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# Rockwall County News

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## Local teen tapped as model, artist in Dallas luncheon

Luna Martell, 13, of Rockwall, will participate as a model and artist in the Annual Children's Cancer Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 17, in the Chantilly ballroom of the Hilton Anatole, 201 Stemmons Freeway, in Dallas.



Luna Martell

Luna, diagnosed with retinoblastoma, is the seventh child of J.W. Williams Middle School in Rockwall. She has five brothers, two dogs, three cats, dragons and a tortoise.

A drawing for the 2015 Children's Cancer Fund Book is dedicated to all children in Children's Cancer Fund with a message to be happy with what they have and to never give up," said Martell.

Her favorite school subjects are art and math, and she wants to be an artist when she grows up. She enjoys swimming, playing soccer, drawing and listening to music. Her dog is her hero because it always makes her feel better when she is upset. Her favorite band is Justin Bieber. If she could visit anywhere in the world, she would go to Paris to swim in the ocean or Paris to see the Eiffel Tower.

A part of the luncheon, longtime honorary event chairmen Troy Miller and Roger Staubach will join Luncheon Committee co-chairs Gary Serber and Kathleen Strand, along with an outstanding lineup of celebrities and local media, to take the runway with 21 young cancer patients and numerous pediatric cancer survivors in a special runway fashion show.

KW-TV news anchors and supporters Steve Eagar and Clarice Hines will serve as master and mistress of ceremonies.

The luncheon is slated to raise more than \$450,000 for pediatric cancer research and treatment programs at Children's Medical Center, benefiting children worldwide.

Children's Cancer Fund brings together a host of local celebrities, celebrities, sponsors and media personalities who attend the luncheon to serve as runway escorts for the Children's Health Children's Medical Center patients modeling in the fashion show. The luncheon and fashion show raise awareness and funds for children's cancer research and treatment at Children's Medical Center while serving as a positive social-experience for children undergoing cancer treatment.

Guest escorts include Aikman, Staubach, current Dallas Cowboys players, Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders, Miss Texas Teen USA, Miss America and others.

With over \$7 million in funds raised since 1982 for pediatric cancer research, Children's Cancer Fund continues to fund critical research for improving treatments for hundreds of children throughout the North Texas community," said Serber. "A significant amount of these funds are raised through this annual luncheon. This day brings children living with cancer together for an unforgettable, embracing, and warming experience."

This year's luncheon has a western theme. Tickets for the 27th Annual Luncheon cost \$150 each or \$1,500 per table of 10. Contact Children's Cancer Fund at 972-664-1450 or visit the website at [childrenscancerfund.com](http://childrenscancerfund.com) for reservations and more information. This year, raffle tickets cost \$100 (or six for \$500) and will be sold in advance and at the event for a chance to receive a 2015 Nissan Altima, 2015 Nissan Rogue or a \$20,000 cash prize donated by Clayco Automotive Group.

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"The Mousetrap" will be staged in coming weeks at the Rockwall Community Playhouse. Pictured above are cast members Gayle Brewer, Lloyd Turney, Brandon Whitlock, Michael Logue, Whitney Rosenbalm, Steve Golin, Preston Wells and Jennifer White. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## 'Mousetrap' set for RCP stage

"The Mousetrap," originally entitled "Three Blind Mice," will be staged at the Rockwall Community Playhouse March 27-29 and April 3-5 and 10-12.

Written as a short radio play based on a true story, it was originally broadcast on May 30, 1947. The adapted drama had its world premiere at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham, on Oct. 6, 1952. Since its premiere, it has never stopped running and now has exceeded 25,000 performances.

Rockwall Community Playhouse director Christy Brown said she is excited to bring The Mousetrap to life.

"My husband and I saw it this past summer at St. Martin's Theatre in London, and by the end of the show I knew I wanted to direct it," she said.

The play opens as newlyweds Mollie (Whitney Rosenbalm) and Giles Ralston (Preston Wells) are so busy making preparations for guests to arrive at their lodge that they miss hearing the radio broadcast (voice of Gary Freedman) announcing that a murder has taken place nearby. The guests include Christopher Wren (Michael Logue), Mrs. Boyle (Gayle Brewer), Major Metcalf (Lloyd Turney), Miss Casewell (Jennifer

White) and Mr. Paravicini (Steve Golin). Detective Sgt. Trotter (Brandon Whitlock) arrives and as he is interrogating the guests, one of the guests is mysteriously killed.

The path to the story's resolution is full of twists and will keep the audience members on the edges of their seats, according to a RCP news release.

"When I saw it recently, I suspected every character at one point. I think that makes for a fun experience for the audience. It's not just your typical whodunit — it's Agatha Christie, the queen of murder mysteries," said Rosenbalm, one of the show's actors.

Mousetrap performances will be at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights and at 2 p.m. Sunday matinees. A special surprise is planned for the Easter weekend show.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 972-722-3399, online at [rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org](http://rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org) or at the box office 30 minutes before show time.

RCP is located at 609 E. Rusk, two blocks from the square in downtown Rockwall.

## M-C bond for new city hall increases to over \$2M

The City of McLendon-Chisholm met, Tue. Feb. 10, 2015 in the city hall building.

The council approved the minutes for the meeting held Tue. Jan. 27. Highlighting the Jan. 20 meeting was a report by City Financial Advisor Boyd London about the bonds for building a new home for the city council.

London explained that the "original bond amount increased to 2.125 million due to City Hall Bids coming in higher than anticipated."

Raymond James was engaged to sell the bonds, which "sold in the amount of \$2,090,000 at 2.88%." Raymond James Financial is a Florida based financial services company.

London clarified that the city's AA-rating made the fixed interest rate low enough to allow for quick sale of the bonds.

Mayor pro-tem Steve Hatfield moved to adopt the ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas Combination Tax and Limited Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2014, and levying an annual ad valorem tax to provide for the security and payment of the certificates.

The ordinance passed 4-1, with council member Gary Lovell casting the opposing vote.

There are no records indicating that the city published legal notices related to the ordinance and the sale of bonds.

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### Area Reservoir Levels

Data provided by North Texas Municipal Water District

Lavon - Norm: 492 MSL; 485.2 FT; Down 6.98 FT; 68.2% Full.

Tawakoni - Norm: 437.50 MSL; 430.55 FT; Down 6.95 FT; 72.9% Full.

Jim Chapman (Cooper) - Norm: 440 MSL; 435.35 FT; Down 4.65 FT; 70.7% Full.

Texoma - Norm: 617 MSL; 612.82 FT; Down 4.18 FT; 88.4% Full.

Ray Hubbard is not listed in the District website.

The following data for Ray Hubbard was provided by the City of Rockwall:

Ray Hubbard - Norm: 435.50 MSL; Down 6.16 FT



Billy Hensley displays two of his recent art works completed during oil painting class at the Roysse City Senior Citizen Center. He said he is working on a third one and loves the class. W.T. (Dub) Holden, who teaches the classes, is a retired high school art teacher from Nevada. He offers the free classes -- oil painting class on Mondays and pencil drawing class on Wednesdays -- for senior citizens. The classes are at 12:30 p.m. at the center. For more information contact Holden at 469-682-6739. Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

## Rockwall County News Briefs

### Smith to address county library's FOL March 19

Admiral Robert Smith will be the featured speaker March 19 when the Friends of the Rockwall County Library hosts an Evening with Friends. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a 30-minute meet-and-greet session and light refreshments, followed by Smith's speech at 7 p.m. Time for questions will be available following Smith's speech. The event will be open to the public; however, because seating will be limited, reservations are required. Tickets cost \$20 each or two for \$35. Call 972-772-0752 or 972-772-3105 to make reservations.

