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## Goodman: Navy service was 'exciting, dangerous'



L.C. Goodman, Jr.

L.C. Goodman Jr., a 90-year-old resident of Emeritus-Summer Ridge Assisted Living, served as a Navy pilot in World War II and was involved in many missions he described as "exciting" and "dangerous."

A native of Chandler, Okla., Goodman received his wings at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla., prior to being transferred to the Pacific.

"It was the most exciting and stressful time of my life," he said. "I piloted a Lockheed Hudson that was operated by a crew of six. I remember us flying through a very bad storm once. That was really hairy. We didn't know how strong of a storm it was until we reached the eye of it, and it became obvious that we were flying through a typhoon."

Goodman said he remembers bombing many Japanese strongholds during his military service.

"On a mission over Zamboanga in the Philippines we encountered very heavy ground fire," he said. "I was so scared, feeling bullets striking my pilot's seat, but not making it through to my body. One of the engines took a hit, but continued to function. Worst of all my radioman was hit, but he survived his injuries. That plane was really tough... It looked like a sieve after we landed."

Goodman, who said he was honored to meet Charles Lindberg while stationed in Guadalcanal, said he still misses the camaraderie that he shared with his fellow servicemen.



John and Billy Jean Hooper Willbanks of Colleyville visited the Royse City Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 25, to care for a family plot. His family members buried at the cemetery include his grandparents, Jas and Jennette Willbanks; his parents, Zack and Lillie Willbanks; and his mother's brother, Martin, who died in 1914 at the age of 33 from pneumonia. His parents came to Royse City shortly after they married in 1903 in Morgan Mill, Tenn. After farming locally for two years, the couple moved to House, N.M., in a covered wagon, homesteading there on a stake of 160 acres. A few years later, the family returned to the Royse City area where they farmed for a while before moving to Lubbock, where John, the couple's last child, was born in 1929. John Willbanks plans to be buried in the Royse City Cemetery.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## Patriot PAWS conducts training for service dogs

It was a big day for four energetic young boys invited by the Patriot PAWS to come and work with the service

dogs. They were taught how to treat the dogs and work to socialize the animals. They played fetch games and learned how to give commands, offering treats upon the dogs' performance.

One of the boys was only 9 weeks old. The boys said they were thrilled to see how obedient, happy and playful the service dogs were, and yet learned how these special dogs would impact many disabled veterans' lives in the

community. Patriot PAWS is a non-profit organization formed in February 2006 by Lori Stevens after she was approached by a group of veterans who expressed the need for service dogs for disabled veterans. In 2008, Patriot PAWS partnered with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to assist in the training of the dogs.

The dogs are carefully screened before being entrusted with the valuable animals, taught how to work with people and to help up their skills for six months, then they go to the inmates of the prison to complete the final training of the dogs.

There are currently 41 dogs being trained.

The training costs an average of \$25,000 to provide training and care and takes an average of 18 months to two years to train the dogs. There are currently 52 veterans on the waiting list and the average wait time to receive a dog is 18 months.

