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The Aspians recently awarded \$40,000 in scholarships to Rockwall ISD students. The 2013 scholarship recipients in Rockwall High School were Clint Turner, who received the Ke Fell Memorial Scholarship, and Truc Pham. Pictured with the recipients are Jayme Reynolds, Aspians side chair and Margie Chung, scholarship chairman. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



The East Trinity Masonic Lodge recently presented four \$3,000 scholarships to Rockwall High School students. Two of the scholarships were presented by the lodge, while the other two were presented by family members in memory of deceased lodge members. Pictured from the left are Matthew Whalin; Collin Sevier, who plans to attend Texas Tech; Bruce Beaty; Kelsie Dickerson, who plans to attend Oklahoma State; Linda Harris, who presented a scholarship in memory of her late husband, J.E. Harris Jr.; Clint Turner, who plans to attend Texas A&M; Alicia Walker, who plans to attend the University of North Texas; Annelle Hobbs, who presented a scholarship in memory of her late brother, Joe Haddock; and Ranna Haddock, who assisted in the Haddock memorial presentation. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Royse City School Board elects first female president

by Millie Jean Coppedge

The Royse City School Board voted unanimously at the June 10 meeting to have Julie Stutts serve as its new president. Bobby Summers, board secretary, announced Stutts is the first woman president to serve for the Royse City School Board.

Don Palmer was elected the new vice-president and Bobby Summers will serve as the new secretary. Votes for the two positions were unanimous.

The re-elected Stutts representing Place 7 and newly elected board member Brian Zator representing Place 6 were sworn into office. Mike Stone, former Place 6 trustee, did not seek reelection.

District superintendent Kevin Worthy announced Texas Gov. Rick Perry had just signed into law Senate House Bill 5, which will drop the number of exams for a student to graduate from high school from 15 down to five. It will also allow students to choose from one of four endorsement tracks when considering college preparatory and career readiness.

"When you give students creativity and autonomy, that is what education is all about," Worthy said. "It's a great day for the Royse City school district, for the state and for public education."

"It's amazing what parents and teachers can do when they come together," he said, referring to all the accomplishments made this year by Royse City students and teachers.

Kelly Margot and her students representing Destination Imagination, the Superstar Bulldogs from Ruth Cherry Intermediate School, gave a demonstration of the competition that won First Place in State Competition and 7th place out of 62 teams from around the world. This middle level challenge "A" was an engineering challenge.

Francis Zordilla from Claycomb Associates told the board that the cafeteria addition for Royse City High School is in its fourth month of construction. He said he hopes it will be completed by the beginning of school.

In the closing comments from the board, Brian Zator said he is excited and honored to be a board member and to have the opportunity to serve the students of Royse City.

Bobby Summers gave a special welcome to the new president and said Don Palmer had done a great job in serving as president for the last six years.

"Since I've joined the board, I am and continue to be impressed with this board," said Eric Fort. "Both the Royse City Alternative graduation

and the high school graduation ceremonies were great. I am blessed to be a part of this board and of this district."

Also during the meeting, Rockwall County News reporter Millie Jean Coppedge was presented a certificate in honor of the newspaper "for fair and balanced reporting, providing valuable information to the community about public schools, their students, parent and patrons by the Royse City ISD and is acknowledged and honored as a member in good standing of the statewide 2013 Media Honor Roll."

School board members present were Eric Fort, Bobby Summers, Don Palmer, Superintendent Kevin Worthy, Julie Stutts, Brian Zator, Jerry Richardson, and Peggy Webb.

The next board meeting will be at 6 p.m. (closed session) July 17. The regular meeting to begin at 7 p.m.



Julie Stutts, re-elected Royse City School Board trustee for Place 7, the oath of her position as it is administered by Peggy Webb, assistant to the superintendent for Royse City Independent School District. Stutts also was elected the first president of the board. Newly elected trustee Brian Zator, second from left, was sworn in to represent Place 6. Pictured second from right is trustee Jerry Richardson. Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Plans underway for Fourth festivities

The City of Heath is making plans for its Independence Day Parade, followed by Popsicles in the Park, on July 4. Staging will begin at 8 a.m.; judging and awards at 8:30 a.m. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary, 330 Laurence Drive. Awards for "best decorated" will be given in float, bicycle, wagon/stroller, golf cart, off-road vehicle, kiddie car and antique car. Awards for Best Costume, Most Patriotic Pet and the Mayor's Award also will be given. Veterans for all branches of the U.S. military are invited to ride on the veteran's float. For details call Kim Dobbs at 972-771-6228 or visit heathtx.com.