### Local GOP to host Reagan Day 2015

Reagan Day 2015, an annual fundraising dinner and program, will take place Saturday, March 21, at the Hilton Dallas Rockwall Lakefront. Keynote speaker will be J.C. Watts, former U.S. Congressman and nationally known political analyst. Theme is The Hollywood Years, Celebrating Our Legends, Yesterday and Today. The dinner and program will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$100 and are available at RockwallGOP.com or by contacting Hal at 214-422-4851 or [hahnkaren2@aol.com](mailto:hahnkaren2@aol.com). For more details, call Jerry Fisher at 214-478-6100 or [jlf\\_fisher@hotmail.com](mailto:jlf_fisher@hotmail.com).

### Phelps Lake ribbon cutting rescheduled

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for Phelps Lake has been rescheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at the lake, according to a City of

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With the assistance of weather minds from WFAA-TV, meteorologist Colleen Coyle helped the second grade students of Cullins-Lake Pointe get a hands on lesson on weather safety with the approaching tornado season. The students have been learning about the different types of weather safety. The students at Cullins in Lakeview were excited to hear from a meteorologist about how the weather is predicted. Above, Coyle is shown demonstrating to students the power of the wind in a tornado. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



# Rockwall County Obituaries

### Ann L. Anderson

Services for Ann L. Anderson, 89, of Rockwall are pending in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements. She died Friday, March 13, 2015, in Rowlett.

Born Oct. 24, 1925, in Ypsilanti, Michigan, to Richard and Dorothy (Spear) Rogers, she enjoyed doing arts and crafts, reading and shopping. She previously had worked as an administrative secretary in the hotel/hospitality industry.

Survivors include her son, Michael Anderson, and his wife, Loretta, of Rockwall; seven grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

### Kathryne Chamblee Bowman

Services for Kathryne Chamblee Bowman, 96, formerly of Rockwall and Rowlett, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the funeral home.

She died March 14 in Grapevine. Born June 27, 1918, in Wylie to Joseph H. and Nannie (Andrews) Chamblee, she retired after many years of service to the Garland Independent School District where she worked in the cafeteria.

Survivors include her three daughters, Aletha Woodard of Houston, Nancy Mooney of Garland and Nelda Forston and her husband, Bob, of Colleyville; a brother, Bill Chamblee, and his wife, Fran, of Tyler; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers donations may be made to the donor's favorite organization.



### Thomas 'Tommy' Calvin Bryan

Services for Thomas "Tommy" Calvin Bryan will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 19, 2015, at the Lake Pointe Church, 701 E. I-30, Rockwall. Burial will follow in the Heath Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died March 15. Born Aug. 24, 1938, he grew up in and around the Rockwall area, calling Heath his home for the majority of his life. His professional career led him to TXI, where he worked for more than 20 years prior to his retirement in 2001.

His greater calling, however, was to love those that God brought into his life and share God's desire for them to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. His Christian faith began in 1948 with a response to the gospel call at the First Baptist Church of Rockwall. Since then, his passion led him to serve as a deacon/elder, help plant what would become Lake Pointe Church as a founding member, lead lay-renewal retreats and provide Christian counseling during his 67 years of faithful service in following Christ.

He was a loving friend, brother, husband of 57 years, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was honored to have been accepted into the Smirl family at his marriage to Carolyn in 1958. The entire Smirl family loved him.

Survivors include his wife; his children, Blake Bryan, and his wife, Cheryl, and Brenda Lutz and her husband, Glenn; his five grandchildren, Raschel Ragsdale, Kristen Ferguson, Kyle Bryan, Aaron Lutz and Abbey Lutz and their spouses, Luke Ragsdale, Garrett Ferguson, Lacie Bryan and Bethany Lutz; five great-grandchildren, Makena, Dalen, Ryleigh, Breeilyn, Addie Jo and the soon-to-be-born Evan Thomas; numerous nieces and nephews; and his sister, Mary Sue Munchrath, and her husband, Marvin.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Albert "T" Bryan; his mother, Dona Mae Bryan; his brother, John Albert Bryan Jr.; and numerous individuals for whom he prayed.

The family has suggested that memorial contributions may be made to the Lake Pointe Church Missions Fund.



### Jose Refugio 'Don Cuco' Gámez

Services for Jose Refugio "Don Cuco" Gámez, 90, of Rockwall will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Sunday, March 15, in Dallas.

Born July 4, 1924, in Mexico to Catarino Gámez and Maria De La Luz Hernandez, he was the owner and operator of his own general convenience store. He attended Iglesias Evangelica Cristiana Espiritual where he was an active and involved member.

Survivors include his wife, Petra Gámez of Rockwall; his children David Gámez and his wife, Esperanza, of Rockwall and Jaime Gámez and his wife, Vanessa, of Fate; his grandchildren, Blanca and Juli Paredes of Rockwall, Susan and Victor Balderas of Heath, Jessica Gámez of Fate, David Jr. and Ruby Gámez of Fate, Jaime and Yancy Gámez of Dallas, Jonas and Jillian Gámez of Austin, Janie and Samuel Tejo of Rockwall and Jael and Jorge Cisneros of Faribault, Minnesota; 20 great-grandchildren; his brother, Francisco Gámez; and his sister, Adolfa Gámez De Alonzo.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Aurelio Gámez.

### Reaborn L. Rutledge

A memorial service for Reaborn L. Rutledge, 79, a lifetime resident of Rockwall, will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, March 20, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating.

He died March 13.

Born April 23, 1935, in Rockwall to Henry Carl and Lillie Mae (Cade) Rutledge, he worked security for the LTV Corporation prior to retirement. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and competition shooting. He was a member of the Rockwall Riding Club and the Rockwall Gun Club.

Survivors include his sons, Ronnie R. Rutledge, and his wife, Karen, of Rockwall and Tim W. Rutledge of Rockwall; his daughters, Brenda Gadberry and her husband, Alan, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Debra Rutledge of Garland; his sister, Rita Hale of Rockwall; his grandchildren, Kasey Rutledge, Rachel Roark, Briana Rutledge and Brandon Hudson and his great-grandchildren, Alaina Squires and Rhett Roark.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

### Elizabeth 'Liz' Seaholm

A memorial service for Elizabeth "Liz" Seaholm, 81, will be conducted at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating.

She died March 12.

Born Feb. 6, 1934, in Moline, Illinois, to Louis and Mildred (Chene) Olson, she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She had many interests, including cooking, swimming, golfing and working in her garden with her flowers. She was creative making ceramics, pottery and sewing. She enjoyed being a member of a bridge group at Lakeside Village. She was a 28-year resident of Rockwall.

Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Bud Seaholm of Rockwall, a son, Tim Seaholm, and his wife, Jane, of Rockwall; a daughter, Kim-Halloran, and her husband, Mike, of Leawood, Kansas; grandchildren, Jacob Seaholm, Josh Seaholm and Rachel Halloran; and her great-grandchildren, Maddi Seaholm and Olivia Seaholm.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

### Vivienne 'Viv' Whitworth

Mass for Vivienne "Viv" Whitworth, 88, will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 20, 2015, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 3905 Hickox Rd., Rowlett with Father Danilo Ramos officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the funeral home. Rosary will be at 7 p.m.