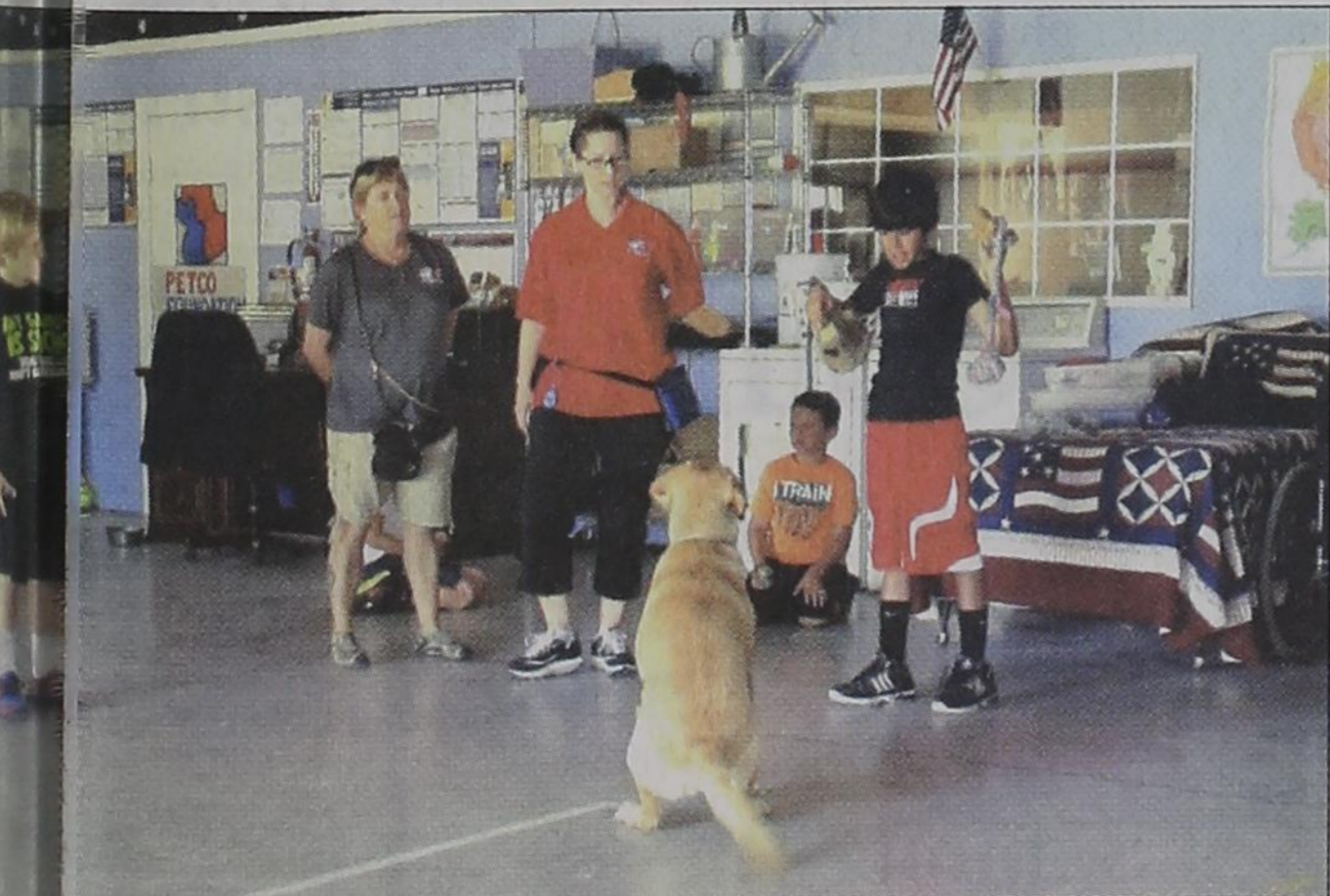
One of the happy raisers present Friday was Jana Kovar. She said all the dogs go home every night with the raisers/owners.

"I take them everywhere we go -- to the grocery store, the beauty shop, restaurants, etc., just like they will do if they are awarded to a disabled veteran.

"It is so sweet," she said. "After six months of training, each dog goes to the prison to complete his training. I have one today but me is giving up their dog as they have completed the six months. I haven't had mine six months yet. It is hard to give them up, but is a mindset when they receive one, that they will have to return their dog to the raiser, knowing a most deserving veteran will give him a good home."

Patriot PAWS gives service dogs to the veterans at no cost to the veterans, but because of the expense of getting the dogs trained and awarded to the veterans, the organization needs help. Patriot PAWS is in the process of applying for a grant to have its own place to train these dogs and veterans. One of the requirements for the grant is to have a couple of acres to have the building built. Anyone interested in helping out in this area should contact Patriot PAWS at 972-772-3282.

For more information on helping a veteran get a "partner for life," visit patriotpaws.org, call 972-772-3282 or visit Patriot PAWS location at 254 Ranch Trail, Rockwall.



Valarie Fry, Patriot PAWS trainer, is shown giving instructions on how to give commands to Star, a service dog in training. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## DPS Most Wanted fugitive nabbed in Rockwall

Andrew Michael McArter, 29, a Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive, was arrested in Rockwall on May 30, according to a press release from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

McArter was wanted for parole violation and larceny and now faces an additional drug charge. He has a lengthy criminal history, including possessing/transporting anhydrous ammonia, assault causing bodily injury, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, and resisting/evading arrest. In 2000, he was linked with 17 burglaries, which led to an engaging in organized criminal activity conviction.