Zombie Glow Run fundraiser slated

The online registration deadline for the Zombie Glow Run, a July 19 fundraiser for the Rockwall Community Playhouse, is July 12. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Harry Myers Park, 827 Washington St., in Rockwall. Early registration costs \$25 for 5K, \$15 for the one-mile walk; race-day registration will be \$30 and \$20. Participants should dress as zombies; prizes will be awarded for best costumes. Proceeds will be used toward a new RCP facility. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle scheduled

The monthly Spay Neuter Network Shuttle will pick up pets at 7:30 a.m. July 25 in the southeast corner of the 1-30 Wal-Mart parking lot; pets will be returned at 6:30 p.m. Dogs must have no-slip collars; cats must be in secure carriers (no cardboard boxes). To make an appointment call 972-472-3500 (hablemos Español) or email info@spayneuternet.org or email info@spayneuternet.org. Financial assistance is available. Call Rockwall PAWS at 972-310-1354. Upcoming shuttle dates are Aug. 15 and Sept. 19.

Rockwall County News Briefs

Church plans Summer Mission Camp

The First Presbyterian Church, 602 White Hills Drive, will host its Summer Mission Camp from 9:30 a.m. to noon June 24-28. Open to students in grades K-8, the event will offer a week's worth of Bible stories and community mission work. Fun daily outings are planned; a pizza party is set for the final day. Cost to participate will be \$15 per child, which includes a T-shirt, one outing and the pizza party. For details visit firstpresrockwall.org or call 972-771-5702.

Master Gardener applications being accepted

Applications to become a Certified Master Gardener of the Rockwall County Master Gardener Association will be accepted until June 26. This is a volunteer development organization that operates through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who provide information, education and technical assistance in the areas of gardening and home horticulture. Classes will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, Aug. 21 until Nov. 6. Applications available by calling the AgriLife Extension Office at 972-204-7660. Cost is \$185. An informational meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. July 8 at the Extension Office, 915 Whitmore, Suite B, Rockwall.

Heath city offices to close for July 4

The City of Heath offices will be closed July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Normal business hours will be resumed July 5. City officials remind local residents that the use of fireworks is strictly prohibited in the City of Heath.



Rockwall-Heath High School students who received a portion of \$40,000 in scholarships from the Aspians were Jacob Munoz, recipient of the Chad Leeuw Memorial Scholarship, and Truc Pham. Pictured with the recipients is Margie Chung, Aspians' scholarship chairman. The Aspians awarded thousands of dollars in scholarship funds since the group's inception. Money is raised through the group's arts and crafts fair. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Water restrictions force closure of spraygrounds

Rockwall spraygrounds will be closed indefinitely because of the city's observance of Stage 3 water restrictions imposed by the Texas Municipal Water District, according to a news release issued by the city.

The spraygrounds were closed effective Monday.

Rockwall is a customer of the NTMWD, which obtains its water supply from Lake Lavon. Although the supply is supplemented by another major water source, Lake Texoma, is unavailable because of zebra mussel proliferation that occurred in 2012, according to the city.

For more details, contact the City of Rockwall's Parks & Recreation Department at 972-772-7761.

For more information on water conservation, visit rockwall.com/water.



Participating in the grand opening ceremony for the new North Rockwall Health Emergency Room in North Rockwall (left) Kirt Kinser (Governing Board President), Tami Kinser (VP Patient Care Services/CNO), Gary Bonacquisti, MD (Medical Director), Chris Pierotti, MD (ER Assistant Director), Sam Crowley, MD (ER Medical Director), Mayor David Sweet and Cindy Paris (President). The emergency ER facility is located on Lakeshore Drive at SH 130. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



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Spring Cleaning event surprises Roysse City officials

by Millie Jean Coppedge

The new Roysse City website let its citizens know that on June 1 the annual Spring Cleaning event would be conducted across the street from the City Hall. Apparently a lot of people were paying attention.

Much to the surprise of city officials, prior to the noon deadline for drop-off, the three dumpsters positioned to receive the refuse already were full and residents were piling items onto the grass and parking lot. Many of the drop-off included hazardous waste materials and old tires, two of the many items on the prohibited list included in the city's website notice

On Sunday, three more dumpsters were brought in and switched out, then on Monday, according to Lisa Green, customer service manager for the Roysse City utilities, six more were brought in, switching off three at a time. It took 12 dumpsters to clean up the household items and debris collected, but the event did take positive steps toward cleaning up our city.

