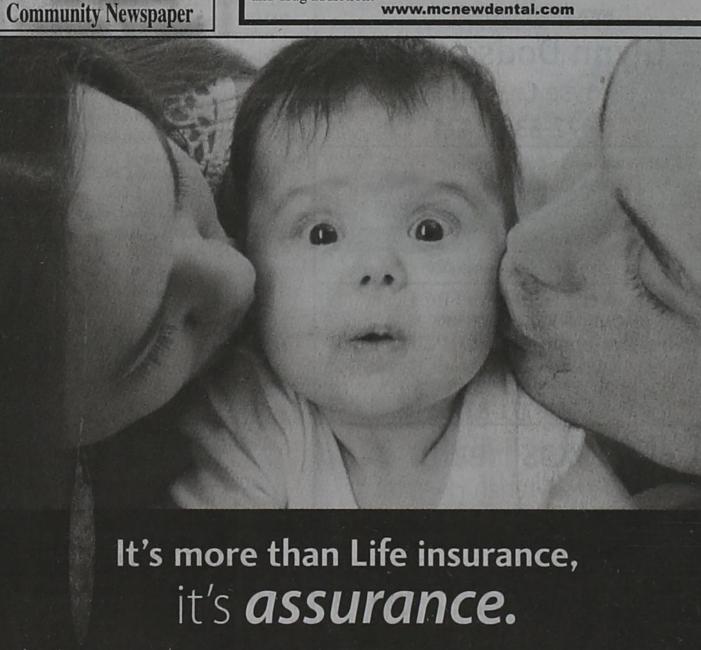
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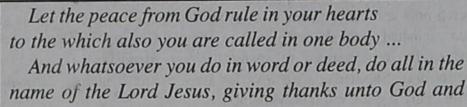
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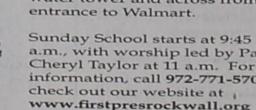
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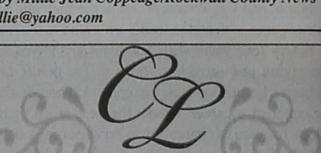


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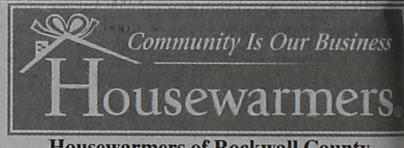


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Welfare without the state

by elson Hultberg

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Lil tarians and free-market conservatives take an unequivocal tand n the provision of state welfare. It should be phased out and etur I to the private sector. Charity is not a proper function of

of course, attracts the usual horrified denunciations of, 'My od, what kind of human being are you? Don't you have any ome sion? How can you wish to suppress poor people so? We can't ust I people be poor; we must do something!"

Bu o be against state funded welfare does not mean one is devoid of co passion or desirous of suppressing poor people. It means one s against the dispensing of special privileges from the government o the citizens of a country, which means that the help we give to poor ople must be done with our own money and time, and not be onfi ated from others to gratify our desires and assuage our guilt. aker for the let me is that if American citizens are to possess equal rights, then ourthouse. Travel ment cannot take money from some and give it to others. To idation and Benact uch a policy is to convey privileges upon some at the expense on the seconds of rs, which destroys the moral-philosophical foundation of our . Ballard, a lentire system. So if we are to maintain justice (i.e., equal rights), on Historical over ment must be barred from transferring wealth from some this means that all charity must be the screen as riva

"safety net" for low income earners will still function in a answer time aisse faire society. What our present day intellectual community 4926-6466, efus to face is that the phasing out of state welfare would not, in ounty News in vy, eliminate the safety net. It would just transfer the safety net rom ne ministrations of power hungry government bureaucracies o a st, private sector of concerned and humane persons. There ire o intless charitable organizations, agencies and groups, of both eligius and secular nature, that would capably assume the role of a 'well re safety net" for people in need.

#### Private sector welfare

Rinard Cornuelle, in his book Healing America, points out that he twate sector includes nearly 500,000 churches, mosques and tter livingnar gues, 37,000 community service agencies affiliated with the Unite Way, 27,000 private foundations, and 3300 voluntary hospitals. Then are the nationally prominent organizations such as the Red ed Transportations the Salvation Army, Alcoholic's Anonymous, The National Hour Staff Ava Arthr is Foundation, etc. There are thousands of suicide and rape revetion centers. Five thousand volunteers in America work for an rgarzation called Recordings for the Blind. The Civil Air Patrol has 50.00 members and 7,000 planes and is, year after year, involved in earc and rescue and disaster relief. There are 5 million members n 2000 communities that have formed citizens crime-watching

tedliving agroup. There are a whole host of private agencies coordinating the eset ment of refugees in America, which in a five year period alone ide 300,000 Southeast Asians and 135,000 Cubans and Haitians. Arce roducts sponsored the rescue of 1,000 boat people from the T Busine Sour China Sea. There are presently 7,000 farm cooperatives and ,00 miscellaneous cooperatives in this country. It is estimated by neir ational clearing house that there are approximately 700,000 to ner ational clearing house that there are no money, but 300 1 0 mutual-aid groups of all sizes, who use little or no money, but long their time, their expertise, and their concern for their fellow beings in America. They perform services for the blind, for he copled, for the mentally ill, for burn victims, arthritis sufferers, epileptics, diabetics and thousands of other people who are in need.

Here then is our answer to the dilemma of state welfare and its hideous ganglia of government bureaucracy. The vast panorama of volunteer groups, agencies, churches, and associations mentioned above would become the funnel through which billions in aid would be distributed to all those who are in need. Would not at least 75 percent of all Americans be willing to contribute some part of what they earn every year to such voluntary organizations? Given the right moral inculcation from youth on, there are very few of us who wouldn't.

Figures from the federal Office of Management and Budget confirm that government welfare programs totaled approximately \$740 billion for the year 2012. According to the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy in Indianapolis, IN, private charitable contributions in America totaled \$316 billion for the year 2012.

Once the apparatus of government is removed from the field of welfare, though, private charity for the poor and needy would quadruple and perhaps expand even more. The oppressive taxes we pay for welfare greatly stifle desire on the part of citizens to give privately. Most people reason that it's the government's job. But this way of thinking would end with the phaseout of government's role in welfare. Thus the poor would be more than adequately taken care of with mega-billions in aid generated. The source of their sustenance would just come voluntarily from private givers rather than coercively from public bureaucracies. Old fashioned neighborliness would return, and make of charity what it was always supposed to be – a temporary helping hand and not an habitual way of life.

#### Intellectual Justification of State Welfarism

The intellectual justification for all this government largesse and welfare extravagance that dominates modernity lies in the collectivists' conception of man as a helpless product of his environment. It is one of the most sacred beliefs of welfare state ideologues, that the great majority of human beings are not really capable of taking care of themselves, that they need authoritarian bureaucracies to watch over them, to guide and comfort them, to feed, lead, and love them. "If left to fend for themselves, millions of poor people would starve," the collectivists shriek hysterically at mere mention of the fact that welfare should be voluntary and not a function of the state.

