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etails, contact the City of Rockwall's Parks & Recreation t 972-772-7761.

information on water conservation, visit rockwall.com/



ipating in the grand opening ceremony for the new alth Rockwall Emergency Room in North Rockwall left) Kirte Kinser (Governing Board President), Tami (VPPatient Care Servies/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 ervice ER facility is located on Lakeshore Drive at SH

h Goliad).
courtesy/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

## **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.

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, offroad 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 I-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 (hablamos Español) 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.



## Spring Cleaning event surprises Royse City officials

by Millie Jean Coppedge

The new Royse 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 Royse 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

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



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entire weekend, followed by a weekday spent by city workers in the

Steak us Out!

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 membersonly service projects supporting Helping Hands;

 Invitations to Helping networking Hands annual events with business leaders and (Continued on Page 3)



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Meg LeAnn Reynolds and Joshua Steward

## Reynolds, Stewart plan July ceremon

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Reynolds of Rockwall are proud to ann engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Meg L Joshua Steward, son of Noel and Stacy Steward of Rockwall. The bride-elect is a May 2013 graduate of the University of Austin.

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

A July wedding is being planned.

## I-30 frontage road traffic changes detail

Conversion of the I-30 frontage roads to one-way operation FM 551 and FM 548 is underway, according to a Texas Depart 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 w permanent one-way operation.

Joyce Jackson and her Son Charlie Roach

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Brandon and Allyson M of Royse City are p announce the birth daughter, Macklynn Joy at 5:32 a.m. May 20, Rockwall Presbyterian.

The infant weighed 6 9 ounces at was 20 inche birth.

Grandparents are M Nancy Fonfara of and Ron and Teresa McO Nashville, Tenn.





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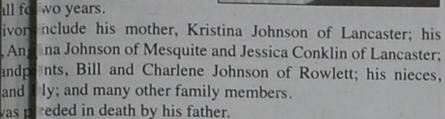
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#### Todd Zachary Fitzgerald

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#### **Taylor Nicole Howry**

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DeJa itt) Howry. ivor include her mother, of Rockwall; her Wanda DeJarnatt of r and r. and Mrs. Jack Howry

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re proud was r ceded in death by her father, her grandfather, Bob DeJarnatt,

d of Rocks famil has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the he Universifibre is Foundation at eff.org.

### Im laude a ch wall County Entertainment

#### Teen Read underway at county library

Teen ead program, open to teens in grades 5 to 12 (completed), v und way. Prizes will be awarded to each teen who completes r first eading log. Additionally, participation in each Teen Read all event ounts as two hours on the reading log. Watch the Rockwall Moving Colors conducted Aug. 12. y Ne s for information on upcoming events. All logs must be

ving Clors will provide a rhythm and dance concert beginning -way open 0 p.m June 20 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake a Texas' orga zed by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department. mothy Green' planned for Family Fun Night

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

Johnny Cash tribute concert planned Line, a Johnny Cash tribute band, will perform beginning June 27 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake

zed by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department. adagascar 3' planned for Family Fun Night

"Madagascar 3" will be featured at the Family Fun Night rchas une 28. Activities and games will begin at 6 p.m., with the et to art at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glow sticks will ailable or purchase.

#### Teen Art Project offered at library

Rod all County Library, as part of its Teen Read program, will Own e Night Teen Art Project on July 2. In-person registration is red at will begin June 18 at the Teen SRC table at the library.

'amily Fun Night to feature 'Dolphin Tale'

mov "Dolphin Tale" will be featured at the Family Fun Night at pry R ge on July 5. Activities and games will begin at 6 p.m., with Im set) start at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glow sticks be avaible for purchase.

#### Special Effects 101 offered at library

Roc /all County Library, as part of its Teen Read program, will Effects 101, a hands-on workshop, on July 9. Artist Shelly and Alber wil teach participants how to simulate cuts, bruises and more. City groon gistration is required at the Teen SRC table at the library; the bitration egins June 25.