"It was an extremely successful event," said Carl Alsbrook, city manager. "It obviously exceeded our expectations. We are happy to provide this service and look forward to next year."



Roysse City's Annual Spring Cleaning Event grew larger than the city's expectations. The original three dumpsters were filled and overflowed onto the parking lot across the street from City Hall. Eventually 12 dumpsters were needed to collect the household goods and debris. The four-hour event continued the entire weekend, followed by a weekday spent by city workers in the cleanup process.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Little Black Dress Night slated June 22

The Helping Hands Community Circle Board will host a Little Black Dress Night from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. June 22.

Participants will kick off the summer on a Harbor Lights fireworks cruise while enjoying food and cocktails.

Cost is \$60 per person, which includes boat ride, fireworks, cocktails and catering by Culpeper's. Register online at rockwallhelpinghands.com.

The Helping Hands Community Circle is a community of diverse Rockwall County residents serving Helping Hands through fellowship, networking, donations, fundraising, service and volunteer work. Founded this year, the group serves the local Helping Hands community auxiliary.

The Community Circle seeks to engage the next generation for Rockwall County Helping Hands by providing opportunity for local residents to participate in events that raise community awareness for Helping Hands. Members can participate in local events and service projects and enjoy:

- Access to members-only service projects supporting Helping Hands;
- Invitations to Helping Hands annual networking events with business leaders and

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Meg LeAnn Reynolds and Joshua Stewart

Reynolds, Stewart plan July ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Reynolds of Rockwall are proud to announce engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Meg LeAnn Reynolds, and her fiancé, Joshua Stewart, son of Noel and Stacy Stewart of Rockwall.

The bride-elect is a May 2013 graduate of the University of Austin.

The prospective bridegroom is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Mississippi. He, too, graduated in May. He will continue his studies at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston beginning in August.

A July wedding is being planned.

I-30 frontage road traffic changes detailed

Conversion of the I-30 frontage roads to one-way operation between FM 551 and FM 548 is underway, according to a Texas Department of Transportation news release.

The first phase of the project began Friday. When complete, frontage roads will be one-way from FM 551 to FM 548.

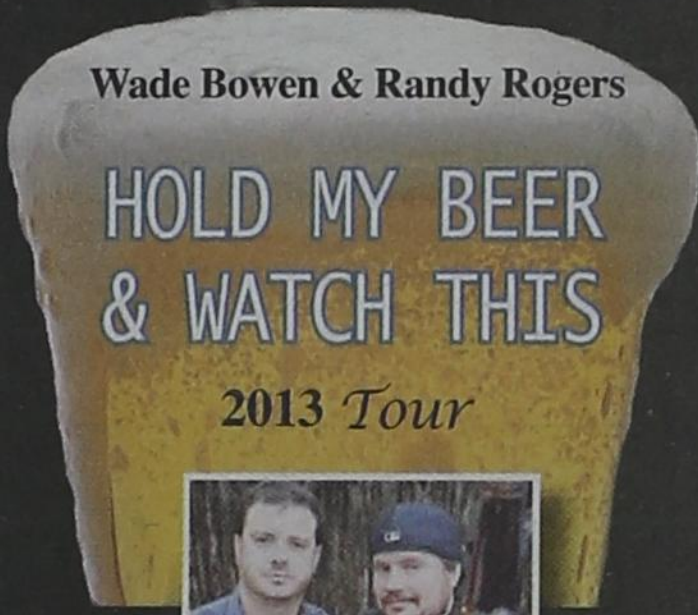
Following frontage road reconstruction, the frontage roads will have permanent one-way operation.

This work is part of the Erby Campbell Interchange construction project, a \$2.5-billion project being constructed by Webber, LLC, of The Woodlands. Motorists are cautioned to drive slowly through the work zone and be aware of signs, barrels and warning lights.

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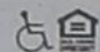


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Macklynn Joy McClure

Brandon and Allyson McClure of Rockwall City are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Macklynn Joy McClure, at 5:32 a.m. May 20, 2013, at Rockwall Presbyterian Church.