Agents from the DPS Criminal Investigations Division and the U.S. Marshals Joint East Texas Fugitive Task Force surrounded the truck he was riding in as he arrived at a residence in Rockwall.

McArter, a confirmed gang member of the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas, was transported to the Rockwall County Jail after being arrested. The Grayson County Sheriff's Office and the McKinney, Denton and Rockwall Police Departments assisted in the apprehension.

Since no tip from the public was involved, no reward will be paid.



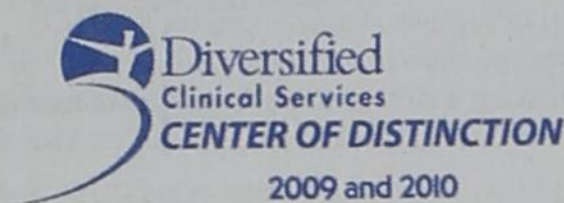
Boats prepare for the start back and forth perpendicular to the starting line as the boats have both sails up but loosely sheeted, Sunday May 27, during the Chandler's Landing Dam Series. Winds were strong at 18knts as can be seen by the obvious boats speed as they jockey for position. The lead boat is Three Sheets to the Wind/Hunter35/Roy and Kathy Kuipers of Chandlers Landing. The second boat is Joint Venture/Catalina27/owned and skippered by Keelan Manuel of Dallas.

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## Heflin, Dale plan to marry in July

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Heflin of Heath are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Erin Elizabeth Heflin, to Russell William Dale, son of Dr. and Mrs. Chuck Dale of Heath.

The bride-elect and prospective bridegroom both attended Rockwall schools.

The bride-elect manages the family business in Rockwall, while Dale works internationally in the oil and gas service industry, commuting to Africa.

A July 2012 wedding in Heath is planned.



Nick Srygley, a junior at Rockwall-Heath High School, earned the rank of Eagle Scout on March 20. He began as a Cub Scout at Nebbie Williams Elementary School and completed his journey to Eagle with Boy Scout Troop 421 at Lakeshore Church in Rockwall. Candidates for Eagle Scout must plan and lead a project for the benefit of their community. Srygley's project was to build a raised-bed display area for the Discovery Garden in Rockwall County. Srygley's grandparents, Jim and Barbara Allan of Rockwall and Jim and Judy Srygley of Fate, are proud of his accomplishment. Nick is the son of Linsley and Don Srygley of Rockwall.

*Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News*



Members of Rockwall's oldest women's organization, the Friday Study Club, met recently at the home of Joyce Summers. Pictured are co-hostesses Barbara Wardlaw and Dona Gene Gardenhire. The program, entitled Come with Me, was presented by Patsy Stodhill, who related poems and stories about trips, both real and imaginary.

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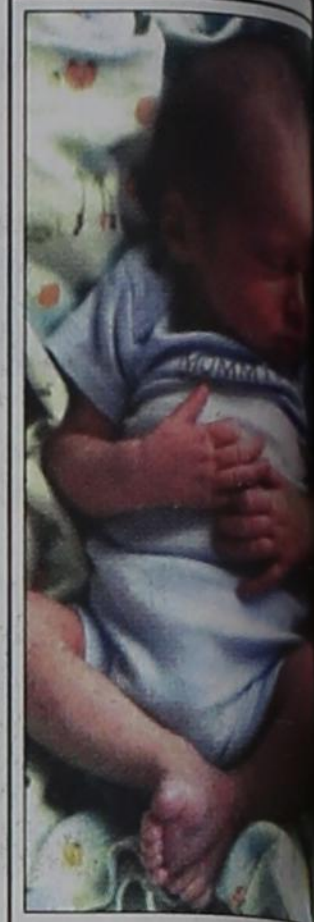
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Maxine Harber with her son Les and his wife Karylle Harber.