Chinatown to play pop concert May inato will perform pop music beginning at 7:30 p.m. July 11 at esbyter Harboas part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the

#### weight of Ro wall's Parks & Rec Department. Final Family Fun Night set

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#### Terestorn, saw cones and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

Teen Movie Matinee offered at library e Roc vall County Library, as part of its Teen Read program, will a Tee Movie Matinee beginning at 2 p.m. July 16. The movie will

### Harry otter and the Deathly Hallows, Part II."

Texas beach music show set nna's eef will offer Texas beach-type music beginning at 7:30 July at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series nized the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

#### Mosaic Art workshop planned for teens

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danth pists, including its Executive Director Breakfast; nvitations to social events, including the annual members-

Discounted ticket prices and invitations to members-only s, such as Helping Hands day at Hawaiian Falls; Opportunities for volunteers with more than 100 hours of

ceive the Presidential Service Award. re about the new Community Circle by attending the 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-greatgrandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

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

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 Royse City and a graduate of Royse 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 Royse 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** 

The Rockwall Community Playhouse is bringing zombies to town this

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.

Runners are encouraged to dress as zombies, and there will be a prize

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for best costume. Although the 5K race is not timed, the top three runners

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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

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**Ask Dr. Danette** 

by Danette McNew, D.D.S.

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## Business owner addresses Royse City Counc

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 unan-

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 attraction for the Main Street Rail Car Project. She said to would include locating a true-era railcar and possibly perma ing it on the unused railroad tracks between Charles Grocery lumber yard. It would become part of the historical atmos Royse City Zaner Robinson Historical Museum, the Old I the house at 107 N. Houston built in 1882, which was the h Royse, the namesake of the town.

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

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

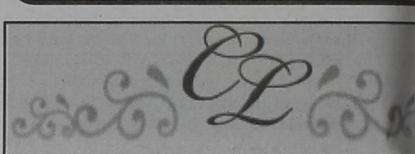


Larry Lott, executive director of the Royse City Com Development Corporation, spoke to the City Council J concerning a financial incentive for a new Royse City b Pictured from the left are Carl Alsabrook, city manage Jason Day, city attorney, listening to the proposal project bring more business to the downtown district.

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There also will be a one-mile walk for those who enjoy a more leisurely pace.

Entertainment will be provided by the cast of RCP's teen summer musical "Zombie Prom," which is scheduled to be staged July 26-Aug. 11.

"Zombie Prom" is being directed by Dane Hoffman, who last appeared on the RCP stage as Bumble in "Oliver." The musical, a light-hearted takeoff on the Shakespearean classic "Romeo and Juliet," is set in a high school in the 1950s.

The race will serve as a capital campaign fundraiser for RCP's new 300-seat facility, which will be located on seven acres of land on Airport Highway. RCP currently stages seven shows a year in a former church building at 609 E. Rusk, two blocks from downtown Rockwall.

"The new theatre will have a 60-foot stage and a large area for costumes and props," RCP board member Judy Perser said. "There will be a fly space, so we will have room for nice backdrops. And we will have a state-of-the-art sound and lights system. The new lights will use less energy and will put out less heat. If anyone wants to give us a bunch of money, we'd be happy to feature his or her name prominently on the theatre."

The deadline for Zombie Glow Fun Run pre-registration (\$25 for the 5K and \$15 for the walk) is July 12. Registration forms, as well as show tickets, can be found at rockwallcommunityplayhouse. Corporate sponsorships for the run are still available.

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House Bill 915, authored by Rep. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, and sponsored by Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, was drafted in response to concerns of child advocates and judges that the foster care system relies too heavily on medication to manage the behavior of children in foster care.

"CASA volunteers consistently report that medications are used in the child welfare system, sometimes at dangerous levels, to manage children's behavior while they are in foster care instead of providing the trauma-informed treatments children need to heal from abuse and neglect and be-

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'Zombie Prom' auditions slated

The Rockwall Community Playhouse will offer performances of "Zombie Prom," a "campy, rollicking musical with a visit to the atomic age of America and the golden age of sci-fi horror," July 26, 27 and 28 and Aug. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11.