The infant weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces at was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Mary and Nancy Fonfara of Rockwall and Ron and Teresa McClure of Nashville, Tenn.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Todd Zachary Fitzgerald

Services for Todd Zachary Fitzgerald will be conducted at 11 a.m. June 21, 2013, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel. Pastor Darrell Eaton will officiate. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.



He was born Feb. 26, 1991, in Dallas and was the son of Kristina Lynn (Johnson) Fitzgerald and Charles Johnson. He served in the U.S. Army and worked in the restaurant industry. He was artistic and enjoyed playing guitar in his spare time. He lived in Rockwall for two years.

Survivors include his mother, Kristina Johnson of Lancaster; his sister, Anna Johnson of Mesquite and Jessica Conklin of Lancaster; his brothers, Bill and Charlene Johnson of Rowlett; his nieces, and many other family members. He was preceded in death by his father.

Taylor Nicole Howry

Services for Taylor Nicole Howry will be conducted at 11 a.m. June 21, 2013, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel. Pastor Holloman officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.



She was born Feb. 10, 1991, in London, Ky., the daughter of Clayton Howry and DeJarnatt Howry. She was preceded in death by her mother, Wanda DeJarnatt of Rockwall; her father, and Mrs. Jack Howry of Rockwall; her aunts and uncles, and many other family members.

Survivors include her mother, Kristina Johnson of Lancaster; her father, and Mrs. Jack Howry of Rockwall; her aunts and uncles, and many other family members. She was preceded in death by her father, her grandfather, Bob DeJarnatt, and her grandmother, Judy Ford.

Family suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Red Bird Mission: Clinton United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 148, Clinton, LA 70722 or to an organization of the donor's choice.

Rockwall County Entertainment

Teen Read underway at county library

Teen Read program, open to teens in grades 5 to 12 (completed), is underway. Prizes will be awarded to each teen who completes a reading log. Additionally, participation in each Teen Read event counts as two hours on the reading log. Watch the Rockwall News for information on upcoming events. All logs must be turned in by 5 p.m. Aug. 10; prize drawings will be conducted Aug. 12.

Moving Colors concert set

Moving Colors will provide a rhythm and dance concert beginning 8 p.m. June 20 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

'Timothy Green' planned for Family Fun Night

The movie "The Odd Life of Timothy Green" will be featured at the Family Fun Night at Emerald Bay June 21. Activities and games will begin at 6 p.m., with the film set to start at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

'Hunger Games' part of library's Teen Read

Rockwall County Library's Teen Read program will offer a screening of the film "Hunger Games" beginning at 2 p.m. June 25, as part of an activity that will test the skills of all participating teens at the library's Training Center.

Johnny Cash tribute concert planned

The Johnny Cash tribute band, will perform beginning 8 p.m. June 27 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

'Madagascar 3' planned for Family Fun Night

The movie "Madagascar 3" will be featured at the Family Fun Night at Emerald Bay June 28. Activities and games will begin at 6 p.m., with the film set to start at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

Teen Art Project offered at library

Rockwall County Library, as part of its Teen Read program, will offer a Teen Art Project on July 2. In-person registration is required and will begin June 18 at the Teen SRC table at the library.

Family Fun Night to feature 'Dolphin Tale'

The movie "Dolphin Tale" will be featured at the Family Fun Night at Emerald Bay on July 5. Activities and games will begin at 6 p.m., with the film set to start at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

Special Effects 101 offered at library

Rockwall County Library, as part of its Teen Read program, will offer a Special Effects 101, a hands-on workshop, on July 9. Artist Shelly Williams will teach participants how to simulate cuts, bruises and more. In-person registration is required at the Teen SRC table at the library; registration begins June 25.

Chinatown to play pop concert

The Chinatown band will perform pop music beginning at 7:30 p.m. July 11 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

Final Family Fun Night set

The movie "The Pirates Band of Misfits" will be featured at the final Family Fun Night of the year set for July 12 at Myers Park. Activities and games will begin at 6 p.m., with the film set to start at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

Teen Movie Matinee offered at library

Rockwall County Library, as part of its Teen Read program, will offer a Teen Movie Matinee beginning at 2 p.m. July 16. The movie will be "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part II."

Texas beach music show set

Anna's Reef will offer Texas beach-type music beginning at 7:30 p.m. July 17 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

Mosaic Art workshop planned for teens

Rockwall County Library, as part of its Teen Read program, will offer an All About Me Mosaic Art workshop July 23. In-person registration is required and may be completed at the Teen SRC table; registration begins July 9.