## Births



Ottie Gus Seeger and Marie Seeger are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Kolt Reed Seeger, at 10:20 a.m. on May 26, 2012, at Lake Pointe Medical Center. The infant was 6.2 pounds and 19 inches long at birth. Maternal grandparents are Tim and Glo Seeger of Heath and Charlann Bresk of Heath are paternal grandparents.

## Faulkner Bantecil welcome baby girl

Stephen Bryan Faulkner and Marivic Inso Bantecil are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Samantha Bantecil, on May 30, 2012, in Mesquite. The infant weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces at birth.

Grandparents are Mary and Dennis R. Faulkner and Raymond P. Faulkner, Inso Bantecil, Manual Bantecil and Rebecca Inso Bantecil.

## Hester-Gomez family welcomes daughter

Ashley Nicole Hester and Palma Gomez of Dallas are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Noemi Palma, on May 26, 2012, at Lake Pointe Hospital. The infant weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces at birth.

She was welcomed home by siblings Destiny Paige and Mason Joel Hester and Nicole Hester.

Grandparents are Elizabeth and Roger Aikman of Dallas, Juana Palma Gomez and Palma Cardenas of Dallas. Grandparents are Melania Urbe, Salvador Gomez, Paulina Cardenas Silva, Palma Gonzales, Merrell Gladys Aikman, Barbara and Ignacio Rivera.

## Heath returns to Stage 2 restrictions

The City of Heath's restrictions returned to Stage 2 conservation measures on June 1, according to a city release.

The municipality's customers now may water lawns and landscapes no more than once per week on the following schedule:

- Odd addresses: water on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from midnight to 6 a.m. and evenings from 6 p.m. to midnight
- Even addresses: water on Wednesday and Friday mornings from midnight to 6 a.m. and evenings from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Soaker hoses and drip irrigation systems may be used for up to 15 hours on any day in order to protect foundations and trees.

Stage 2 restrictions are in effect according to the news release. Violations could result in fines up to \$2,000.

For more details and tips on water conservation visit ntmwd.com

# Class of 2012 Valedictorians and Salutatorians

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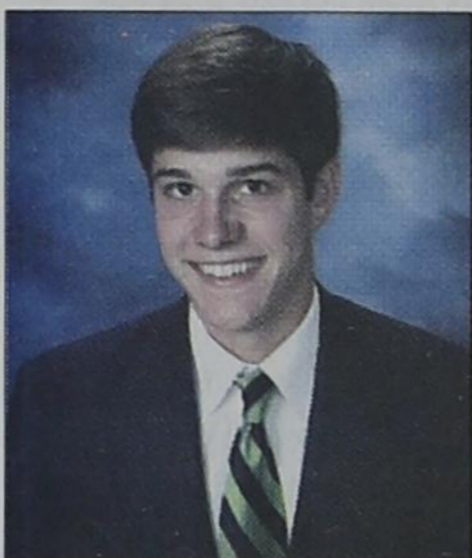
The 2012 valedictorian for Roys City High School is Megan Bailey. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Interact and RGS Band. She played soccer and was a member of CTN Broadcasting team and the Television Network. She attended Texas A&M University where she plans to be a Bachelor of sciences degree. Megan will attend medical school to become a doctor. She is the daughter of Keith and Julie Frandorfer.



Anthony Sathyam Wickham has been named the salutatorian for the Rockwall High School Class of 2012. His twin brother, Andrew, is salutatorian. In the fall he will attend the University of Texas at Austin majoring in computer science. Anthony participated in robotics and band while at RHS and said he will miss his friends and family when he leaves for Austin. The best advice Anthony said he has received is, "Do or do not. There is no try." - Yoda.



The Rockwall-Heath High School Class of 2012 valedictorian is Jeff Stewart Bookhout. He will attend Texas A&M University in College Station in the fall. He will study biomedical engineering. Bookhout said he is most looking forward to being a part of the tradition and culture within Texas A&M, surrounded by fellow, friendly Aggies. The best advice he has received was from his father, Jimbo Bookhout, "Act your age, not your shoe size."



J. Blake Dwyer has been named salutatorian for the Rockwall-Heath High School Class of 2012. Blake will next study economics at Duke University in Durham, N.C. At Duke, he said he is most looking forward to the opportunity to explore academically and have more freedom when choosing his classes. "The best advice I received was from my mom," he said, "when she told me to work my very hardest because I never want to look back and think, 'What if?'"