'ParaNorman' screening set at library

A screening of the film "ParaNorman" will be offered as part of the Rockwall County Library's Teen Read program beginning at 2 p.m. July

Blaze of Glory to give Bon Jovi tribute

Blaze of Glory, a Bon Jovi tribute band, will perform beginning at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 1 at The Harbor as the final portion of the Concert by the Lake series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

Iron Chef Challenge planned

The Iron Chef Challenge, a fundraising event for the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County, will run from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 10 at the South Fork Ranch. Teams of 10 will be matched with an experienced chef who will help create culinary masterpieces; teams will compete against other teams comprised of

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corporate, civic and community leaders. The final dishes will be ranked, with the ultimate award, the Golden Ladle, being presented by celebrity judges. Other awards also will be given. For more details contact Misti Potter at misti7@ verizon.net or call 972-722-2462.

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#### Open invitation to attend event for Rock County Hispanic Republican Club

June 21, 2013 marks an important milestone for Rockwall Republicans.

On Friday, June 21, the leadership core of the Rockwall Hispanic Republican Club will join with elected officials and the new Rockwall County Courthouse at noon.

There, Rockwall County GOP leaders will welcome the new co-laborers in the fight to preserve the Constitution and princ which our nation was founded.

Hispanics are 38.1% of our Texas popuation (http://quickfach gov/qfd/states/480000.html), more than twice the national and

With respect to conservative values, Hispanics are proindividual responsibility, pro-rule of law and pro-liberty. Rockwall County District Attorney Kenda Culpepper will be

this event, probably in one of the courtrooms. Congressman Ralph Hall, State Senator Bob Deuell, State representation Scott Turner, Rockwall GOP Executive Committee Chriman To

and other prominent Republican leaders are invited, as well. To date, Senator Deuell has confirmed he will be with us. This event will be a photo-op for the press and for posterity mind that however you dress will be seen for more than 100 ve

Please arrive shortly before noon to go through the front-door's

Someone will meet you in the first floor lobby and direct you destination. Yes, your cameras are welcome. Family members, former teachers and others significant to me

this new club are welcome as spectators. The press and mayors of all our member cities are invited to pr

in this historic event. With any questions or comments, you are welcome to call-

phone anytime: 972-897-0161.

Thank you, John White

## The Texas constitution and statutes agree that the people are free (Part

by Timothy W. Burnett

It is popularly believed that all people are required to voluntarily assist government officers in unwarranted and unreasonable searches of their

Amazingly, people generally take proud in helping others search them.

They line up at the entrances of government buildings and airport gates, and take turns getting the shakedown treatment.

Of course people can be heard complaining about the inconvenience of pulling off shoes, cleaning out pockets, watching things being pulled from bags, getting the wand, and even strip searched without taking off clothes in the radiating full body scanner machine.

Some will take a moment to briefly question the process of groping clothed bodies.

But the mere fact that unwarranted searches take place largely goes unchallenged, with few exceptions.

Unwarranted and unreasonable searches are not uncommon in the local communities, including Rockwall County.

#### State of Texas v. David Swingle

On September 3, 2005, David Swingle of Rowlett was arrested for 3rd degree felony possession of a controlled substance while at Robertson

Swingle was convicted and sentenced to a three-year prison term on March 19, 2013 by the 382 District Court in Rockwall County.

At first glance it would appear the government officers did a good thing for all Texans. They caught someone with drugs, arrested, convicted and imprisoned

him. The details would not matter. It would only matter that our state was cleansed of another drug possessor for about three years.

Or does it matter? The transcript of the Motion to Suppress Evidence Hearing reveals extremely important details concerning the encounter between the

Department of Public Safety Troopers and Mr. Swingle. As was routine, the Troopers drove into Robertson Park. It was about 11:30 p.m.

They saw a man standing in the park, with his car parked nearby.

During the suppression hearing, both Troopers admitted that they did not see the man committing any crimes, or doing anything that would cause them to reasonably believe that a crime was committed or a crime was going to be committed. The Troopers also admitted that the park was not scheduled to close until 12 a.m.