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Little Black Dress Night ...

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Participants, including its Executive Director Breakfast; and invitations to social events, including the annual members-only party.

Discounted ticket prices and invitations to members-only events, such as Helping Hands day at Hawaiian Falls; and opportunities for volunteers with more than 100 hours of service to receive the Presidential Service Award.

Learn more about the new Community Circle by attending the members-only kickoff event at the Little Black Dress event.

Gary Donald Goss Sr.

Services for Gary Donald Goss Sr. were scheduled for 11 a.m. June 20, 2013, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died June 1 following an extended illness.

Born in Shreveport, La., on Dec. 22, 1929, to Ervin and Stella Goss, he attended Louisiana State University and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict. He was an ordained Baptist minister.

He married Dixie Ray Efferson on Dec. 6, 1949, in Baton Rouge, La. The couple settled in San Diego, Calif., where he worked for Union Tribune Publishing Co. and in 1961 became the industrial relations manager. He was promoted to assistant general manager in 1977. He became general manager and vice president of the newspaper in 1983. He remained in that position until his retirement in December 1989.

Following the death of his wife in 1983, he married Wayne Barksdale Long on March 16, 1984.

After his retirement, he and his wife moved from San Diego to Rockwall. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting and traveling. He served as president of The Shores Homeowner Association and the Rockwall Tax Board for several years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the American Legion Post of Rockwall.

Survivors include his wife; his children, Gary Donald Goss Jr. and his wife, Jackie, Sue Ellen Alari and her husband, Art, and Julie Kay Taube and her husband, Karl; his stepchildren, Dennis Long and wife, Julia, and Nanci Long; his brother, Ervin L. Goss, and his wife, Anne; his sister, JoAnne Wasson, and her husband, Jim; his brother, Charles Goss, and his wife, Judy; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife; his daughter, Cathy Weimer; and his parents.

The family is grateful to the doctors, Frank Brancaccio and Gregory Muns, and caregivers and nurses who cared for him; Vickie Allen, Nora Matthews, Kim Renfro and Mary Ann Reeder of American Home Hospice; and the staff of Beacon Harbor Rehabilitation.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Red Bird Mission: Clinton United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 148, Clinton, LA 70722 or to an organization of the donor's choice.

Locals make dean's list at Centre College

Two local residents were named to the winter/spring dean's list at Centre College in Danville, Ky., according to a news release from the college.

Coral Davenport, daughter of Jennifer and Scott Davenport of Heath and a graduate of Rockwall-Heath High, and Zach Trette, son of Frank and Sally Trette of Roysie City and a graduate of Roysie City High School, were named to the honors list.

To be named to the list, a student must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.60, according to the release.

Schuster named to dean's list at UNT

Freshman, Brett Schuster was named to the University of North Texas Dean's List of scholars for the 2013 spring semester, according to the university letter signed by O. Finley Graves (Dean).

With at least a 3.5 grade point average, Schuster was among 10% of the College of Business undergraduate students earning the honor.

Eight locals named to SMU honor roll

Eight local residents were among students named to the undergraduate honor roll for the spring semester at Southern Methodist University, according to a university news release.

Honorees included Amanda Beard of Rockwall, a junior, named to the honor roll with distinction, which includes students in the top 10 percentile; Kaylee Dusek of Roysie City, a junior, named to the honor roll with distinction; Eugene Kim of Rockwall, a sophomore, named to the honor roll with distinction; and Nickolas Noble of Rockwall, a sophomore, named to the honor roll with high distinction, which includes students in the top 5 percentile.

Also, Weston Richter of Heath, a senior, named to the honor roll with distinction; Patricia Janelle Villacin of Rockwall, a junior, named to the honor roll with high distinction; Jonathan Walther of Rockwall, a freshman, named to the honor roll with distinction; and Caroline Willet of Rockwall, a junior, named to the honor roll with distinction.

Nolan latest addition to technology park

The Nolan Power Group is the latest addition to the Rockwall Technology Park, according to a news release issued last week by the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation.

Nolan Power Group offers products, PM and installation service, testing and engineering service for the industrial, utility, commercial, telecommunication, distributors and OEM/Packager sectors. Its 20,000-square-foot regional headquarters is located on Observation Trail in the park, just south of I-30 in Rockwall.