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The 2012-2013 eighth grade cheerleaders for J.W. Williams Middle School cheered on the runners at the Memorial Day Patriot Run. Pictured are Megan Elsey, Laney Tiger, Stephanie Cole, Camryn Loggains, Alyssa Ryan, Alicia Castricone, Brooklyn Reynolds Nyna Berger, Rae Leigh Bradbury, Mallory Cothran, Madison Thompson, Alexis Bailey, Ainsley Baker, Lydia King, Sidney Weidenbach and Trystin Cavaness. The girls met at 7 a.m. at the RISD Administration Building to make sure they were there for the earliest runners, then headed to John King Boulevard to boost the runners as they made their way to the trek's end. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



The 2012 salutatorian for Roys City High School is Christina Bantecil. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council. She participates in the RCHS Band and in Line, varsity tennis, RCTV weekly show and football game team, and One Act Play. Christina has been accepted at University of Dallas to study the pre-med field. After college plans to attend medical school graduating as a specialized nurse practitioner. She is the daughter of Noemi Palmieri and Barbara Barsoum.

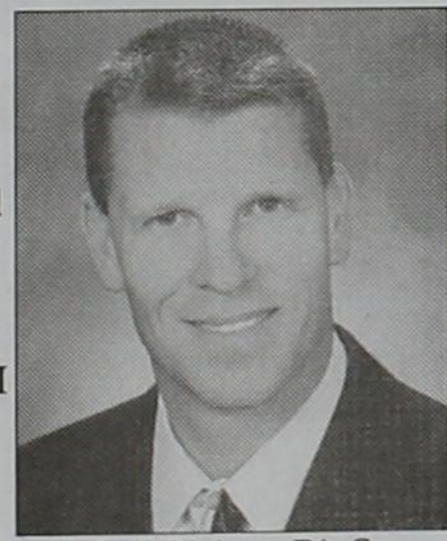
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## Casey Norris makes F-H Dean's List

Casey Norris of Rockwall, a sophomore theatre performance major at Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Tenn., was named to the university's Dean's List for the spring semester, according to a university news release. To be included on the Dean's List a student must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.40 for the semester and be a full-time student.

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# On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

## Jesus Christ prayed with an honest heart

Following Jesus' walk with his disciples they stopped at a place known as Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36 and Mark 14:32). The record in Luke 22:40 says they stopped at the "mount of Olives". It appears that Gethsemane was the location of an Olive garden which probably included an Olive press (see The Companion Bible with Bullinger's notes for verse 40). According to John 18:1, they first crossed over a brook called Cedron. When they stopped Jesus told his disciples to pray so that they might not enter into temptation, and then he separated himself from them a short distance away. He then kneeled down to pray (Luke 22:40-41).

The records of Mark 14:32-33 and Matthew 26:36-37 seem to refer to the same event. Jesus told his disciples to sit at a certain spot while he prayed. He took with him Peter, James and John. The record shows that Jesus began to be sorely amazed and very heavy or weighted down with depression. He said, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death. Tarry here and watch" (Mark 14:34 and Matthew 26:38). He went a little farther away and "fell on his face" praying, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." The record in Matthew 26:39-44 reveals that he made the same request to his Father three different times.

Each time he returned to find his disciples asleep. In Mark 14:35-38 we learn that his prayer was basically to not have to endure what was to come. After his first prayer he found his disciples sleeping and said to Peter, "You're sleeping? Couldn't you watch one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak."

Turning to Luke 22:43-44 we find that after his first prayer an angel appeared to him from heaven and strengthened him. While in extreme agony he prayed even more earnestly. His sweat poured out like great drops of blood. The reference to great drops of blood was very likely a figure of speech emphasizing the greatness of his agony. Jesus was about to face the most difficult time of his life. He felt extreme agony and depression. Look at his response to the feelings. He prayed to his Father. With an honest heart he asked if it might be possible to by-pass what was coming. He was checking to see if there was any other way. He then finished by meekly saying, "not as I will, but as you will."