What exactly is the truth in this matter though? Would poor people in America actually starve without government welfare? Are men and women really all that helpless? If history is any guide, the answer is certainly no. Prior to 1932 in this country, there were no welfare agencies (at least none funded from Washington). There were no social security programs. There were no federally funded services at all to help the needy and the unfortunate. And this writer has found no school text, popular chronicle, or American citizen living in that era that claims the existence of starving people in the streets.

Such grim forecasts of potential horror and deprivation are demagogic fairy tales portraying free individuals as heartless ogres and state bureaucrats as angelic saviours. They are conjured up to justify a continual expansion of federal power and the ever-increasing confiscation of individual earnings for government spending marathons to satiate that power and enslave those productive people willing to go along with such subservience.

Think back to the times when this country was being settled, and formed into the nation it is today, when the pioneers were moving west in the 1820s and 1830s, when the gold rushers were chasing their dreams in California in '49, the railroad men hammering out their

transcontinental lines after the Civil War, the wildcatters of the oil fields erecting their rigs in Texas during the early part of the twentieth century - think of these times and the hardy men and women who dominated them. What would have been their response if Washington had tried to send social workers from the government out to their neighborhoods to watch over them, to chart their progress, to succor and aid them in their trials? Hell, most of them were living in shacks on one meal a day. They had no medical insurance, no guarantee of success, no regular paycheck, no sure job, food or housing. By today's standards, they were certainly in need. Yet they would have stoned such intrusive do-gooders out of their communities and hung the politicians responsible up by their thumbs. America was built by strong individualistic men and women of spirit, not by sociologists and not by governmental busybodies.

Contrary to statist fairy tales, Americans are quite capable of taking care of themselves in the absence of government aid. In fact, they are capable of superhuman, heroic feats of endeavor, courage, and accomplishment all on their own. And when they're down and out, they're capable of a compassion and genuine benevolence that no nation of people ever in history has known.

"There is more laughter and more song in these United States than anywhere else on earth," wrote Henry Grady Weaver in The Mainspring of Human Progress. "In shops, streets, factories, elevators, on highways and on farms - everywhere - Americans are friendly and kindly people, responsive to every rumor of distress. Someone in America will always divide his food and share his gasoline or his tire tool with a person in need."

#### Making One's Own Way

Private charity sustained the poor in this country for the first century and a half of our existence. It can do it again. A great part of the drama that gives to life its value is tied up in the process of making one's own way in the world. To take this right away from men by turning their welfare over to the regimental control of government, is to snuff out one of the prime motives of their being and condemn them to a life of perpetual dependency and ennui. It is so degradingly humdrum, this lugubrious welfare state with its army of-piddling bureaucrats hovering sanctimoniously over men and women in their tribulations. There is no sense of the heroic in a government guaranteed existence. And there is no joy or virtue in state dictated charity. There is only the forlorn stench of a morbidly lost meaning that men surely were not meant to bear.

The spirit of self reliance and humane brotherhood once diffused this land with a sense of sturdiness and constantly soaring hope, kindling in all men of good will a desire to take care of themselves and those among them incapable of doing so. Such a spirit led to an exhibition of what is genuinely fine and noble in the human soul. Is it to be said that Americans can no longer live up to their destiny and the responsibilities of liberty that form that destiny?

In the end, there can be neither freedom, nor stability, nor justice in a nation of arbitrary law. State dispensed welfare is, of necessity, arbitrary. It is the conveyance of favors to some at the expense of others. Until we as a people gain the resolve to rid ourselves of all such favors and privileges from the seats of government, we will continue to suffer from the malignant excesses of bureaucracy that plague our lives at present. Welfare is a person to person problem; it does not belong in the arena of government endeavor. It's privatization is not some vague ideal that we can dream about. Privatized welfare is a just and practical necessity that we must now bring about.

# Sex and Race Equality

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re are several race and sex issues that need addressing. Let's look at a lw of them with an ear to these questions: Should we insist upon equatreatment of people by race and sex or tolerate differences in treat ent? And just how equal are people by race and sex in the first place? cording to the National Institutes of Health, male infants 1 to 3 muths old should be fed 472 to 572 calories per day, whereas their female counterparts should receive 438 to 521 calories per lay (http://tinyurl.com/nj35qv).That's an official sex-based calo: 10 percent rip-off of baby females. In addition to this nether it's government-sanctioned war on women, one wonders whether Instagranthe IIH has a race-based caloric rip-off where they recommend orm, we hathat lack newborns receive fewer calories than white newborns. yone who watches "Lockdown" on television will see gross segregation in California prisons -- such as Pelican Bay, our busines Cor rran and San Quentin -- where prisoners are housed by race. Colled signs have hung above living quarters -- for example, blue for ack inmates, white for white, red, green or pink for Hispanic, and ellow for others (http://tinyurl.com/m7n4df8).

netimes inmate yard times are racially segregated. Being ars old and having lived through an era in which I saw signs nite and colored water fountains, waiting rooms and toilets, I california's racial segregation practices offensive. Prison Law Offer, a public interest law firm that seeks justice for prisoners, crit zes such flagrant racial segregation policy, but I question its sinchity. Criticizing racial segregation while not uttering one word

In my book, if the all-male military bastion is being eliminated, it stands to reason that prison segregation by sex should be eliminated. No decent American would accept the idea of a prison for blacks and another one for whites. If we value equality, we shouldn't accept one prison for men and another for women. There should be integration.

Speaking of sex segregation, there have been recent calls to end the ban on women in combat units, but there's no mention of the Army's sexist physical fitness test. For a male 17-21 years of age to pass, he must do 35 pushups, do 47 situps and run 2 miles in 16 minutes, 36 seconds. His female counterpart, who receives the same pay, can pass the fitness test by doing a mere 13 pushups, doing 47 situps and running 2 miles in 19 minutes, 42 seconds (http://tinyurl.com/yaphmzl). How can anyone who values equality and self-respect tolerate this gross discrimination? You say, "Williams, what's your solution?" I say we should either force women to come up to the physical fitness standards for men or pass men who meet the female standards of fitness. Maybe we should ask our adversaries which is better --

raising female fitness standards or lowering those of males.

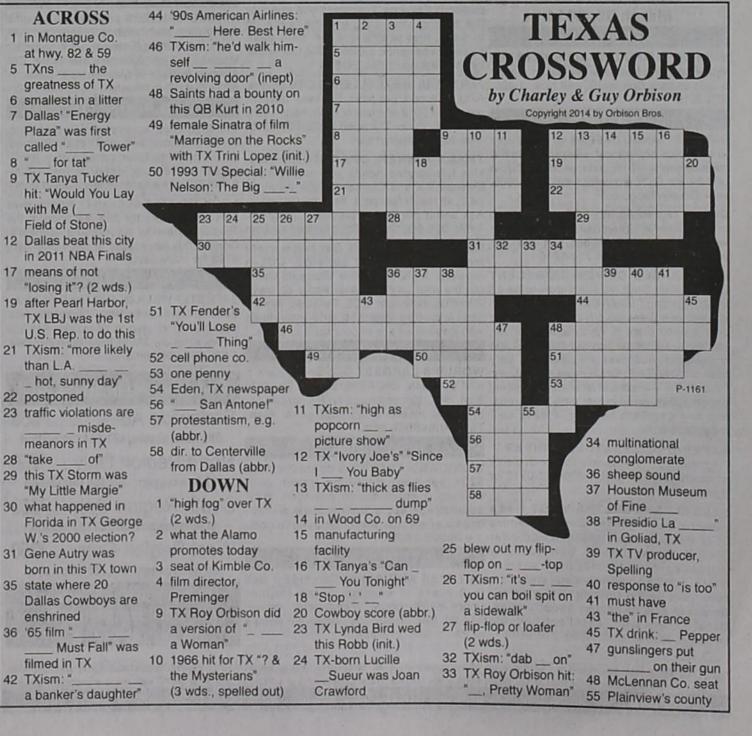
There are a couple of other inequalities that cannot be justified, much less tolerated, in a society that values equality. Jews are only 3 percent of the U.S. population, but they take 39 percent of U.S. Nobel laureates.