This information alone should have been enough to close the matter and release the defendant.

On its face, there was no reasonable justification for the DPS Troopers to make any contact with Mr. Swingle. The Troopers got out of the car and approached Swingle on foot. One

of the Troopers began to ask Swingle what he was doing.

For all practical purposes, from this point on, a search is considered to have begun.

Mr. Swingle answered that he had been flying a kite.

After hearing this, the other Trooper walked over to the parked car and began to shine a flashlight inside the car. According to the transcript, the Trooper did not believe Swingle's answer

and decided to look around in the car with the help of a flashlight. During the flashlight fishing trip, the Trooper allegedly identified a

plastic zip lock baggy in the car between an ice chest and the back of the The same Trooper returned to his partner who was questioning Swing

and gave a non-verbal gesture suggesting that he might want to search

During the official search inside the car, the assisting officer had to prompt the lead officer into seeing the baggy with white powder.

The hearing focused on the question of whether the evidence was seen in "plain view" during the flashlight fishing trip.

At no time during the hearing, were the troopers strongly questioned and scrutinized for stopping and questioning Mr. Swingle in the first

place, and for initiating the flashlight fishing trip search. You see, the lead Trooper admitted that Mr. Swingle was not in his custody and that he was not required to answer the questions or even continue to speak with him.

Mr. Swingle was in fact free to provide a fictitious answer to the entering the Rockwall County Government Center on October Trooper's initial question without being searched or arrested.

According to the Rockwall County Judicial records, the case is currently on appeal.

#### **Unwarranted searches in County Courthouse**

Of all the government buildings, the county courthouse should be the easiest to freely access. But this is not the case in most Texas counties.

This writer entered the Rockwall County Courthouse a few times for research, and learned that there is a price for not voluntarily assisting the Sheriff Deputy guard in unwarranted searches. It's important to understand that there is no law that requires any person

to be searched as a condition for entering the county courthouse. Nor is there a law that requires any government officer to search people who are entering the building. The writer entered the building without initiating any search assistance

such as cleaning out his pockets or stopping where the guard was standing.

He passed by the guard and continued to his destination as a free

After about the third time during a period of several months, the Deputy ordered him to stop and clean out his pockets. This writer politely asked if he was in the Deputy's custody and if he was currently being searched.

The Deputy strongly informed him that people could not be walking into the courthouse as if they owned it. He further explained that if he did not want to be searched, he should not be coming into the building.

Where did this Deputy and the above referenced DPS Troopers learn to think this way?

They didn't learn it from the Texas Constitution.

Article 1, Section 9 of the Constitution reads, "The people shall be secure in their persons, houses, papers and possessions, from all unreasonable seizures or searches, and no warrant to search any place, or to seize any person or thing, shall issue without describing them as near as may be, nor without probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation." Gibson v. State of Texas

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In a November 2, 2011 memorandum to Rockwall County District Attorney Kenda Culpepper, Jeffrey W. Shell explained the warrantless searches based on magnetometers readings are justified in accordance with the Texas Supreme Court ruling in Gibson v. State (921 S.W.2d 747).

response to a series of questions this writer sent to Rockwall County Judge Jerry Hogan on October 6, 2011.

In short, it was concluded that warning light or signal.

The memo further cited constitution.

"reasonableness standard" by stating, "Here, the metal detector search performed on Mr. Burnett,

a search performed without a warrant. See Gibson ... However Gibson Court held, "the federal constitution does not forbid sear seizures; it forbids only those that are unreasonable."

The memo briefly explained the search was reasonable if the go body determines there is a security issue justifying warrantless While the memo offered justification for the use of a magnetic did not explain the justification for warrantless searches.

The biggest errors in the memo's explanation was its omission right of the people to freely keep and bear arms and its weak just for warrantless searches.