He died March 16.

Born Nov. 17, 1926, in Birmingham, Alabama, to Naif M. and Louise (Samya) Moore, she was a platinum lifetime master bridge player in the ACBL and an avid swimmer. She loved playing golf, was a wonderful cook, had a green thumb and loved her children more than anything. Family was paramount to her. She was a devout Catholic.

She lived in Rowlett for seven years, Rockwall for 17 years and Dallas for almost 30 years.

Survivors include her children, Pat Lee of Fairview, Buddy Abdou of Rowlett, Debbi Brooks and her husband, Trey, of San Antonio, Tammy Eyring and her husband, Kirk, of Houston, Susan Chamber and her husband, Kevin, of Marietta, Georgia, and Teresa Toepel and her husband, Michael, of Tiburon, California; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his brother, Naif M. Moore and his wife, Ruby; and numerous nieces, nephews and relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore Nicholas Whitworth, on Jan. 3, 2004; a brother, David A. Moore; and her first husband, George N. Abdou, in December 1955.

### Martell to model for Cancer fund luncheon

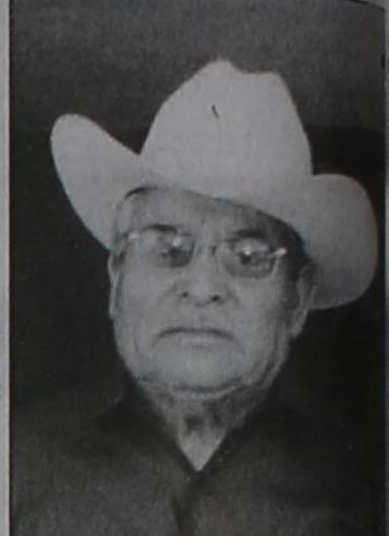
In coordination with the luncheon, the Children's Cancer Fund has created a special 2015 Children's Cancer Fund Inspiration Book. The photo book, which will be unveiled at the luncheon, will include photos of the children, event chairs and physicians, as well as the original artwork by the participating cancer patients. The books cost \$15 each. To purchase a copy after the luncheon, call 972-664-1450 or visit childrenscancerfund.com.

### Rockwall County Entertainment

**Gardening Tea Luncheon to benefit MOW**  
Meals on Wheels of Rockwall County will host its second annual Gardening Tea Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 27 at Nineties at the Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall. Cost is \$32 per ticket, which is the cost to feed a senior for a week. Tickets must be purchased by March 20; visit rockwallmealsofthewheel.org. Seating is limited for this event, which will benefit Meals on Wheels and Senior Services.

**Terrell State Hospital subject of April program**  
A history of the Terrell State Hospital, which opened in 1885, will be offered as part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly of Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. April 10 in the third floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

**Family Fun Fridays kick off April 24**  
Family Fun Fridays, organized by the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, will kick off April 24 at The Shores Park. Families activities (Continued on Page 3)



## Rockwall Youth Fair activities set this month

The 62nd Annual Rockwall Youth Fair is set for March 25-28 at the Rockwall Independent School District Agriculture Complex, located on Riding Club Road.

The purpose of the Rockwall Youth Fair is to promote the education, constructive talents and leadership skills of the youth of the community by conducting clinics, training demonstrations, shows and auction sales for youth and to cooperate with the Rockwall County Extension Service, Rockwall 4-H Clubs, Rockwall FFA Chapters and other youth organizations of Rockwall Public Schools.

"The Rockwall Youth Fair is the finale for Rockwall County 4-H and FFA students to show their animal husbandry and AG mechanics projects. These projects provide our exhibitors the opportunity to exhibit their strong work ethic, while gaining leadership qualities through responsibility, time management, and economic accountability," Robert Adams, Rockwall Youth Fair Board president, said.

The fair will host its 8th annual Heritage Land Bank School Day on Friday, March 27. Rockwall ISD third grade students will engage in interactive learning sessions ranging from learning about farm animals to fun and easy gardening. The event is sponsored by Heritage Land Bank with collaborations from Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Farm Bureau. Rockwall 4-H and FFA students will lead tours of the animal project barn and discuss their experiences in raising livestock projects.

The highlight of the fair will be the Livestock Show and Market Sale. Young people from across the county in 4-H and FFA will demonstrate their skills and disciplines in breeding and market animals. The livestock show consists of market rabbits, market hogs, market goats, market lambs, market steers, breeding rabbits, breeding market goats, breeding beef and market broilers.

Many hours go into the care of each animal, according to fair organizers. Prior to the show final preparations are made to help the livestock look their best. Youngsters with the assistance of their parents, leaders, county agents and agriculture teachers learn to wash, dry, and clip and show their animals.

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### McLendon-Chisholm regular meeting ...

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The council discussed an ordinance to punish people and businesses for selling products and food from vehicles without a permit issued by the city. It was referred to as mobile vending.

The ordinance defines "street vendors and mobile vending operations as "any person, firm or corporation who engages in the business of selling or offering for sale goods, wares or merchandise from a motor vehicle or trailer through outdoor display or from the vehicle or trailer.

The code falls under Chapter 4 Business Regulations, Article 4.03 Street Vendors.

The council asked staff to bring forward an ordinance regarding street vendors that protects the peoples right to "grow what they want on their property and be able to sell it."

During the Feb. 10 meeting the council unanimously voted to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the Rockwall County Sheriff for Law Enforcement Protection.

In other business during the Jan. 27 meeting the council:

- Heard a presentation by First Southwest about the Sonoma PID Bond Calendar (no action).
- Unanimously passed an ordinance calling the May 9, 2015 General Election.
- Watched Mayor Gary Moody present the 2014 Special Citizen of the Year award to Karen Laughlin, who serves as Alternate on the Board of Adjustment; the action agency that oversees the permitting process by taking appeals from decisions by administrative officials, among other functions.

During the Feb. 10 meeting the council:

- Unanimously authorized Moody to sign a contract with RA Ramos General Contractors for construction of the new city hall. The construction company is governed by Raul Antonio Ramos.
  - Heard City Administrator David Butler report that Pullen Road was patched. Klutts and League have been graded.
- Minutes for the Feb. 24 meeting were not available as of production day.

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Rockwall Parks and Recreation Department news release. The lake is located at the intersection of Phelps Lake Drive and Great Lakes Court off of John King Boulevard. Those planning to attend are encouraged to bring their children and fishing poles for an afternoon of fun.

### Get Healthy Rockwall plans potluck dinner

The public is invited to a come-and-go potluck dinner hosted by Get Healthy Rockwall. The event will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. March 23 at the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington St., Rockwall. Each participant should bring a healthy, plant-based dish and copies of their recipe to share with others. For more details call Carol Miskin at 972-672-6679.

### CASA info session slated for Rockwall

An information session about CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) will be conducted March 23 at the Lone Star CASA office, Rockwall. CASA volunteers work to ensure that children who have

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## Ask Dr. Danette

by Danette McNew, D.D.S.