Nolan Power Group has offices in Louisiana, Florida, Houston, Dallas and Rockwall.

The headquarters will create 25 new jobs, including administrative, sales and warehouse operations, according to the release.

"We are very happy to have Nolan Power Group join the other corporations in the Rockwall Technology Park," said Sheri Franza, president and CEO of the REDC. "Roger and Kory Turner are longtime residents in the Rockwall community and having their business close to their home is such an added bonus for them."

Nolan Power Group was formed in 1979 as the premier provider of Power Quality Solutions for emergency backup power applications in the Gulf Coast states. Its new regional headquarters office staff will consist of an engineering group, customer service group and project coordination group that manage customers and projects through the Gulf Coast states. The warehouse will be used for staging projects.

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Zombies headed to Rockwall for Fun Run, 'Prom' show

The Rockwall Community Playhouse is bringing zombies to town this summer starting with the Zombie Glow Fun Run on July 19 at Harry Myers Park, a preface to the teen musical "Zombie Prom."

Participants in the Zombie-themed event will enjoy running or walking through the picturesque park. As part of the registration fee, each participant will receive a T-shirt. T-shirts each runner will receive. Participants also will be given glow sticks to light their way.

Runners are encouraged to dress as zombies, and there will be a prize for best costume. Although the 5K race is not timed, the top three runners will receive recognition.

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SECOND THOUGHTS

Dental patients have many reasons to prevent periodontal (gum) disease before it exerts far-ranging adverse effects. Aside from the more immediate potential consequences of gum disease, which include inflammation and possible tooth loss, research links gum disease with heart disease, diabetes, lung problems, and premature and low-weight babies. Fortunately, early stages of gum disease can be reversed with professional cleanings and at-home brushing and flossing. In more severe cases that involve buildups of hardened tartar, professional "scaling" and "root planing" may remove unwanted deposits above and below the gumline. However, only patients have it in their power to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke, which research now shows increases the likelihood of developing severe gum disease by 30% to 60%.

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Business owner addresses Royse City Council

by Millie Jean Coppedge

Max Rostam, owner of the Prime Travel Stop at 1016 East I-30, voiced his concerns June 11 during the citizen participation part of the City Council of Royse City meeting. His business includes a convenience store, a restaurant and truck stop.

Rostam expressed fear regarding the loss of business from the upcoming transformation of the service roads to one-way. He said he had been told that eventually the conversion would go as far as FM 2642, near the Royse City High School.

"If that happens, I'm going to fight it all the way, as 80 percent of my business comes from Royse City," he said. "People won't be able to get to my station. They will have to go all the way east to FM 2642, turn around and come back and they're not going to do that."

As of June 14, the one-way conversion is planned to run from FM 551 in Fate to FM 548 in Royse City, according to reports. After learning this, Rostam said, "If the one-way stops at FM 551, I will be happy, happy, happy."

An action point on the agenda that passed unanimously was to appoint Connie Goodwin to the Main Street Advisory Board. Goodwin has been active in governmental affairs in Royse City for many years.

Larry Lott, executive director of the Royse City Community Development Corporation, brought before the council an action "concerning a Community Development Corporation incentive in the amount not to exceed \$3,840 for Fit Lifestyle and Nutrition Center for 24 TRX Suspension Trainers." Lott said this center, located on Main Street, will bring "more business to the downtown area." The incentive passed unanimously.

In a later interview with said Carl Miller, owner of Fit Lifestyle and Nutrition Center, he said, "The suspension trainers allow the participants of all health levels to work over 300 different movements for strength training."

Janet McPherson, executive director of Development and Services, presented a resolution to the council concerning a future attraction for the Main Street Rail Car Project. She said this would include locating a true-era railcar and possibly permanently placing it on the unused railroad tracks between Charles Grocery and lumber yard. It would become part of the historical atmosphere of Royse City. The Royse City Zane Robinson Historical Museum, the Old Jail house at 107 N. Houston built in 1882, which was the first home in Royse, the namesake of the town.

McPherson said part of the resolution states that "it is crucial to serve history by providing an educational record" and that "the project will enhance Royse City's history creating a niche for the city and the community as a whole."

All members of the City Council of Royse City were present at the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for June 25.