which there is no moral justification. Ask any academic, intellectual, or civil rights leader and he'll tell you that equality and diversity means that people are to be represented across socioeconomic lines according to their numerical representation in the population. The fact that Jews are 39 percent of U.S. Nobel laureates can mean only one thing -they are taking the rightful Nobel laureates of other racial groups. Jews are not the only people taking more than their fair share of things. Blacks are 13 percent of the population but have taken nearly 80 percent of the player jobs in the National Basketball Association. Compounding that injustice, they are highest-paid NBA players. Blacks are also guilty of taking 66 percent, an unfair share, of professional football jobs.

Any American sharing the value of race and sex equality and diversity should find these and other differences offensive and demand that the liberal and progressive elements in society eliminate them.

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University. COPYRIGHT 2014 CREATORS.COM





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#### Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous, 24 hour help line, 800-503-8602.

AA Meetings Rockwall, 7 days a week, Big Book Group, 213 Rusk St., 972-722-6366.

Al-Anon Meetings Call for information and locations in Dallas area, 214-363-0461.

Al-Anon Garland Meetings Monday & Friday, 8 p.m. at 2206 South Jupiter St., Suite

Sons of the American Revolution East Fork-Trinity Chapter meets 6:00 p.m., second Thursday each month. 4881 Bass Pro Dr. Garland, Texas. Guests & family welcome. http://www.txssar.org/ EastForkTrinity.

130, Garland.

Rockwall County Kiwanis Club Meets every Tuesday at noon at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel, and we recently added an evening meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., also at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel, 203 S. Fannin. For more information call 972-772-6001

Senior Services

If you are interested in delivering weekday meals to homebound seniors in Rockwall County, we will be holding volunteer training sessions the second Wednesday each month at 1 p.m. Please call 972-771-9514 for location.

24 Hour Help Line for substance & mental health counseling. 800-662-4357.

NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) meets second Saturday monthly. We offer support and education for families and individuals affected by mental disabilities. For more information call the Dallas office at 214-341-7133.

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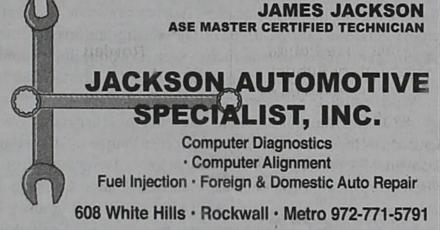
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. **DATED** the 3rd day of April, 2014

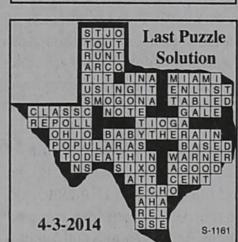
David S. Mallard Attorney for Estate State Bar No.: 12860400 P.O. Box 156 102 E. Moore Ave. Suite 105 Terrell, Texas 75160 Telephone: (972) 563-3308 Facsimile: (972) 563-2014

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**Legal Notices** 

the County Court of Law of Rockwall County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to Sheila Gail Hickman within the time prescribed by law.

My address is c/o Miller Law Firm, PLLC 101 E. Park Blvd., Suite 600 Plano, Texas 75074 Executor of the Estate of KIRI EDWARD WRIGHT, Decease CAUSE NO. PR13-135

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#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS **ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

RFP 15-01-171 Workers' Compensation RFP 15-01-172 Student and Athletic Accident Insurance Program RFP 15-01-173 Property / Casualty Insurance

Release Date - April 3, 2014

Deadline for Submissions - May 15, 2014 at 2:00 PM (local time) Public Bid Opening - May 16, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. (local time)

The Rockwall Independent School District is receiving sealed proposals for Student and Athletic, Property/Casualty, and Workers' Comp insurance coverage. Proposal packages may be requested from the Purchasing Office at jana.hunter@rockwallisd.org or from the District website at: http://www.rockwallisd.com/about/accountability/financialaccountability/purchasing-information/.

The District anticipates award at the June board meeting. The effective date of the program will be September 1, 2014. Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM (local time) on May 15, 2014 at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087. Proposals should be in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Director of Purchasing and marked with the proposal number and name. Proposals will be opened and identified but not read at a public bid opening on May 16, 2014 at the Administration Center.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids/proposals and to waive any irregularities, technicalities or informalities in any bids or the bid process.

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids addressed to City of Rockwall Engineering Department, will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 385 S. Goliad, City Hall, 1st Floor, until the hour of 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2014, for the following project:

#### NORTH WATER IMPROVEMENTS

The project includes approximately: 5,000 L.F. of 8" C-900 (Class 200) DR-14 waterline, 300 L.F. of 8" C-900 (Class 200) DR-14 waterline (by bore), 13 fire hydrant assemblies, 25 - 8" gate valves, and miscellaneous items and various surface restorations.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked - NORTH WATER **IMPROVEMENTS** 

Bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad St. No bids will be opened or considered if received after the specified ed this the

Prequalification is not required. Completion time is 150 Calendar Days. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bid deemed best for the City.

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A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. A Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond (2-

Rockwall. Plans & specifications may be examined at the Rockwall Engineering Office located

in Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1st Floor, Rockwall, Texas (phone- 972-771-7746 fax- 972-771-7748) and procured from the office of the Engineer, Binkley & Barfield-C&P Engineering, Inc., 1801 Gateway Blvd #101, Richardson, TX 75080, 972-644-2800, for a non-refundable cost of \$30, beginning on Thursday, April 3, 2014.

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#### **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**SECTION B** 

Bids addressed to Rockwall Economic Development Corporation, (REDC), c/o Wier & Associates, Inc. 701 Highlander Boulevard, Suite 300, Arlington, Texas 76015-4340 (Phone: (817) 467-7700 Fax: (817) 467-7713) will be received at the offices of Wier & Associates, Inc. until the hour of 2:00 PM, Thursday, April 18, 2014, for the following project:

> Justin Road from Industrial Boulevard to John King Boulevard & Offsite Water Line Improvements from Airport Road to Justin Road.