What a fantastic example of prayer! Jesus was feeling very weak and vulnerable. When we feel agonized and depressed about something, we can go to God with an honest heart, and make our specific requests known to Him. God's word teaches us to "be anxious for nothing. But in everything by prayer and supplication let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6-7). The end result is a peaceful heart. It's written in God's word, "Be still and know that I am God..." (Psalm 46:10). Out of haste, Jesus Christ could have decided to not go through the whole painful process. Instead, he stayed focused on God's promise of glory. In the name of Jesus Christ, let's pray with an honest heart, and with the confidence that God is able to faithfully back His word for us.

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# Rockwall County Entertainment

## Johnny Cash tribute set June 14

Walkin' the Line will deliver a Johnny Cash tribute at the June 14 by the Lake performance. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

## CSNY tribute scheduled

The band 4 Way Street will provide a Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young at the June 21 Concert by the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

## Journey tribute slated June 28

A tribute to the band Journey will be offered by Escape on June 28 Concert by the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

## Random Axis to perform

Random Axis will perform July 5, providing a variety of music styles first Concert by the Lake event of July. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

## 1980s music to be featured July 12

Live 80 will serve up its blend of 1980s hits at the July 12 Concert by the Lake performance. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

## The Rub set for July 19

The Rub will perform urban blues tunes at the July 19 Concert by the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

## Vaughn tribute to close series

A tribute to the late Stevie Ray Vaughn, performed by Voodoo Blue, will close this year's Concert by the Lake series on July 26. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

## Orchestra concert set Sept. 1

The Greater Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra Concert is set for Sept. 1 at The Harbor Bandshell. Rockwall MusicFest invites the community to this free performance. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com.

## UNT Lab Band to perform

The UNT One O'Clock Lab Band, under the direction of Grammy-winning composer and associate professor of jazz studies at the University of Texas, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at the RHS Performing Arts Center, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall. The band has six Grammy nominations and is noted for its musicianship and tight ensemble performance. Tickets \$65 for concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$25 for individual performance ticket. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com.

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Holmes-Coffey-Murray Funeral Home of Durant was in charge of arrangements.

She died June 1.  
Born in Rockwall Dec. 10, 1925, to Mike C. and Bessie F. (Misenheimer) Greene, she married Jenner M. Stilwell in Rockwall on June 16, 1945. A member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Durant, she had many interests, but particularly enjoyed quilting, going to yard sales, cooking for her family and fishing. She was dedicated to caring for her family and home.

Survivors include her sons, Jerry Stilwell, and his wife, Sherry, of Fort Worth and Lynn Stilwell and his wife, Linda, of Kerrville; a son-in-law, Dave Rickard of Overbrook, Okla.; her grandchildren, Matt Orr and his wife, Tracy, of Durant, Dr. Whitney and Nick Fogle of Cedar Hill, Casey Orr and his wife, Krista, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Samantha ten-Brink and her husband, Samuel, of Fort Worth; a great-grandson, Jenner Orr of Durant; and other members of the extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Brenda Rickard; a granddaughter, Amanda Evelyn Stilwell; and her brothers and sisters, Mary Alice Greene, John Mark Greene, Mattie F. Greene, Mike C. Greene Jr., Lucille Greene, Fannie Mae Greene, Frances Greene and Frank Greene.

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# Rockwall County Obituaries