### MAJOR LEAGUE PROBLEM

In 2014, All-Star major-league pitcher Curt Schilling revealed that he had been treated for oral cancer, which he believes was caused by chewing tobacco. This news comes on the heels of Baseball Hall of Famer Tony Gwynn's death in June 2014 as a result of salivary cancer, which has also been attributed to chewing tobacco. While the most recent labor agreement between Major League Baseball and the players' union placed some limitations on the use of smokeless tobacco, it did not ban its use entirely. In the meantime, the American Dental Association strongly urges users of tobacco products to quit their habits as a means of preventing oral cancer. Smokeless tobacco can be just as harmful as cigarettes.

For severe - and early - gum problems, the real bad guy is tobacco. Not only does smoking or chewing tobacco lead to bad breath and stained, yellowed teeth but recent research also shows that smoking is a leading cause of gum disease. Talk to us at McNEW DENTAL about any dental concerns. As your dental professionals, we pride ourselves on providing the highest-quality dental care for you and your family, in a relaxing and comfortable environment. Please call 469/338-4604 to schedule an appointment. We're located at 1300 E. Ralph Hall Pkwy., Suite 114. "Smiles are contagious and best when shared."

P.S. Snuff and chewing tobacco contain 28 cancer-causing agents.

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## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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1 newspaper Abilene Reporter-\_\_\_\_

5 TX mohair goes to this continent

6 this Sean was married to TX Robin Wright

7 professor's assistant (abbr.)

8 family room

9 TXism: "it's water off \_\_\_\_ back" (unconcerned)

15 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ and parcel of"

16 TX Tanya's "\_\_\_\_ a Time"

19 TXism: "want \_\_\_\_ I could spit"

21 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ these parts"

22 TX singer \_\_\_\_ Morse

27 Granbury's historic "\_\_\_\_ House"

28 "sticks and \_\_\_\_ can break my bones"

29 Kermit has last \_\_\_\_ oil derrick used in U.S.

30 hymn: "\_\_\_\_ Light"

32 dir. from Paris to Dallas

33 TXism for a nice guy (3 wds.)

36 TXism: "he's got the morals \_\_\_\_ alley cat"

37 TX Dennis Quaid 1988 film

38 Upshur Co. seat

39 DFW grocery chain

**DOWN**

1 "siesta" south of the border

2 dir. from Dallas to Tyler

3 in Rannels Co. on hwy. 83

4 early route up from Mexico: "Old \_\_\_\_"

8 TX Perot met wife on a blind \_\_\_\_

9 TXism: "put two \_\_\_\_" (concluded)

10 \_\_\_\_ Leon, TX

11 electrical cord testing initials

12 argument

13 Brownsville TV

14 TX Nokona gloves are hand-\_\_\_\_

15 keyboard support? (2 wds.)

16 TX Oatmeal Festival race: "\_\_\_\_-Thon"

17 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ gravel" (fell)

18 mop a boat deck (2 wds.)

20 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ as a bartender on pay day"

22 LBJ's choice to lead the "Warren Commission" (init.)

23 TXism: "that \_\_\_\_ won't float"

24 "Skip to My \_\_\_\_"

25 TXism: "about as graceful as \_\_\_\_ ice"

26 Hondo's county

28 Dallas singer "Sam the \_\_\_\_"

31 yodel song "\_\_\_\_ Texas"

34 a TX Mandrell (init.)

35 TX Farrah movie: "The Burning \_\_\_\_"

37 Palo \_\_\_\_ Canyon

40 TXism: "I'm gettin' the \_\_\_\_ of it"

43 Rio Grande bird: "\_\_\_\_ chalaca"

44 TX Tanya's "Can I See You \_\_\_\_"

50 old legs?

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## On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

### What is the benefit in the resurrection of Jesus?

The death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ was a significantly pivotal point in world history. Jesus suffered greatly during the last days before he died.

What became available as a result of Jesus' death? The Acts and Epistles provide basic information that helps to clearly understand the legacy he left behind.

Romans 6:3 says, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"

Hebrews 2:14 "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

According to Romans 10:9-10, all who believe with their hearts that God raise Jesus from the dead are made righteous, or sanctified. How?

The first record of people benefiting from the resurrection of Jesus is found in Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak in tongues as the spirit gave the words."

As the first-born child of the Creator of the heavens and the earth, Jesus did the will of his Father and allowed himself to be killed. Then his Father raised him from the dead. Believing this simple information results in being filled with the Holy Ghost.

## Rockwall Youth Fair activities ...

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The market sale will be conducted immediately after the livestock show. An opportunity for the local community to support Rockwall youth involved in agriculture projects, market animals will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

Last year more than \$90,000 was given back to Rockwall youth as a result of the market auction.

"The 4-H and 4-H exposes you to life lessons and values only taught in raising animals or a shop welding, said Rockwall High School Welding Instructor Will Morris, a 10-year participant in the Rockwall Youth Fair. We learn how to raise animals so they can reach their full potential. In our program you can learn how to turn a baby pig or a pile of scrap metal into something worth bragging about. Textbooks can't teach the lessons learned through our 4-H and 4-H experiences."

Divisions of the Youth Fair include:

- Agriculture Mechanics Show – March 25, noon to 5 p.m.
- Clothing and Textiles – March 26
- Show – March 26 – Open to youth in the Rockwall ISD. The show will consist of the following categories: Painting, Drawing, Sewing, Craft and Mixed Media.
- Livestock Show – Friday, 27, 5 p.m. Breeding Beef, Goats, Sheep, Market Lambs, Heifers, Chickens and Market Rabbits
- Saturday, March 28, 8 a.m. -- Market Hogs, Goats, Lambs, Steer.
- Luncheon – March 28, 11:30 a.m.
- Market Auction – March 28, 1 p.m.



### Peck addresses Friday Study Club

Ruth Peck (shown above) was the speaker at the February meeting of the Friday Study Club conducted in the home of June Frawley.

Let's Visit Broadway was the subject of Peck's presentation. Members were treated to an inside look into the lives of the stars of the 20th century, many of whom Peck worked with during her long theatrical career.

Katherine Stevener and Gail Lombard served as co-hostesses for the event.

## Rockwall County Entertainment

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entertainment includes painting, dancing, games, bounce house and trampolines will be offered beginning at 6 p.m., followed by a screening of "Ratatouille" and Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glowsticks will be available for purchase. For more information, visit rockwall.com.

### Youth fishing derby planned

A fishing derby for youth ages 3-14 will run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Harry Myers Park. The pond will be stocked with catfish, and participants can register to win heaviest, longest and most fish in their group. Participants should bring gear and bait; any type of bait will be allowed. Cost to participate in this Rockwall Parks & Rec-sponsored event is \$5 per fisherperson. For more information, visit rockwall.com.

### Eisenhower focus of May 8 program

A program on Dwight Eisenhower, a native Texan who served as the 34th President of the United States, will be offered May 8 as part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

### Rockwall Country Fair set May 30

The second annual Rockwall Country Fair, hosted by the Rockwall County Fairgrounds, will run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 30 on the land behind the new county courthouse (bordered by the I-30 service road and the old county road). The event will include live music, dancing, vendors, a kid zone with rides, vintage games sponsored by nonprofit groups and other activities. Tickets will be sold for vintage game play, and beverages; admission will be free. Sponsorships are available. Visit rockwallcountryfair.com. Proceeds will fund projects benefiting children and children.

### Pirate Plunge planned at city pool

The City of Rockwall's Marry Myers Pool will be the site of the Pirate Plunge event from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 25. Participants can show off their nonnons, dive for gold, play Sharks and Pirates and compete in a fashion show. Cost is \$2 for children ages 2 and older (\$1 for City of Rockwall residents); admission will be free for children under 2.