Bid: The Bid for the Project includes the installation of approximately: 38,859 CY of excavation 13,305 SY of 11-inch 4,200 psi concrete pavement, 16,633 SY of lime stabilized subgrade, 4,462 SY Sod, 310 LF 18-inch Class III RCP, 166 LF 21-inch Class III RCP, 116 LF 27-inch Class II RCP, 285 LF 30-inch Class III RCP, 567 LF 36-inch Class III RCP, 150 LF 48-inch Class III RCP 49 LF 66-inch Class III RCP, 85 LF 6'x4' Box Culvert, 59 LF 8'x5' Box Culvert, two TxDOT PV Headwalls for Box Culverts, one TxDOT SW-0 Headwall for Box Culverts, one 5-foot curb inlet, ter 10-foot curb inlets, one 15-foot curb inlet, 94 LF 6-inch Class 200 PVC Waterline, 78 LF 8-inch Class 200 PVC Waterline, 3,417 LF 12-inch Class 200 PVC Waterline, eleven 6-inch Gate Valves two 8-inch Gate Valves, twelve 12-inch Gate Valves, eleven Fire Hydrant Assemblies, 45 LF 8 SDR-26 PVC Sanitary Sewer, street pavement markings, street signs, temporary traffic control and miscellaneous items.

Bids shall be submitted either 1) in a sealed envelope externally marked - Justin Road from Industrial Boulevard to John King Boulevard or 2) electronically via the Wier & Associates, Inc. Sharefile site. Spreadsheets created by the Bidder are NOT acceptable. The bid proposal in the bid proposal has been provided in a spreadsheet format and shall be utilized in all bids submitte whether submitted electronically or via sealed envelope. In addition, the Proposal must be signed by use of the provided form in the bid package. For electronically submitted bids, a scanned image of this signed form will be acceptable.

Bids will be opened privately by the OWNER. No bids will be opened or considered if received after the specified time and will be returned.

Prequalification is not required. The Work shall be substantially completed within Days and completed and ready for final payment within \_\_\_\_ Calendar Days, but shall not exceed 150 Calendar Days. The REDC reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive an irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the REDC.

A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. For bids submitted electronically, a scanned image of the bids. bond shall be submitted with the bid. The original bid bond form shall be received a the Engineer office within 3 business days. A Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond (2-year) required for this project.

Contractors must conform to the Prevailing Wage Rates as established by the City of Rockwall.

Plans and specifications shall be available for viewing and download in electronic (PDF) formal from the Wier & Associates, Inc. Sharefile site at no cost beginning March 27, 2014. Access password protected for this site. Contractors shall submit the following information to be provided a login and password to access the project plans and bid documents via email.

Contact person: Email address, First Name, Last Name, Company Name, Company Address, Company Phone Number and Fax Number.

Submit the information to Philip Graham, P.E. (philipg@wierassociates.com).

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Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Off-Premise Permit by 7-Eleven Beverage Company, Inc. d/b/a 7-Eleven Convenience Store #34353J located at 3520 Horizon Road, Rockwall, Rockwall County, TX 75032. Officers of said Corporation are Arthur E. Rubinett, President; Rankin L. Gasaway, Director/VP/Secretary; Alicia Howell, VP/ Treasurer and Robbie Randant, Director/VP.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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#### NOTICE OF EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

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#### Royse City ISD Child Find Policy

In accordance with Federal Regulations, Individuals with Disabilities Educational Act, Child Find Identification (34CFR section 300.125, 300.451), this is notification that Royse City Independent School District, Located at 810 E. Old Greenville Road, Royse City, TX has a child find system for indentifying, locating and evaluating all children with disabilities, from birth through 21 years of age, residing in the district, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services.

If you have any questions please call the Special Services office at 972-636-9514.

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids addressed to the Engineering Department, will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 385 S. Goliad, City Hall, 1st Floor, until the hour of 3:00 p.m., April 10, 2014 for the North Lakeshore Left Turn Lane project:

The project includes approximately: 389 S.Y. of 10" concrete pavement with monolithic curb, 163 S.Y. of brick pavers, median noses, 100 L.F. pavement striping, and pavement removal items associated construction of a turn lane.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked- NORTH LAKESHORE LEFT TURN LANE

Bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad St. No bids will be opened or considered if received after the specified time.

Prequalification is not required. Completion time is 30 Calendar Days. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.

A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. A Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond (2year, 10%) is required for this project.

Contractors must conform to the Prevailing Wage Rates as established by the City of Rockwall.

Specifications may be examined and procured at the Rockwall Engineering Office located in Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1st Floor, Rockwall, Texas (phone- 972-771-7746/fax-972-771-7748), for a non-refundable cost of \$20, beginning March 27, 2014.

Only those bids received from Contractors who have purchased the plans and specifications for this project from the Rockwall Engineering Office and are listed on the Engineer's Plan Holders List, will be opened at the Bid Opening for consideration.

#### NOTICE OF ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS & HOURS

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#### **Rockwall County News Briefs**

(Continued from Page 3) Thai dance/drama troupe

to perform at FCC

The First Christian Church will host a dance/drama troupe from Payap University in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in a performance to begin at 7 p.m. on April 6. The performance will be offered free to the public; however, there will be an opportunity to donate toward the cost of transportation for the artists. The church nursery will be open for children through age four. First Christian Church is located at 3375 Ridge Road, 1.4 mile south of I-30. For more information, call the church office at 972-771-5526.

#### Easter Egg Hunt planned in Rockwall

The City of Rockwall's annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place April 12 at the Harry Myers Community Center, 945 E. Washington. A bounce house and petting zoo will open at 9:30 a.m., followed by the egg hunt at 10:15

at 10:45 a.m. The event will be participate.

#### 'Schoolhouse Rock Jr.' auditions scheduled

Auditions for the Rockwall Playhouse's Community production of "School House Rock Jr." will take place at 1 p.m. April 19. Children ages 6-12 are needed for the musical, which will be performed June 24-29. Those auditioning should prepare a song - 16-24 bars - and a short poem to recite. The RCP is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.

#### Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle schedule set

The next Spay/Neuter Network Shuttle will be April 24. Pets are picked up at 7:30 a.m. in the SE corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking

lot and returned at 5:30 p.m.

Prices are reasonable; assistance

a.m. An egg toss will take place is available through Rockwall PAWS. Dogs should be in nonopen to children through the ages slip collars, cats in secure carriers of 12; there will be no cost to (no cardboard boxes). To make an appointment call 972-472-3500 or email info@spayneuternet.org; hablamos Español.

#### Cain Middle School to host Relay For Life

The community is invited to attend the annual Rockwall County Relay For Life, the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society, on April 25 at the Cain Middle School track. Festivities kick off at 7 p.m. with the survivor lap. Music entertainment, activities for all ages and food are planned.

#### **Aspasians Spring Art** Fair slated

The Aspasians Spring Art Fair will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 26 at 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall. For a vendor application or more information visit aspasians.com/vendors.

# Royse City Considering Updating Communication Equipment erif

by Millie Jean Coppedge

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Dennis Bailey, Rockwall County commissioner for Precinct 3, stood in for David Magness, Precinct 4, at the March 25 Royse City Council. Magness had out-of-town commitments and could not make the meeting.