The D.A. and Supreme Court missed the simple fact that the the Sheriff, police and Homeland Security guards to keep and be is founded upon the right of the people to do the same. If the people have the right to keep and bear arms, then the gu

no more and no less rights than the people, and are also free to

The problem rests on the County's decision to restrict the pay entering the county building while keeping and bearing arms persons.

Even if we allowed for the restriction against weapons, the can only justify utilizing a metal detector for basic security that allow the guards to take notes when the detector detects someone. But, it cannot reasonably justify implementing wa searches as a condition for entry.

Interestingly, the memo stated that the D.A.'s office was a determine when the County Commissioner's Court voted to in warrantless searches.

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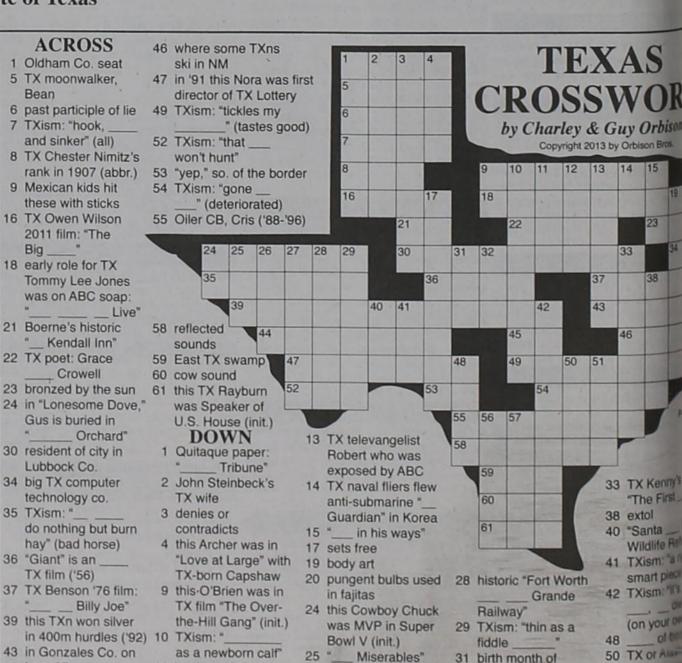
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who brought a winning basketball culture to RHS, and top y Reeves both left after the 2012-13 season.

of the program's success showed itself, though, when the Kasie Brewer, who had left a year earlier after five highly sons as Rockwall's junior varsity coach.

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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? "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."

While finishing her contract at Horn this spring, Brewer spent half-

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.

Brewer played multiple sports at Honey Grove High School and moved on to play NCAA Division I basketball at McNeese State, where she graduated in 2004. As Kasie Cummins, she did not miss a free throw during her final two seasons for the Cowgirls.

After college, Brewer took a coaching job at Royse City. That's where she met Rodney Webb, who was the Bulldogs' head football coach. When she went to Horn, Webb was the coach there. Just weeks before Brewer agreed to return to RHS, Webb had been named the Yellowjackets' new coach.

"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 Royse 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.

That's where there might be a change. McDill's three sons and infant daughter were fixtures at Lady Jackets basketball games. Kasie 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."

#### Fulton's Cleveland signs with Oklahoma Wesleyan basketball

by Lary Bump

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

"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

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

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."

Before agreeing to sign with OKWU, Cleveland had interest from still are needed. Dallas Baptist, Southwest Assemblies of God, Arkansas Tech, Eastern Kentucky and Eastern Oregon. He said, "I didn't want to go far away. I think I have a really good opportunity to compete for one of three spots on the varsity. I think I fit in real well."

That won't be easy. The Eagles - who won the NAIA Division II National Championship in 2009 – were 23-10 last season.

But not impossible, according to Beard.

"We have four starters coming back, and it's hard for freshmen at our level to start. We need guys who can develop. We'll bring him in as a role player, probably more of a shooting guard. We like his ability to know the game. He's not going to force things."

Cleveland indicated he was up to the challenge.

"I knew it was my last chance this year, so I decided to go all out to

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

He had played varsity basketball at Rockwall-Heath before transferring to Fulton as a junior. Cleveland said he intends 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 Tourney 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



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