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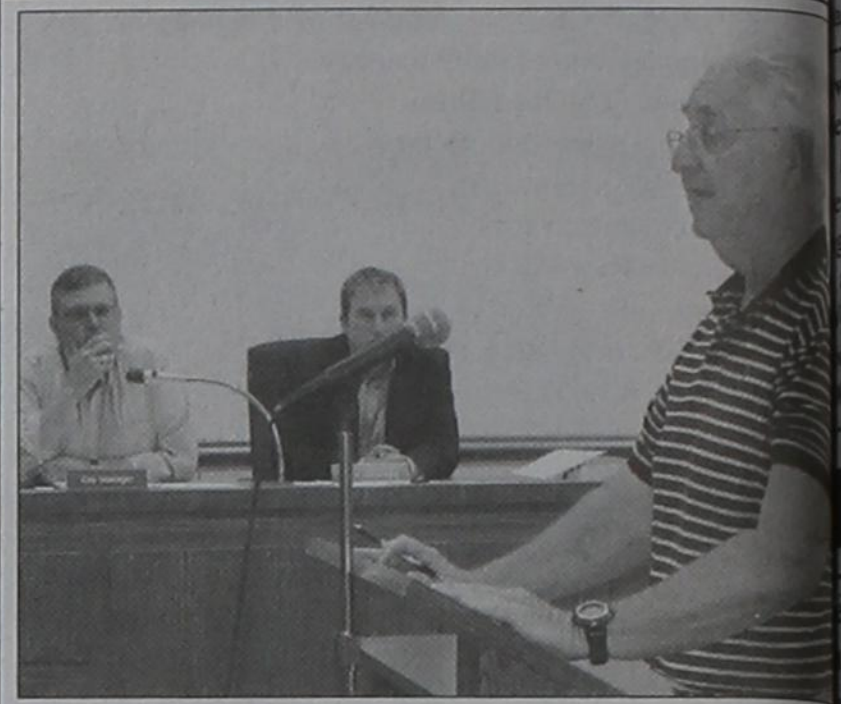
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**Zombies headed to
 Rockwall ...**
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 There also will be a one-mile
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 Entertainment will be provided
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 musical "Zombie Prom," which
 is scheduled to be staged July 26-
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 "Zombie Prom" is being di-
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 last appeared on the RCP stage
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 cal, a light-hearted takeoff on the
 Shakespearean classic "Romeo
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 The race will serve as a capital
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Brewer's return makes Lady Jackets' transition easier

arently goes on for the Rockwall girls' basketball team. Lady Jackets came through a postseason that could have been a minimum of disruption. McDill, who brought a winning basketball culture to RHS, and top City Reeves both left after the 2012-13 season. McDill, who had left a year earlier after five highly successful seasons as Rockwall's junior varsity coach. K from last year's staff are Janna Heller, whose one season was as successful as Brewer's had been, and Samantha who replaced Heller as the coach of the strong Freshman year. She was the top defender for Rockwall's undefeated 2006-07 champions under McDill.

growing your relationship with Christ and the influence you can have. "It was neat for me to come in. My philosophy and Coach McDill's are a lot the same. It was awesome for me. I loved everything it stood for. That's me. "Winning's important, but more important is the platform you have with those kids. You can make a difference in kids' lives. You can teach them to put others before themselves, that it's not about one person, that it's all of us together. I love what Coach McDill teaches, not only on the basketball court, but in the game of life." A year ago, Brewer had a difficult decision. Should she stay with the winning tradition and life lessons at RHS or should she accept her first head-coaching job at Mesquite Horn?

days at RHS working with the returning Lady Jackets. "It's been great to be around them again and to see that they were excited about me coming back," she said. "As much change as they had with Jill and Casey leaving, a lot of things are going to be done the same. That's good for them." They're also being reunited with a coach who has a basketball pedigree similar to McDill's.

Coleman, Baune sign pro contracts

Kendall Coleman went from the Rockwall graduation to a physical exam before signing a professional baseball contract with the New York Yankees. Coleman, a 2010 Rockwall-Heath graduate, already has completed college but he too is now a minor league ballplayer, having signed with the Los Angeles Dodgers organization. Coleman was the Rockwall County player selected in the 2013 Major League Draft. Roylee Baune, a 2010 Rockwall-Heath graduate, had not signed with the Yankees organization as of Monday. Baune reportedly signed for \$150,000, which would mean the Yankees would pay \$50,000 above MLB's slotted, or minimum, amount for players taken in draft rounds 11-40. The Yankees drafted Baune as an 11th-round pick. He has been assigned to Yankees' Class A Short Season team, the New York Yankees Farm Team, the New York Yankees Class A Short Season team, the New York Yankees Class A Short Season team. The Yankees season is scheduled to begin Friday.