Bailey gave an update on the possibility of purchasing "a modern 700 MHz standards-based P25 trunked radio system that will provide greatly improved communications capabilities." He said the two-way radio communication that Rockwall County now uses for dispatch and day-today service, as well as emergency services, is a conventional VHF analog radio communication system that is outdated and barely meets the needs

#### **Rockwall County** etters to the Editor

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

Email rcn.news@yahoo.com Mail to P.O. Box 819, Rockwall, Texas 75087

I, Rockwall County Constable Randy Earl Parks of Precinct 4, am asked all the time what are Constables and what do they do?

I thought it would be informative to explain to your readers the answer to these questions.

The Constable and deputy Constable is a county level Law Enforcement Officer, fully certified police officer, with the same power and authority as a deputy sheriff and local police.

The primary duties of the Constable include, but are not limited to providing Bailiff services to the Justice of the Peace (JP) Courts, serving of warrants out of the JP Courts and serving civil papers to defendants from all over the U.S. and Texas.

The Constable's office also serves protective orders and subpoenas. While on patrol, Constables back up Sheriff deputies and local police

agencies. Constables work by precincts and also have county-wide jurisdiction.

Working evictions and writs can be the most dangerous part of the job. Constables never know what is waiting behind someone's door during an eviction action. The mission as Constables is to serve papers in a professional manner and

to help make Rockwall County a safe place to live and to raise a family. If we as Constables can be of any help to you, please contact our offices located in the new Rockwall County Court House.

Constable John Benedetto serves in Precinct 1; Constable Trey Chaney serves Precinct 2; and Constable Tom Egan serves Precinct 3.

Randy Earl Parks,

Rockwall County Constable Precinct 4

"A butcher, a baker, a candlestick maker" (Rub-a-dub-dub nursery rhyme, 1800s).

The storefront reads: Hubbard Springs. The map shows the location is FM 1140 at Meadowview Estates and Terry Lane, Heath.

The butcher is waiting in the wings to carve up a 43-acre parcel of land, the baker will then make tempting puff pastries of 40 portions and the candlestick maker will buy these carved up cupcakes to try to sell to customers

Sounds just ginger-peachy, doesn't it?

The salesmen were all there at a recent meeting to pitch their product, again, to area property owners. But many were not buying it.

Could part of the problem be that a good chunk of the land is in a flood plain? And when it rains the land becomes a large swimming pool for ducks? And part of Meadowview Road goes under water? Perhaps this is why this land is zoned Agricultural and should stay this way rather than be re-zoned to Planned Development.

What struck me was that at each strata of sale each participant at the party expects a piece of a pie that will be profit-making for them, and then the empty pie plate goes to the taxpayer to pay for.

But the last straw for me was when a longtime local resident old-timer said he was against the plan and one of the real estate agents yelled: "Then just move."

If the City of Heath can spend millions of dollars to repair a seawall, wouldn't it be a better idea to buy this property and preserve it for the wildlife that already lives there and name it Habbitat Springs?

Joan Ream Heath

"The county's first priority is to improve radio communications for itself and the outside agencies it currently dispatches for including the Royse City Police and Fire Department and the McLendon-Chisholm Fire Department," he said. "Beyond that, the county is also interested in further improving radio communications for and interoperability with the cities of Rockwall and Heath by allowing those cities to share the county's new P25 radio infrastructure.'

Bailey told the council that Royse City and all the cities within the county would be sent a letter of intent, which should be reviewed carefully, noting the things they agree with and those they don't and may add any other suggestions they might have.

One of the councilman spoke up and asked, "How do we know all the municipalities will support the new program?"

Bailey said the Commissioner's Court will review all the letters and work accordingly. In the end, if all municipalities agree with the final proposal, the system will be purchased. If even one does not agree, it will not be

"It will cost a total of \$11 million when the two towers are built and everything is done, but the county will carry most of the cost," Bailey said. "I think we can get everyone to agree and join in on the new venture. It's good for all the towns in the county. Hopefully we will know more information after the letters of intent are evaluated and possibly Commissioner Magness can come before you soon with an even more detailed update.

Currently Mesquite, Garland, Rowlett and a few other cities are changing over to the system, Bailey said.

Another item on the agenda was to re-appoint Darwin Whiteside to the North Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors. The term runs from June 1 until May 31, 2016. The re-appointment passed unanimously,

Business item F-4 was concerning a resolution to set a date, time and place for a public hearing for the voluntary annexation of 5.500 acres on FM 2642. Brenda Craft, the city secretary, told the council the owner voluntarily asked to have his property annexed into the city limits. The resolution passed 7-0.

Before the next item on the agenda was considered, Mayor Jerrell Baley spoke up, saying, "At the last council meeting of March 11, the council voted and eliminated the library board. It was a very active library board and I want it reinstated."

Because of the mayor's request, Business Item F-5 on Tuesday agenda was added to possibly reform the Library Advisory Board

Since F-5 passed, the council proceeded to F-6, which was to come forming the Cultural Arts Advisory Board (a combination of the li arts and museum). It, too, passed unanimously.

City manager Carl Alsabrook gave an update on the City Lake in Community Build. This was a project to be conducted over the week during which the public had been asked to come help build a playgrothe City Park and install new playground equipment purchased by the Because of the lack of participation and the weather, however, the prodid not progress as quickly as hoped. As of late March 26, workmen were attempting to complete

the project, and once again rain set in.

"When completed, it will really be a nice place for our children to play," Alsabrook

The City Council went into executive session for a private consultation with the city attorney for discussion regarding possible action/position concerning Caddo Mills annexation and consultation regarding legal annexation issues.

The council returned and took no action as a result of the closed-door session.

The meeting was adjourned by the mayor.

All City Council and staff members were present.

The next council meeting will be April 8 at the Police and Courts Building, 100 W. Main St.



Midway.

Dennis Bailey, Rockwall Cou commissioner for Precinct gave an update to the Royse Cin Council regarding the possible purchase of a 700 MHz standards. based P25 trunked radio system. Bailey said the updated equipment will improve communications between all local agencies.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/ Rockwall County News

#### Royse City Lions Club details upcoming service projects

by Millie Jean Coppedge

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Danny Fletcher of the American Diabetes Association Camp New Horizons shared with the Royse City Lions Club that two one-week camps for children with diabetes and their siblings have been planned. This summer the dates are June 10-14 and June 17-21.

Last year about 400 kids from Dallas and Fort Worth attended the



The guest speaker for the Royse City Lions Club on March 13 was Danny Fletcher of the American Diabetes Association Camp New Horizons. The camp is conducted two weeks a year for children with diabetes.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

The Lions Club has several Service Projects planned for the

They will be present at the second annual Woof-Stock at the Roysel High School from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 29.

On April 4, the Lions Vision Clinic will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 1 at the First United Methodist Church in Royse City. Adults and child will be given vision tests by the Lions Club optometrist. The children malifying for participate are referred by their school nurse. Volunteers from the Le Her, Allison Club conduct the registration, pre-vision screening, and eyeglass for driquez, Mil selection. All eye exams and eye glasses are free as sponsored by thele inps, Tess B

On April 6 at 1 p.m. the Royse City Lions Club will offer their Ado Juster, Celes A-Highway event. Volunteers are needed. The cleanup will be a twostretch on FM 548 South, starting from the Exxon Tiger Mart. The Adop-Highway program involves committing for a two-mile stretch of high for at least two years. Litter will be picked up four times a year. Volun will be provided with safety vests, litterbags and a brief summary of si guidance. Volunteers are asked to bring their own gloves and encourage in the back parking lot of the Te to wear boots. Meet at 12:45 p.m. at the back parking lot of the le Leadership Bank, 121 W. I-30, in Royse City.