## Rockwall County News Obituaries Public service to our community

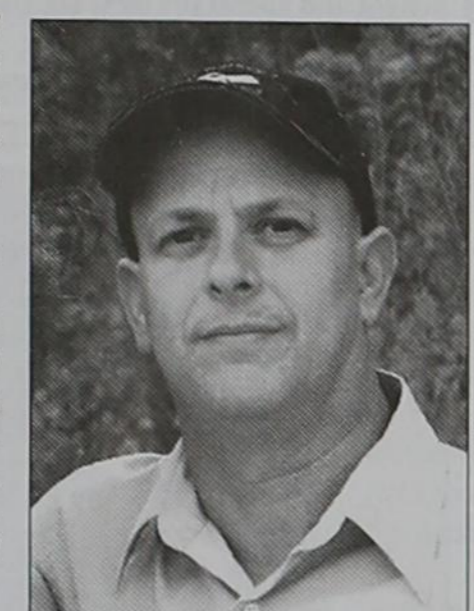
### Kay Miller Dupuy



Kay Miller Dupuy, 74, formerly of Rockwall, died June 4, 2012, at 11 a.m. June 4, 2012, in the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall. Burial was at Rest Haven Memorial Home. Kyle Glenn officiated. The Rest Haven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She was born in Dallas to William and Juanita Fern (Kay) Miller. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the DAR and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was preceded in death by her daughters, Sandra Green, and her husband, Jon, of Sharon Hott-Scarborough and her husband, Bill, of Justin; a son, James Miller of Dallas; a sister, Susan L. Miller of Dallas; a step-daughter, Rachel, Tiffany, Brandon, Nicki and Stephan; her great-grandchildren, Kazdon, Arionniah and Tristin; and a niece, Kelsey. Her husband, John Dupuy, preceded her in death.

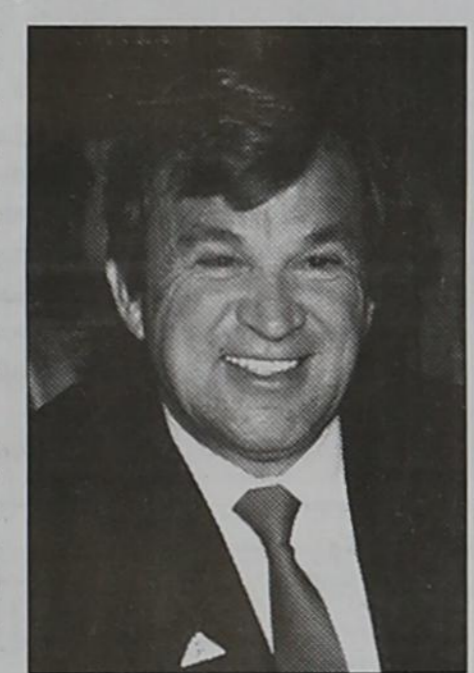
### Paul Edison



Paul Edison, 49, of Rockwall, died June 4, 2012, at 11 a.m. June 4, 2012, in the Centerville Road Church in Rockwall. Burial was at Rest Haven Memorial Home. Pastor Steve Stroope and Dr. O.S. Stroope officiated. The Rest Haven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He was born in Dallas to Ray and Edna Edison, he was the owner of Edison's Land Safety Lane and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Christ. He was a pilot for Challenge Air. He was a member of the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce and a former member of the Rockwall Police Department. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sandy Edison, and his daughter, Teri Edison, all of Rockwall; his son, James Edison, and his daughter, Tracie Walkup, and her husband, Jim, of Trumbull; his son, Sarah and Lauren Walkup; his nephew, John Walkup; and his nieces and cousins.

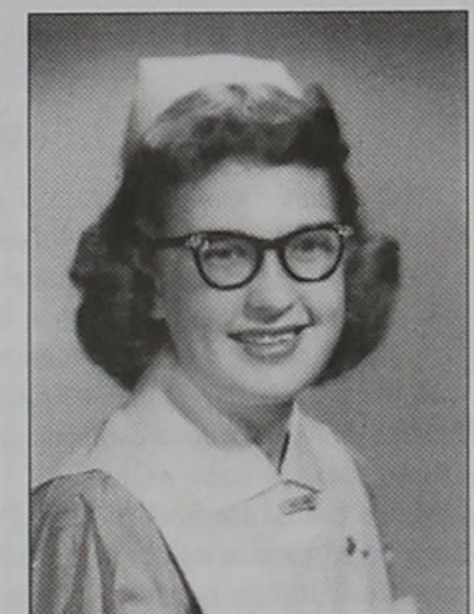
### David L. 'Danny' Faulkner



David L. Faulkner, 79, of Rockwall, died June 3, 2012, at 10:20 a.m. June 3, 2012, in the Lake Pointe Medical Center. Burial was at Rest Haven Memorial Home. Pastor Steve Stroope and Dr. O.S. Stroope officiated. The Rest Haven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He was born in Kosciusko, Miss., on Dec. 1, 1932, in Kosciusko, Miss. He was a talented, charismatic man who shared his blessings and the love of many. His love for his family and life itself enabled him to live beyond a cancer prognosis of 4 months to live. He was a member of numerous boards of organizations, including the DallasLife Foundation, Shelton School, Bill Faulkner Ministries-Champions for Life, and the Faulkner Family Foundation. He was considered everyone he met a friend and always was generous with his time.