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indicated below which is still pending, and that she now holds such Letters.

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In the County Court of Rockwall County, Texas

## Legal Notices

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Chapter 253 of the Texas Transportation Code that the Rockwall County Commissioners Court, Rockwall County, Texas, will hold a public hearing on April 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. to receive public comments on:

- (1) proposed improvements to substandard road located at Buchanan Road in the Buchanan Subdivision;
- (2) the assessment of the total costs of the improvements pro rata against the owners of real property abutting Buchanan Road; and
- (3) the collection of the assessment over a five-year period.

The Public Hearing will be held in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Rockwall County Historical Courthouse (third floor), 101 E. Rusk St., Rockwall, Texas 75087.

The Rockwall County Local Regional Emergency Food and Shelter Board #8332-00 HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)/FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM.

Rockwall County has been chosen to receive \$30,343.00 in Phase 32 funding to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America, The Salvation Army; and, United Way Worldwide. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A Local Board made up of Rockwall Ministerial Alliance, Red Cross, United Way, Catholic Charities, Rockwall Indigent Health Care, Salvation Army, et al., will determine how the funds awarded to Rockwall County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds made available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive Federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Rockwall County Local Board 8332-00 has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with the Rockwall County Committee on Aging participating. This agency was responsible for providing Emergency Food Boxes to 170 families in September.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Local Board chair Mark Irons at 3375 Ridge Road, Rockwall Texas, 7503 for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is March 18, 2015.

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  - Burglary/breaking and entering -- 4
  - All other larceny -- 4
  - Motor vehicle theft -- 1
  - Destruction/damage/vandalism of property -- 1
  - Drug/narcotic violations -- 18
  - Drug equipment violations -- 4
  - Driving under the influence -- 1
  - Drunkenness -- 1
  - Trespass of real property -- 2
  - All other offenses -- 110
  - Total offenses -- 151; total incidents -- 109
- Arrests:
- Simple assault -- 2
  - All other larceny -- 2
  - Motor vehicle theft -- 1
  - Drug/narcotic violations -- 15
  - Drug equipment violations -- 3
  - Driving under the influence -- 3
  - Drunkenness -- 1
  - All other offenses -- 114
  - Total charges -- 141; total arrests -- 68
- Accidents:
- Total accidents -- 8
- Criminal papers:
- Affidavit for surety to go off bond (1716) -- 6
  - Affidavit for surety to go off bond (1719) -- 3
  - Bond forfeiture -- 17
  - Failure to appear for court -- 36
  - Insufficient bond -- 2
  - Motion to adjudicate guilt -- 6
  - Motion to revoke probation -- 11
  - Probable cause -- 2
  - Traffic -- 47
  - Warrant -- 64
- Civil papers:
- Citation -- 18
  - Citation by publication -- 1
  - Civil subpoena -- 2
  - Criminal subpoena -- 3
  - Notice -- 1
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**January 2015**  
Intakes - 138  
1045s - 2  
Adopted - 73  
Returned to owner - 31  
Rescued - 20  
Euthanized - 7  
Number of animals in foster care - 3

**Financial Report**  
**Income**  
City of Rockwall - \$0  
Adoption fee income - \$5,650  
Impound fee income - \$1,100  
Owner surrender - \$795  
General donations - \$3177  
Merchandise sales - \$0  
Medical - \$190  
Quarantine fee - \$180  
Total income = \$11,092

**Expenses**  
Administrative expenses (payroll, etc) = \$36,457  
Shelter expenses (microchips, drugs, etc) - \$7,251  
Veterinary expenses - \$1,512  
Professional services - \$1,389  
Training - \$0  
Total expenses - \$46,518  
Balance = (35,426)

**Rockwall police and fire department January 2015 reports**  
**Harbor District police calls**

1/2/2015 4:33 a.m. Hilton Hotel, "Suspicious Activity", no report filed.  
1/3/2015 7:32 p.m. Investigation, unable to locate subject.  
1/9/2015 6:54 p.m. "Suspicious Activity", no report filed.  
1/11/2015 10:29 p.m. "Suspicious Activity", no report filed.  
1/16/2015 Criminal Trespass at the Hilton Hotel, no report filed.  
1/24/2015 7:28 p.m. Met Complainant, no report filed. 7:32 p.m. Investigation, unable to locate subject. 12:41 a.m. Investigation, no report filed.  
1/25/2015 10:11 p.m. Cinemark, met complainant, no report filed.  
1/26/2015 1:20 p.m. Theft, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, report filed.  
1/31/2015 -accident involving a minor at 10:44 p.m. result in report, arrest and citation.  
Police monthly activity report  
Homicide/Manslaughter - 0  
Sexual Assault - 0 (1 during December 2014).  
Robbery - 4  
Aggravated Assault - 2 (1 during Dec. 2014).  
Burglary - 4 (3 during Dec. 2014).  
Larceny - 49 (59 during Dec. 2014).  
Motor Vehicle Theft - 1 (11 during Dec. 2014).  
Family Violence - 9 (23 during Dec. 2014).

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# Changes made on city council of Royse City

**Millie Jean Coppedge**  
 The 17-minute meeting City Council of Royse City on Tuesday, March 10, saw change. An ordinance was passed unanimously, 7-0, which would cancel the General Election, since there are no opposing candidates for the mayor or city council positions. Nichol is running for mayor along with Charles Houk for Place 1 and James Bradley for Place 3 and James Branch is the incumbent for Place 5. According to City attorney Jason Day, "The City Charter says that a

sitting council member must resign from their current position if they run for another elected City of Royse City position." As per the agenda, a resolution was passed 7-0, declaring the vacancy for Place 1 according to the "Section 5.02(2)(G) Filing for Office of the Home Rule Charter." Since this was the case, Nichol, who is running for mayor, officially stepped down from her position as Place 1 council member and mayor pro tem as the meeting got underway. Then a resolution passed unanimously "appointing Council Place 1 for an unexpired term per Section 3.05(5)."

Houk was sworn in as Place 1 council member. City secretary Brenda Craft administered the official oath, and Houk walked to the empty chair and took his position on the council.

Houk is a member of the Community Development Board of Directors. He and his family have lived in Royse City for five years. He has three sons and said this is a "great place to raise a family." Houk is the owner of the Southern Junction Nightclub and Steakhouse.

The council voted 6-0 per Section 3.05(5) of the Home Rule Charter and appointed Clay Ellis, Place 2, as the new mayor pro tem.

"To step down was a little sad for me," Nichol said, "but I'm very excited about becoming the next mayor of this great city. I've been on the council for a total of 15 years and 10 of those years as mayor pro tem. I've served with some of the best, and this council coming up is no different. It's going to be a big next two-plus years for Royse City, not because of what one has done but what so many have worked on for the past 10-14 years. I'm very proud to be the next mayor."

Nichol is only the second woman mayor to serve for Royse City. Zaner Robison served as mayor from 1982-1983. The Zaner Robison Historical Museum is named in her honor.

All members of the council were present for the meeting. The next council meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at the Police and Courts Building, 100 W. Main St.



Charles Houk was sworn into office for Place 1 of the City Council of Royse City March 10 during the regular meeting. City secretary Brenda Craft administered the oath.  
 Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

## Local Post 117 celebrates American Legion 96th birthday

The Rockwall American Legion Post 117 hosted its annual banquet, Sunday, March 15, celebrating the organization's 96th birthday.