The Bow Wow-Meow Bingo is planned for the second Wednesc of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Well Coffee Lounge downtown Royse City. All proceeds go toward the Royse City Am Shelter. The Lions Club co-hosts the event along with the Royse I slalak had LEOs, ages 12-18. The Bow-Wow Meow Bingo needs and would gra th 23 in "O appreciate donations of prizes if anyone would like to help. For Malak, who information call Kate at 972-635-6580.

The Lions Club meets the second and fourth Thursdays at Jim pril 2 with 1

Donuts at 7 p.m. For information about any of the events, call Kimberly at 972-659-8 or email at wenzelk@coolaccess.net.

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# Open letter to TxDOT addresses concerns about proposed improvements of FM 552

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was written to Nancy Peron, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation Dallas District project manager, and submitted to the Rockwall County News.)

We are in receipt of the TxDOT Notice of Public Meeting concerning proposed improvements to Farm to Market (FM) 552 in Rockwall County, from State Highway (SH) 205 to SH 66, CSJ: 1017-01-015, and we have reviewed the schematics posted online at keepitmovingdallas.com. We ask that the comments contained in this letter be entered into the public record concerning the FM 552 project.

We would be remiss not to begin by explaining that we have a significant interest in the outcome of this project. Our primary residence ... lies along the road and is noted in the schematics, Roll 3 of 3, as "Joshua M. & Tammy S. Carmony, Vol. 4111, Pg. 279, D.R.R.C.T." This also is the home of two children ... and Tammy's parents, Earl and Shirley Huffman. If the "improvements" are constructed as outlined in the schematics, we will lose approximately 7,900 square feet of our front yard (0.18 acres or approximately 193 feet by 41 feet). This amounts to a loss of 54 percent of our existing front yard. Our house, which currently sits 106 feet from the edge of FM 552 and 76 feet from the existing Right of Way (ROW), will sit only 60 feet from the new road and just 35 feet from the new ROW. Additionally, a sidewalk will be located 45 feet from our house. There is no existing sidewalk along FM 552 in front of our home. We've enclosed a screen shot of our home's portion of the schematic for your review.

We purchased our residence in 2005 so that we could enjoy everything that quiet, rural, country living had to offer. At the time, Rockwall County had no problem with allowing a developer to subdivide the land and sell us our house, and for nearly nine years, the county gladly accepted an annual check for our property taxes. Likewise, there was no objection in 2008 when Rockwall County permitted us to further improve our home by adding on an 816-square-foot addition (in-law quarters) at a price of \$70,000. While we appreciate the fact that TxDOT and the Rockwall County Planning Consortium (RCPC) have a responsibility to meet the transportation needs of our growing community, it's important that the project planners give great consideration to how expanding FM 552 will impact existing residents who live along the road. It's also critical for TxDOT and the RCPC to heavily weigh the fact that these residents have made significant financial, personal and emotional investments in developing their property, building our community and making it the great place to live that it is today. Eminent domain should only be used when absolutely necessary. TxDOT and the RCPC have a responsibility to the residents of FM 552 to only take the land that is needed to meet the community's needs. Taking people's land to fulfill a list of wants is morally wrong and unethical.

The following are our comments regarding the specifics of the

• The proposal to widen SH 66 is already on the drawing board, and it is at least partially funded. TxDOT and the RCPC should be focusing their

efforts on completing the SH 66 project. Other than Interstate 30, SH 66 is the preferred route that drivers use to travel across northern Rockwall County. We do not need three major east/west roads across the north end of the county, and the lack of existing traffic on FM 552 underscores the fact that FM 552 is the least desired route of the three east/west roads.

· Residents across the county are begging for heavily traveled roads to be improved (SH 205, SH 276, SH 66, FM 3549, Ridge Road and Horizon Road to name a few). FM 552 is not among the roads that has existing traffic problems, and spending time, resources and limited taxpayer funds on enlarging a road that doesn't need to be expanded is a gross example of government waste. Every dollar spent on expanding FM 552 is a dollar that could (and should) be spent on another project of greater need and importance to the community.

• Expanding FM 552 to six lanes at this juncture is complete overkill. While we can accept the argument that our community will eventually need a four-lane (two lanes in each direction) FM 552, it's difficult to make the case that expanding FM 552 to six lanes is absolutely necessary. The proposal sounds a whole lot more like a want that the community could easily live without.

• The 14-foot median will make the road far more difficult to navigate, and building such a large median is an inefficient use of valuable land. The median will make it impossible to turn left out of (or in to) our driveway, and we have significant safety concerns about each member of our family having to make hundreds of U-turns per year in order to access our own home. If TxDOT and the RCPC are going to take seven feet of our yard (and seven feet from our neighbor across the street), the least the planners could do is utilize the land to make a turn lane. In fact, our family would actually be favorable to idea of adding a turn lane along the entire fivemine length of FM 552 in order to make the road safer for everyone.

• Eliminate the shared-use lanes (a.k.a. bike lanes). Using eminent domain to build a bike lane is, at best, questionable and, at worst, a total abuse of power. There may be some folks in Rockwall County who want bike lanes, but no one can honestly say that they need them - especially not when eminent domain must be used to acquire the land from alreadydeveloped lots owned by other citizens.

· Rockwall County does not need a five-mile-long sidewalk to nowhere. While sidewalks are desirable in front of high-density residential areas, we live in a very low-density area that is made up of one- to five-acre lots. Many of these lots cannot be further subdivided. We do not want to give up 15 feet of our front yard - 40 percent of the total land that TxDOT and the RCPC is proposing to take from us (and 40 percent of the tax dollars that it will take for planners to purchase our land) - to provide a sidewalk that the community will almost never use. The expense is completely unnecessary, and again, this is a want - not a need. If homeowners or future developers want sidewalks, let them choose to build their own. Otherwise, leave our land alone.

· Eliminate the nine-foot space between the sidewalk and the road. If

a sidewalk is built, place it along the road and let the homeowner deal what to do with their nine feet of land. This is land that TxDOT and rethey leave

RCPC doesn't need to take. • Insofar as the schematic, Roll 3, is concerned, we don't see any plan a sanitary sewer line. It's clear that homeowners along FM 552 will be study. Sydne to sacrifice more than any other residents of Rockwall County in order the road to be expanded. It's our lives that are being disrupted and our la member members that's being taken. Why would TxDOT and the RCPC propose to specified by head \$50 million on expanding the road and then not offer to include the service that FM 552 residents would actually like to have? If the FM5 proposal is eventually implemented, a sanitary sewer line not only sho be included, it should be hooked up free of charge to each of the hou along FM 552. The residents who are being required to give up their should at least receive this one service.