"I loved Rockwall, but the opportunity to be a head coach was too much," she said. She apparently was ready to run her own program. Horn finished 25-7 and advanced to the Region II-5A Quarterfinals. One of the regular-season victories was over Rockwall. A down year by the Lady Jackets' standards resulted in 23 wins and an exit in the Bi-District playoffs for the first time in nearly a decade. Brewer said, "It was hard for me to go against Jill and those girls you build relationships with. When you're with a team, you invest in the team and reach those goals together. It was kind of like I wanted to be extremely happy but I couldn't. "I was happy for my (Horn) kids. They set a goal and fought for it. Now I'm in the same kind of situation going back to Rockwall. I feel bad about leaving those kids. I love the kids there and the kids here, but my family's here. That's basically what it came down to."

Coach Webb will help with the transition," Brewer said. "I haven't worked with Coach Reeves (RISD athletics director Russ Reeves), but he seems awesome. I'm excited about working with him." At Roylee City, she also met Dale Brewer, another coach who is now her husband. Dale also is moving to the RISD as a science teacher and coach at Cain Middle School. They have a 4-year-old daughter, Myka. They have a 4-year-old daughter, Myka.

Fulton's Cleveland signs with Oklahoma Wesleyan basketball

Conner Cleveland became The Fulton School's first scholarship college athlete Tuesday when he signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Oklahoma Wesleyan University. More than 20 people - including family, students, Falcons coaches and OKWU assistant coach Ty Beard - attended the signing ceremony at the school. "We're very excited as a university and an athletic program to have Conner," Beard said. "We feel he's somebody who can grow in our program."

That's where there might be a change. McDill's three sons and infant daughter were fixtures at Lady Jackets basketball games. Kacie Brewer said she's not sure Myka will be as interested in basketball. "She might be a cheerleader or on the drill team. She's more of a girly girl."

Regatta, Dallas Race highlight sailing schedule

teen lots of sailboats like Hubbard recently? because June is the most important month for sailing on the lake. The arrival June 21 brings it to two major events. The annual MC Scow Cowboy Regatta on the lake day on Sunday out of Rush Creek Yacht Club.

Taylor in "Rented Mule" finished at the same time, 19:41:16, for the 2-nautical-mile race, but the handicap system put MacKenzie in first place in the A Fleet, with Taylor third. Robert Cummings guided "Fast Lane" to second place. Other A Fleet top finishers were Jeff Willis, fourth aboard "Chaos Theory"; David Carter, fifth in "Geronimo," and Dan Malak and "Orion" sixth. Mike Jones sailed "Wings" to first place in the B Fleet, finishing at 19:48:00.

The Eagles first saw Cleveland on tape. Fulton's 2012-13 leading scorer first visited their Bartlesville, Okla., campus in March. Cleveland said, "I liked the Christian foundation of the school. It's a real nice campus. All the players got along. I talked to the teachers. I think that's where God's leading me." He also had a chance to scrimmage with players already on the varsity team. Beard said, "When he came up for the tryout, we really liked what we saw out of him. He's a guy who's never going to give up, an effort guy. He can do things more than just scoring."

do the best I can. I kept improving and spent more time working out. When you see it on the court, that's when you know it's working," said Cleveland. He had played varsity basketball at Rockwall-Heath before transferring to Fulton as a junior. Cleveland said he intended to major in business. Falcons head coach Josh Johnson seemed confident that Cleveland would succeed "because of his work ethic. "Conner is a gym rat. He will get in the weight room and work harder than anyone there, and help out the coach."

Rockwall Open Golf Tourny set June 28

The 21st Annual Rockwall Open Golf Tournament is set for June 28 at the Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club (formerly The Shores Country Club). There will be one shotgun start at 1 p.m., with practice balls 30 minutes prior to tee time. Box lunch will be served at noon. The tournament will be a four-person, Florida scramble format. For more information or to enter, visit the Rockwall Chamber's website at rockwallchamber.org and click on Upcoming Events or call Paula at 972-771-5733. Entry forms also are available at the chamber office at 697 E. I-30. Fee for individuals is \$150 or \$550 for a foursome. Sponsorships and goody bag donations still are needed.

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