Post Commander Gene Allen opened the ceremony with the Tri-County Guard presenting the colors.

Allen welcomed members and guests, and presented Post Officers.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Marvin Fleetwood (SGT at Arms), Jessica Brunson sang the national anthem. Brunson is a student at Rockwall High School.

Ray Walker delivered the POW/MIA remembrance and prayer. Fleetwood presented a rose to Clara Laing, widow of past commander, Bob Laing.

Dick Clark presented the 2015 delegates to Boys State and Bluebonnet Girls State. Fleetwood presented the outgoing 2014 delegates.

Lee Gilbert honored the military service men and women, and introduced our new Congressman, John Ratcliffe.

The featured speaker was Brigadier General Thomas Kula, Retired, U.S. Army.

General Kula spoke about service to the United States of America, a continued threat of terrorism, and a need for vigilance.

Kula thanked the American Legion for promoting Americanism in sending our young students to Boys and Girls State. He stressed the "need for young people to enlist in our military to keep the best and brightest serving our country."

The banquet ended with the retiring of the colors by the Tri-County Veterans Color Guard.

The Post will hold its next meeting Thurs., April 16 6:00 p.m. at Harry Meyers Park, to include dinner and a program.

## Royse City paves the way for Buc-ee's, approves use of eminent domain power

According to information provided by Rockwall County News writer Millie Jean Coppedge, the city council of Royse City held a "Special Called Joint City Council and Community Development Corporation Board" meeting at the Holiday Inn Express, 7:00 p.m. Tue. March 17, 2015, to hear comments and discuss a CDC incentive and 380 Agreement for a retail development including a travel center near FM 2642 and Interstate 30.

Following the secret meeting, the council reconvened the special called joint meeting to take action on agenda items.

The council unanimously agreed to:

- An incentive and agreement to offer tax rebates for the retail development.

- A resolution authorizing the use of EMINENT DOMAIN to acquire a permanent easement and temporary construction easement, land located on the north and south side of Interstate 30, between east and west of Floyd Road and west of Circle Drive, for the furtherance of the construction, maintenance, operation and use of a water line;

- A resolution authorizing the use of EMINENT DOMAIN to acquire a permanent easement and temporary construction easement, land located on the north side of Interstate 30 west of Floyd Road, for the furtherance of the construction, maintenance, operation and use of a sanitary sewer line; and

- Amend the Exhibit of the CCN Transfer Agreement between the City of Royse City and BHP Water Supply, authorizing an additional address to be added for property located at, Lot 9 of the Hill Estates, Hunt County, Royse City.

After the council reconvened to the special called meeting, City Manager proudly announced to the council the retail store was Buc-ee's travel center.

[Publisher's note: all Royse City residents and adversely affected parties can monitor the Rockwall County News to determine whether the city and its representative will be in compliance with state law related to the publication of each required notice.]

## Rockwall County Entertainment

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### History of State Fair to be explored

The history of the State Fair, which began in 1886, will be explored Sept. 11 as part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

### Program slated on Parker Cemetery

Jan Willess Johnson will talk about one of the oldest Rockwall cemeteries, Parker Cemetery, on Oct. 9 as part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, at noon in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. The cemetery is the final resting place for some of the county's earliest settlers, including the Truitt, Hays, Orr, Collins, Parker and Willess families. Lectures are free and open to the public.

### Nov. 13 program to focus on Rayburn

Sam Rayburn, one of Texas' best-known statesmen, will be the focus of the Nov. 13 program, part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

### Rock wall to be revisited

The history of the rock wall and recent developments about the unique underground structure will make up the Dec. 11 program that will be part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

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A true patriot must be a religious man. He who neglects his duty to his Maker may well be expected to be deficient and sincere in his duty towards public.  
 Abigail Adams



Outgoing delegates to the Boys State and Bluebonnet Girls State conference recognized during the 2015 Rockwall American Legion banquet are (from left) Hannah Pritchard, Ian Craig, Will McEvoy, Kenneth Fleetwood, and joined by Retired Brigadier General Thomas Kula.  
 Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect are placed in safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible. For more details, visit lonestarcasa.org or becomeacasa.org or call 972-722-5858.

### Royse City RYLA interviews set

Interviews for the summer camp for RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) are set for Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20. The camp is held from Sun. Aug. 2 through Fri. Aug. 7. For scholarship applications, contact the Royse City HS counselor or Tom Shelton at tomsheltonpd@gmail.com.

### Rockwall's Easter Egg Hunt scheduled

The 12th Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Rockwall will begin at 9:30 a.m. March 28 in Harry Myers Park. Special prize eggs will be featured, as well as a bounce house, petting zoo and photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny. Admission will be free and open to children 0-12 years old.

### RSM plans 'Guys & Dolls' auditions

Auditions for Rockwall Summer Musical's "Guys and Dolls" will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 28, with dance auditions from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, Building B, Room 206, and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. March 29 at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel. Rehearsals begin May 11; performances set June 28. Schedule auditions by calling 214-202-9673 or emailing info@rockwallsummermusicals.org; prepare a one-minute song (16-24 bars). A piano accompanist will be provided. Bring sheet music, theatrical resume and headshot.

### County offices to close April 3

Rockwall County offices will be closed April 3 in observance of Good Friday, according to the county's website.

### Democratic Men to meet April 4

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will host its next meeting beginning at noon April 4 at Napoli Italian Restaurant, 407 S. Gladiol, Rockwall. The group meets at noon 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 of Texas and Rockwall County are invited to participate.

### FOL to host catered lunch April 14

The Friends of the Rockwall County Library will host a program, "What Makes Broadcasting Fun," beginning at 11 a.m. April 14, followed by a catered lunch at noon. Jody Dean, talk show host for KLUV-FM, will be the guest speaker. The public is invited, but because seating is limited reservations are required. Deadline for reservations is 5 p.m. April 7. Cost will be \$16, which will be payable at the door. To make a reservation, contact Leigh Plagens at 972-771-8976 or cplagens65@aol.com. Payment is required unless reservation is cancelled by April 7.

### ADHD Support Group organizing

Families affected by ADHD are invited to participate in the newly formed Rockwall ADHD Support Group, which will meet the second Tuesday of each month beginning April 9. Meetings will run from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Women's League Room, Rockwall County Courthouse. The group, facilitated by local health professionals, will be informal, and participation will be free and open to the public. Follow the Rockwall ADHD Support Group on Facebook, look for @adhdrockwall on Twitter or email adhdrockwall@gmail.com.

### Rockwall ISD to host job fair

The Rockwall Independent School District will host a job fair from 9 a.m. to noon April 18 at Rockwall High School, 901 Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. Job seekers are encouraged to drop by and meet with campus administrators and program directors to find out more information about job opportunities for the 2015-2016 school year. No registration is required. For more information contact the Human Resources Team at humanresources@rockwallisd.org.

### Hazardous Waste Collection Day set April 18

The 15th Annual City of Rockwall Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 18 at the Municipal Service Center, 1600 Airport Rd. Rockwall residents must present a current utility bill or driver's license for proof of residency. Trained workers will unload hazardous waste materials from vehicles. The event will take place rain or shine; do not bring children or pets to collection site. For more details call the Utility Billing Department at 972-771-7736.