 We have serious concerns about noise. Expanding the width of 552 will stimulate truck traffic. Having diesel trucks fly by our house 55-plus mph, a mere 60 feet from our bedroom window, will be loud noisy. I understand that the schematic calls for a 40 mph road, but gi that FM 552 already has posted 55 mph speeds, the 40 mph speed seems like a conservative estimate. Since when does the county w a road and then lower the speed limit? Additionally, what's to stop! county (or eventually the City of Fate) from raising the posted speed at some date in the future? If FM 552 is expanded as planned, we requi that TxDOT and/or Rockwall County provide funding to soundproof home.

The proposal to expand FM 552 not only robs us of our land property, it steals our way of life and leaves us holding a note for a ho that 1) we likely won't want, and 2) will be vastly devalued and diffi to sell. Regarding the latter, the damage has already been done. The fact that TxDOT and the RCPC made this proposal hampers our ab to sell our property because we are required to disclose the proposal potential buyers. It is our position that the proposed expansion of FM will do harm to our family, both financially and by diminishing our qu of life. We do not want FM 552 to be widened to six lanes; moreover do not want to see it become an extravagant, over-the-top, six-lane diviroad complete with a 14-foot median, six-foot sidewalks, nine-foot to-sidewalk offsets and bike lanes. We urge TxDOT to either scrap the 552 proposal altogether or to at least exercise restraint by scaling back plans dramatically. Additionally, we ask that you do this quickly so we can begin to undo the harm that you've already caused us by mail this proposal.

Joshua M. Carmony Tammy S. Carmony Earl Huffman Shirley Huffman

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St. Mark's School of Texas won the 10-team event with 140 ith host Carrollton Prince of Peace Academy second at 118 1/2. es scored 68 1/2.

ate March 26, worn the circle competition, HCA's Molli Howard won the triple jump at 33 inches. The Lady Eagles tied for eighth among 10 teams with 24 ince of Peace won with 95.

Placing second was the HCA boys' 4X200-meter relay of Colin Westmoreland, Thomas Tannehill, Will McEvoy and Dylan Wells in 1:38.76. The same four runners finished third in the 4X100 relay in 48.79. Tannehill placed fourth in the 300 hurdles in 45.13, and Westmoreland was fifth in the long jump at 19-1. Zach Brashears finished sixth in the shot put at 37-3 1/2.

The Lady Eagles' 4X200 relay team of Grace Dillahunty, Baylee Hawkins, Madison Brown and Cassidy Clarke finished fourth in 2:07.93. On Monday, Brittany Fauley went 4 for 4 to help Heritage Christian's softball team defeat Tyler East Texas Christian Academy.

Fauley singled in the first and second innings to help the Lady Eagles score 14 runs in the first three innings of the TAPPS District 3-2A game

Poetry Community Christian School baseball team (3-1) returned with a 15-0 win against the Winston School-Dallas. Wyatt Walls pitched a shutout, and Jason Duncan stole seven bases during the game.

Team members shown at left are (back row left to right) Charles Duncan (Head Coach), Ty Brinkley, Alex Jaffe, Sean Baird, Ryan Miller, Eli Hoover, Joshua Lewis, Emanuel Ruiz, Caleb Jess, Perry Butler (Assistant Coach), (front row) Michael Lewis, Joshua Beeson, Wyatt Walls, Jacob Bowling, Jason Duncan and Caeleb Butler.

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on the outdoor field at Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo. She hit a triple in

Anna Ferraro hit a two-run triple in a five-run first inning, when Brooke

Fauley and Emily Benton both singled to drive in a run. HCA scored four more runs in the second. Katy McEvoy doubled to drive in a run, and Sarah Ross singled home another.

Winning pitcher Conally Webb struck out nine in five innings. She allowed four runs, five hits and six walks.

#### Fulton fades after fast start in Tyler

The Fulton School scored five first-inning runs and led 7-1 in the third inning Thursday, March 27, before Tyler East Texas Christian Academy's baseball team broke loose.

ETCA scored 11 runs in the bottom of the third on the way to a 17-7 victory in the TAPPS District 3-1A/2A game.

The Falcons had just two hits, but waited out walks for the big first

After that, the home team's Cole Craig and Brandon Burke took over. Pitching in relief, freshman Craig struck out seven batters in 2 2/3 innings.

Burke went 4 for 4 with a home run and six runs batted in. In the first golf tournament in Fulton's history, the Lady Falcons went

to Muenster March 24 for the Sacred Heart Invitational. Fulton's leading scorers were Megan Makowski with 115 and Meredith Polland with 116. The boys' and girls' teams were scheduled to play Thursday in Waxahachie Prep's tournament.



#### 2014 - 2015 Rockwall-Heath High School Cheerleaders

ualifying for 2014 - 2014 Rockwall-Heath Cheerleader squads are (back row left to right) Madeleine er, Allison Stilley, Julianna Wilson, Brooke Graves, Claire Bridges, Kendall Nalls, Regan riquez, Mikaya Westomoreland, Lauren Story, Ashley Surber, Lexi Newell, Shelbi Spruill, Emma ps, Tess Behannon, Eryn Moynihan, Sarah Mekonnen, Shelby Graham, (middle row) Olivia ınd, Jacey Grand-Lienard, Riley Podleski, Bailee Statham, Sarah Gibson, Taylor Salinas, Bailee ister, Celeste Perez, Kellie Hogue, Katy Shipley, Allyson Helms, Carly Brown, Sarah Behannon,

Hana Pechal, Amberlee Soto, Sumer Eason, Braeden Ware, Payton Shelton, (front row) Christiana Williams, Audrey Lamberth, Ashton Chandler, Emily Anderson, Tiffany Clark, Bailey Varner, Kami Robinson, Hanna Ray, Matt Crumpley, Sarah Hunter, Shelby Bruning, Ali Johnson, Madeline Clark, Delaney Davis, Mikki Varner, Hannah Fladeland, McKenzie Morgan (front center) Travis Pranschke (Mascot).

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d the Royse Cinconnilace, and Roy Kuipers, third aboard "Three Sheets." ong with the RoDan Ialak had won Race 7, the last in the Sunday Founders Series, needs and would Mit h 23 in "Orion." Roy Kuipers and "Three Sheets" placed second like to help. Thin Malak, who dominated the wintry competition.

Wedesday sailboat racing on Lake Ray Hubbard was scheduled to h Thursdays at Igin oril 2 with Race 1 of the Spring Wednesday Night Series.