### RSM plans auditions for 'West Side Story'

Auditions for Rockwall Summer Musical's "West Side Story" will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 25, with dance auditions from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, Building B, Room 206, and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. April 26 at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel. Rehearsals begin June 29; performances set Aug. 13-16. Arrange auditions by calling 214-202-9673 or emailing info@rockwallsummermusicals.org. Those planning to audition should prepare a one-minute song (16-24 bars). A piano accompanist will be provided; bring sheet music, theatrical resume and headshot.

### Farmers Market to open May 2

The Farmers Market in Rockwall, located on the north side of the courthouse square on Kaufman Street, will open at 8 a.m. May 2. The event will run on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon through Sept. 26, offering locally grown fruits and vegetables, fresh baked goods, organic and pasture-raised meats, seafood and honey.

### Friends of Rockwall County Library to meet

The Friends of the Rockwall County Library will meet May 12. Martha Wilcox will give a program on Wounded Warriors. Also scheduled is the installation of the organization's new officers and the presentation of the Hartman and Celia Hays Awards. The meeting/program will begin at 11 a.m., followed by a catered lunch at noon. The public is invited, but seating will be limited and reservations are required by May 5. To make a reservation, contact Leigh Plagens at 972-771-8976 or cplagens65@aol.com; unless cancelled by 5 p.m. May 5, payment is required.

### County offices to close May 25

Rockwall County offices will be closed May 25 in observance of Memorial Day, according to the county's website.

### Comic Book Camp set

Rockwall Parks & Rec will offer two Comic Book Camp sessions for youngsters ages 8-12 June 15-19 and June 22-26 at The Center. The first session will focus on drawing the superhero; the second will emphasize drawing panels and scenes. Sessions will run from 9 a.m. to noon daily. Fee for week one is \$135 (\$99 for Rockwall residents); week two cost is \$225 (\$149 for Rockwall residents). Fee includes supplies. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.



# Second-ranked Lady Jackets win district opener

by Lary Bump

Emily Cowan pitched a no-hitter Monday as the Rockwall softball team won its first game in District 11-6A, 15-0 over Garland Lakeview Centennial.

Hayley Baker had a double and a triple for the Lady Jackets (8-0-1 overall) at the Campbell Complex. Bailey Wallace, Dani Greenlee and Jocelyn Myers each hit a double for the Texas Girls Coaches Association's second-ranked 6A team in the state.

RHS was scheduled to play at Sachse at 4 p.m. Rockwall also would play at home vs. Rowlett Friday in a district game at 7 p.m. and against non-district opponent Trophy Club Byron Nelson at noon Saturday. On Tuesday, March 24, the Lady Jackets are scheduled to travel to Tyler Lee for a 7 p.m. district game.

BASEBALL: The Jackets (5-3) also won their district opener, 10-0 at North Garland Tuesday afternoon.

Winning pitcher Charlie Hatcher evened his record at 1-1, allowing three hits in five innings. The game ended after six innings because of the 10-run mercy rule.

Trey Ochoa was 3 for 3 – with a single, double, triple and two runs batted in. Rockwall outhit North Garland 12-5.

RHS won one game and lost two last week. They lost Tuesday, March 10, at Dallas Jesuit College Preparatory School, making up the teams' postponed game from the weekend's Jesuit Classic. Ochoa had a double. Will Frizzell was the losing pitcher.

More rain held the Jackets to two games in the Texarkana tournament. Texarkana Texas shut out Rockwall 2-0 Wednesday, but RHS came back later that day to shut out Texarkana Arkansas 3-0. Thursday and Friday's games were rained out.

Texas High out-hit the Jackets 7-4 to give Hatcher his first loss. Winning pitcher Shayne Nance held Arkansas High to two hits. Nick Colacecchi doubled for RHS.

Rockwall is scheduled to play 7 p.m. home games Friday against Lakeview Centennial and Tuesday, March 24, against Garland Naaman Forest.

GIRLS' SOCCER: The Lady Jackets have qualified for the playoffs, and entered the regular season's final week with a chance to win the 11-6A championship.

With two matches remaining, RHS (11-8-1 overall, 9-2-0-1 in the district) had 28 points, two fewer than first-place Sachse (10-2-0-0).

Rockwall was scheduled to play at Tyler Lee Tuesday, and to return

home against Garland for Senior Night at 7:15 p.m. Friday at Wilkerson Sanders Memorial Stadium.

BOYS' SOCCER: The Yellowjackets faced an uphill climb to reach the playoffs.

They entered the week with matches Tuesday at first-place Tyler Lee and Friday (Senior Night) at 7:15 p.m. at Rockwall High School against Garland (2-9-0-0) in the district.

RHS (10-10-1, 5-7 in the district) was tied for fifth place with Lakeview Centennial, a game behind fourth place Rowlett. To reach the fourth playoff qualifying spot, the Jackets would have to finish with a better record than both Rowlett and Lakeview, because both schools hold tiebreaker advantage.

GYMNASTICS: It's a busy week for Rockwall and Rockwall-Heath. At 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Rockwall are scheduled to host the boys' teams from RHHS and Cain Middle School for the Battle for the Rock, while the Lady Hawks would host RHS and Williams for the girls' intracity meet.

On Wednesday and Thursday, March 25 and 26, the district championships are scheduled at Rockwall-Heath.

# Rockwall-Heath Hawks sweep 4 baseball games

Rockwall-Heath's Tyler Ivey shut out Coppell, Texas' seventh-ranked 6A baseball team, to begin a run of four victories at last weekend's Highland Park tournament.

Ivey held the Cowboys, who had won their first six games, to five hits on their home field Thursday. RHHS, ranked fifth in the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association's per-season 5A poll, played errorless defense in the 3-0 win. Clayton Rasbeary led the offense with a triple.

Also on Thursday at Coppell, the Hawks (8-3) defeated The Woodlands 4-2. On Friday at Prosper, Rockwall-Heath ripped Fort Smith, Ark., 12-1. The Hawks finished the rainy weekend by winning 6-1 over Rowlett at Highland Park on Saturday.

Matt Wood was the hitting hero in the final three tournament games, with a triple against both The Woodlands and Fort Smith and two doubles vs. Rowlett.

Colten Maples' double and more flawless defense supported winning pitcher Tyler Pinkston on Thursday against The Woodlands. Pinkston doubled against Fort Smith. Winning pitcher Ryne Randle allowed six hits, with the only run a solo home run by Andrew Barley. Corbin Tatom

was credited with the win against Rowlett.

RHHS was scheduled to open its District 12-5A season Tuesday at West Mesquite. The Hawks also would play Friday at Terrell before the district home opener against North Forney at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24.

The Hawks entered the week ranked second in 5A by TXhighschoolbaseball.com, behind only Humble Atascocita (13-1).

GIRLS' SOCCER: The Lady Hawks had a chance to move into a tie for first place in District 12-5A with a regulation victory at Forney Tuesday. Rockwall-Heath, which has clinched a playoff berth, entered the game with 29 points to 32 for the first-place Lady Rabbits.

RHHS (8-1-2-1 in the district) would earn three points for a regulation win, and would clinch at least second place. The final district game is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. Friday, Senior Night, at home against Terrell. The Bi-District playoff round would begin Thursday, March 26.

BOYS' SOCCER: The Hawks entered their final two 12-5A games in fourth place. They were scheduled to host third-place Forney Tuesday. At 5-4-2-1 in the district, RHHS had 20 points, only one behind Forney's 7-5-0-0 and 21 points.

A regulation win would boost Rockwall-Heath into third entering the final regular-season game Friday at Terrell. A shootout win for the Hawks would leave the teams tied. A loss of any kind would keep RHHS behind the Jackrabbits and in danger of being knocked out of a playoff berth by West Mesquite or Roysse City.

POWERLIFTING: Rockwall-Heath's Lauren Higbee and Katy Shipley will compete in the 165-pound weight class at the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association state championships Friday at the American Bank Center in Corpus Christi.

The Hawks' Josh Scott and Quentin Wooten have qualified at 181 pounds for the Texas High School Powerlifting Association boys' state championships March 28 at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene.

SOFTBALL: Rockwall-Heath won its first district game Monday 9-2 over Mesquite Poteet at the Mesquite Softball Complex. The Lady Hawks supported winning pitcher Cami Duffey with four runs in the third inning and three more in the fourth. Sereniti Gary and Madison Leggett led 15-hit offense with a double and three runs batted in apiece.

In a schedule tightened by rainouts, RHHS were scheduled to play at

# Heritage Christian Eagles look for better things after beating Covenant

The Heritage Christian Academy boys' basketball team defeated The Covenant School of Dallas 35-31 Friday for the Eagles' first TAPPS District 3-3A victory this season.

The HCA girls won twice to improve to 12-6 overall and 7-3 in the district, solidifying their hold on third place with six 3-3A games remaining.

HCA trailed the Covenant boys 25-22 entering the fourth quarter, but Christian Pettit and Joshua Henson each scored four points in the final eight minutes as the Eagles outscored the Knights 13-6.

Pettit finished with 10 points. Brendan Schroepfer led the Eagles (5-14, 1-9) with 11.

They had fallen behind early Tuesday, Jan. 20, in a 55-41 loss to Irving The Highlands School. Schroepfer scored 20 points in that game, and Pettit added 13.

"We have been building to this point for a few games," Eagles head coach Don McEvoy said. "It all came together on Friday night. For the first time all year, we played Eagle basketball for four quarters."

"The captains, Will McEvoy and Lawson Hobbs, have stepped into mentor roles with the younger leaders. Sophs Brendan Schroepfer and Christian Pettit are learning to lead their peers. The final six games should be fun to watch."

HCA's boys aren't likely to make the playoffs, but the Lady Eagles are in good position after defeating The Highlands 51-25 and The Covenant.

Heritage Christian was scheduled to play at McKinney Christian Academy Tuesday, at Trinity Christian Academy-Cedar Hill Saturday and at Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo against Yavneh Academy of Dallas Tuesday, Feb. 3.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Highlands	11	15	9	20	55
HCA boys	6	10	8	17	41

Irving The Highlands School – Jake Tedpaal 19, Patrick Powers 15, Marc Flores 13, Sam Stevenson 4, Stephen Lum 2, Greg Schert 2.

HCA – Brendan Schroepfer 20, Christian Pettit 13, Brendan Cockroft 5, Daniel Rochester 3.

# Bean invited to Cardinals' spring training camp

When Major League Baseball's spring training camps opened, three Rockwall County athletes were working out with big-league teams.

Steve Bean, a 2012 Rockwall graduate, was invited to his first major league spring training with the St. Louis Cardinals as a non-roster invitee.

The county's first two players to reach the majors – outfielder Roger Kieschnick, RHS '05, and the Los Angeles Angels, and right-handed pitcher Drew VerHagen, RHHS '09, with the Detroit Tigers.

Bean, a catcher, played in three games and went 0 for 4 at bat before the Cardinals sent him to their minor league camp on Saturday. He played last season for Peoria of the high Class A Midwest League, and could reach Springfield (Mo.) of the Double-A Texas League this year.

Kieschnick, who played in the majors for the San Francisco Giants in 2013 and for the Arizona Diamondbacks last year, was also a non-roster invitee. He batted .167 in his first nine exhibition games for the Angels.

VerHagen, who made one start for Detroit in 2014, is on the Tigers' 40-man roster. He was 1-0 with a 4.50 earned run average in six innings this spring. VerHagen is expected to begin this season in the starting rotation for the Triple-A Toledo Mud Hens.

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	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Covenant	7	10	8	6	31
HCA boys	8	6	8	13	35

The Covenant School of Dallas – S. Jones 12, D. Magnuson 7, B. Scully 6, T. Wright 4, N. Jones 2.

HCA – Brendan Schroepfer 11, Christian Pettit 10, Joshua Henson 6, Lawson Hobbs 4, Kenneth Fleetwood 2, Daniel Rochester 2.

# Bulldogs win 2 of 3 in Richardson

Roysse City won two of three baseball games in Lake Highlands rain-shortened Jay Higgins Classic last weekend to improve to 4-1 this season.

The Bulldogs still could have a perfect record if not for a stretch of two bad innings Thursday, March 12.

Dallas W.T. White took a 2-0 lead in the first inning at Lake Highlands but RC came back for three fourth-inning runs on singles by Carlos Carrillo, Josh Owen and Mark Trejo; a walk; an error, and a groundout.

The Dawgs appeared to be out of the top of the fifth when a Longhorn struck out with two outs. However, the batter reached base on the dropped third strike and a throwing error. White scored three unearned runs that inning and two more in the sixth to win 7-3.

Dillon Carter doubled for Roysse City. Ben Yelverton was the losing pitcher.

Later Thursday, RC scored five runs in the second inning and three in the third to defeat host Lake Highlands 9-1.

As the leadoff batter, Owen went 1 for 2 with a two-run single, and scored twice after being hit by pitches. Winning pitcher Isaiah Moser struck out six Wildcats in five innings while allowing just three hits. Lake Highlands' only run was on Hunter Punjak's fourth-inning home run.

On Saturday at Richardson Berkner, the Bulldogs won 4-2 over Berkner. They had four hits to the Rams' two, and committed no errors.

RC was scheduled to begin its District 12-5A schedule Tuesday at Forney. The Bulldogs would return home for games Friday against North Forney and Tuesday, March 24, vs. South Garland.

BOYS' SOCCER: The Bulldogs entered the season's final week almost having to win both remaining matches to qualify for District 12-5A fourth and final playoff berth.

RC (4-5-1-2 in the district) was sixth with 16 points, behind Tuesday's opponent, West Mesquite (5-5-1-1, 18 points). A win would put the Dawgs ahead of the Wranglers, but Roysse City would probably have to win also at Forney (7-5-0-0, 21) to have a chance at the postseason.

GIRLS' SOCCER: Roysse City (5-2-4-2) has qualified for the playoffs, holding third place going into the Lady Bulldogs' final regular-season match at home against Forney at 7:15 p.m. Friday for Senior Night.

RC defeated West Mesquite 1-0 in a shootout Monday to move two points ahead of fourth-place Mesquite Poteet, which had two matches remaining. The playoff Bi-District round is scheduled for next weekend.

SOFTBALL: The Lady Bulldogs were scheduled to play at home Monday against North Forney against Mesquite Poteet at 7 p.m. Friday at the Mesquite Softball Complex, and back home at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, vs. Terrell.

TRACK AND FIELD: The Roysse City girls are scheduled to compete in the Avon Rice Relay at Emory Rains Thursday and at Sunnyvale's Raider Relay Thursday, March 26.

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