#### imberly at 9724 mith, Rapp selected Jacket Backers athletes of the month

ith our adverby Lan Garrett

vall swimmer William Rapp and standout girl's soccer player Smith were selected as the March Athletes of the Month by the ket Backers.

a junior goalkeeper for the Lady Jackets, had six shutouts 55 role g a penalty-kick victory after saving a game-tying shot, and a nalty kick in a district game to maintain a shutout. Head coach Garcia nominated Sydney.

the homeowns'Sy ey has done exactly what we hope every athlete learns how to and that TxDOT be te they leave RHS," Garcia said. "She plays with heart and love th came, and more importantly, her loyalty to her team is beyond She inspires and motivates not only with her actions but her ity. Sydney is a role model for up and coming players and I

be more proud that she is a Lady Jacket soccer player." ior member of the Rockwall boys swim team, Rapp was ed by head coach Paul Wallace. During the past month, William urth in the 200-yard Freestyle at the UIL 5A State Swimming offer to include harr onships in Austin and took a second place finish at Regionals. to have? If the His me of 1:40.15 in the State finals was an All-American wer line not only one ration time and was less than a second from the podium. The e to each of wirm so earned Rapp First Team All-State for the 2013-14 school

am has demonstrated perseverance like no other Jacket ading the widhvirm or," Coach Wallace said. "During William's freshman and cks fly by our pha ore years, he barely missed advancing to State. This year's andow, will be lard ark in and out of the pool paid off with his fourth-place finish at 10 mph road, water the represents himself well each and every day."



he Rockwall High School Jacket Backers have selected nior William rapp (left) and Junior Sydney Smith (right) as "Yellowjacket Athletes of the Month". hoto courtesy of Eric Eldridge/Rockwall County News

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# Rockwall ISD soccer squads advance past first round

by Ryan Garrett

The Heath Lady Hawks opened the 5A soccer playoffs by defeating Lakeview Centennial last Thursday, and the Rockwall Jackets and Lady Jackets followed with victories on Friday in a doubleheader to advance to the Area round. All three games were held at Royse City ISD Stadium.

In a dominating performance on Thursday night, Heath shut out the Lady Patriots 2-0, with both goals scored in the first half. In the 16th minute, Jayden Wheeler knocked in the first off an assist from Lindsay Gardner. Taryn Wheeler then added an insurance goal with 26 seconds in the first half.

Rockwall's Lady Jackets knocked off a strong Rowlett team 3-1 in the first game of Friday's doubleheader. Sophomore Bailey Wooten led the offense with all three goals while the defense shut down a very powerful Eagle offense.

The Yellowjacket boys routed South Garland 4-1 in Friday's second game at Royse City Stadium. Ryan Danahy scored two goals for Rockwall, and Xavier Castille and Clay Rittershaus each knocked in one.

The Lady Jackets continue their playoff bid against Plano West at Mesquite Memorial Stadium on Friday at 7 p.m. Heath will play McKinney at 7:15 p.m. on Friday at Plano's John Clark Stadium, and the Yellowjacket boys will play JJ Pearce at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at Little Elm Stadium for the Area Championship.

# **Rockwall softball stings** the Lady Stallions

by Ryan Garrett

The Lady Jacket bats were too much for North Mesquite as Rockwall scored 20 runs in the first inning, defeating the Lady Stallions 23-0 in two and a half innings of work on March 25 at the RHS Campbell Complex. Rockwall wrapped up the first half of district play in second place, with Heath just behind them in third.

Rockwall's pitching duo of Emily Cowan and Savannah Cassady tossed three perfect innings. Cowan struck out the six batters she faced, while Cassady closed the game in the third with three more strikeouts.

In a wild first in which Rockwall went through their batting lineup three times, the Lady Jackets scored 12 runs before the first out. The North Mesquite pitching staff walked nine batters and hit three. Jocelyn Myers and Shelbi Court both knocked in doubles, and Kindal Sauter emptied the bases with a hit to the right field wall. Jackets extended their lead in the second with three runs.

Rockwall opened up the second half of district Saturday at Heath, defeating the Hawks 3-1. Heath junior Sereniti Gary knocked in the RBI single for the Hawks. Baker hit an RBI and then scored a run, and Cowan brought home the win for the Jackets.

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Courtney Munoz (#13 black) breaks past two Lakeview players. Heath dominated the Bi District game against the Lady Patriots 24 The Lady Hawks will play McKinney on Friday for the Area championship. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

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Sophomore Bailey Wooten (#8 white) goes one-on-one with Rowlett's goalkeeper for the Lady Jackets' second goal of the night. Wooten scored all three of Rockwall's goals. The Jackets will face West Mesquite on Friday in the Area playoff. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

#### Hawk baseball continues district hot streak

by Ryan Garrett

On Friday against North Mesquite, a team that averages seven runs per game, the Heath Hawks put dominating performance, shutting out the Stallions 10-0 in six innings and extending their consecutive score

A pitcher's duel through three, the Hawks knocked in the first run in the fourth, and then an eight-runs sealed the game. Senior Dylan Brown was the offensive player of the game, going 3-for-4 with two do three runs, a stolen base and two RBI. Tyler Pinkston racked up three RBIs on a double and a two-run hom the sixth.

North Mesquite threatened twice with runners in scoring position in both the third and fifth innings, but Hawks escaped with the shutout. Stallion's pitcher Tyler Starks suffered the defeat, pitching 5 1/3 innings

four walks, five runs and seven strikeouts. The Hawks' scoreless-innings streak ended on Saturday in a non-district matchup against Whitehouse Heath gave up a run in the third, ending the streak at 39 1/3. The Hawks split the double-header with Whiteho dropping the first game 13-5 and then winning the second 8-4.

Heath remains undefeated in District 12-5A and is No. 17 in 5A in the recent Texas High School Base rankings.

#### Rockwall County Sports Notes

Jones Jag Jog 5k set April 5

The Jones Elementary Jag Jog 5k, which will be timed by the Rockwall Running Club, is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. April 5. A corresponding onemile fun run will kick off at 9 a.m. Sidelining the running event is a carnival, which will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Carnival games, a petting zoo, a chili cook-off, a raffle, a silent auction, concessions and other activities are scheduled. To register, visit jonesjagjog5k. itsyourrace.com. For more details email Sandra Dubreul at jonesvp. sandra@gmail.com.

Disc Golf Tourney set April 12-13 The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host its 4 the Chains Disc Golf Tournament April 12-13 at Harry Myers Park, 945 E. Washington. Fee wil \$120 for all open divisions, for all advanced divisions, \$60 INT (trophy only) and \$5, ace For more details visit 4thech ternational co

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Heart of Heath 5k Run/Wall slated

The City of Heath will hos 2014 Heart of Heath 5k Run on April 19. The event is to all ages and athletic ab ranging from the casual walk baby jogger to the elite runner event begins at 8:30 a.m. at h City Hall, 200 Laurence Dr. online registration visit her com or register in person a Heath City Hall. Race-day \$30. The youth registration is \$12 in advance and \$15 race. Pre-registration packet up will be April 18 from noon p.m. at Rockwall Running C 811 E. Yellow Jacket Lane a sponsor or prize donor, of Kim Dobbs at 972-771-621 kdobbs@heathtx.com.

Tennis Calcutta set May The Chandlers Landing 1 Calcutta will be May 2-3, prov competition and a chance generate funds for the CLT 6 repairs. The format will be same as last year - dinner, auction and partner draw on 2, with the competition and page on May 3. Contact Kelli Kers 469-417-9175 or Dana Johnso 214-505-2575 for registration more information.

#### Lady Jackets win District Championship

The Lady Jacket golf team earned their second straight District 12-5A Championship on March 26 and 27 at Twin Lake Golf Course in Canton. The girls beat the second team by 21 strokes. Cadie Gaubatz was the individual District Champion, and all five girls received All-District honors. (From left to right) Coach Billy Watkins, Cadie Gaubatz, Sydney Garber, Stephanie Allin, Brittany Walker, Emma Beaty, and Coach Todd Freeman. Photo by Ronnie Gaubatz/Rockwall County News

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