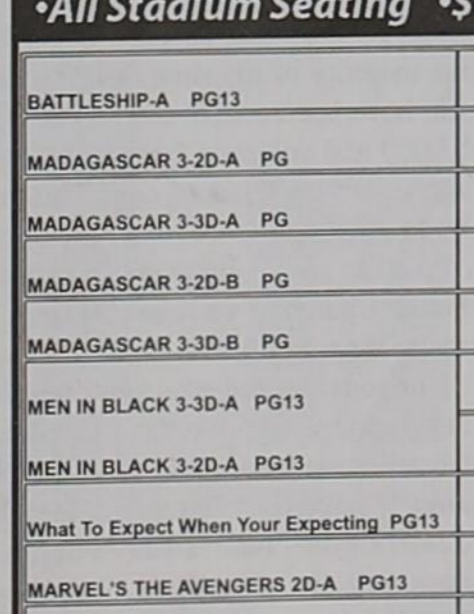
### Janice Laray Garrett



Janice Laray Garrett, 70, of Rockwall, died June 6, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. June 6, 2012, in the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall with Pastor Joe Poff officiating. Burial was at Rest Haven Memorial Home. The Rest Haven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She was born in Cranfills Gap, Texas, to Edgar (Olson) Powell, a member of the First United Methodist Church and a longtime member of the Friendship Sunday School. A TCU graduate, she worked for 31 years as a school nurse in Rockwall schools. In the summer of 1970, she worked as a RN at Parkland and Dallas hospitals.

### Franklin Elwood (Woody) Peck



Franklin Elwood (Woody) Peck was conducted at 10:30 a.m. June 2, 2012, in the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall with Dr. Joe Pool officiating. Another memorial service in Bald Rock, Ky., will be conducted at a later date. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He died May 29.  
Born Oct. 23, 1931, on the family farm in Bald Rock to George Courtney and Eunice Tutt Peck, he was the sixth of nine children and grew up helping out on the family farm. He graduated from high school at the age of 16, attended Moorehead State College for two years and graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1952 with an agriculture degree. He was a lifetime member of the Farmhouse Fraternity.

### Judy Phipps Shannon



Judy Phipps Shannon, 70, of Royse City, died June 5, 2012, at 10 a.m. June 5, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rosemount Cemetery in Commerce.

She died May 31.  
Born Nov. 8, 1941, in Sherman to Robert Lee and Thelma Rose (King) Phipps, she attended the Ridin' High Cowboy Church.

Hemphill of Cebu, Philippines; his son, Edward Hemphill, and his wife, Stacy, of Rockwall; his daughter, LeeAnn Williams, and her husband, Jeffrey, of Dallas; and his grandchildren, Ashlee and Zakary Hemphill of Rockwall and Kylee and Sienna Williams of Dallas.

His parents preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret, and daughter, Kimberly, of Rockwall; his sisters, Irma Cox of Middletown, Ohio, Maxine Johnson of Jackson, Ky., Rhea (Dennis) Harper of Frenchburg, Ky., Genola Hall of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Joy (Randell) Hayes of Franklin, Ohio; his sisters-in-law, Olene Peck of Frenchburg and Rosemary Peck of Pomeroyton, Ky.; many nieces and nephews; and an uncle, Dr. Robert Feagan, of Hugo, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Courtney and Eunice Peck; his in-laws, Domer and Mary Belle Ryon; his brothers, Kenneth, Kairis and Atison Peck; and his brothers-in-law, Earl Cox, Arch Johnson and Norman Hall.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the church building fund.

Survivors include her sons, Danny Shannon, and his wife, Melanie, and Dale Shannon of Royse City, Don Shannon and his wife, Ashley, of Sevierville, Tenn., Doug Shannon and his wife, Marva, of Royse City and Russell McCasland of Nocona, who was like a son; a brother, Charles Phipps of Ennis; her sisters, Gladys Woods of Arizona and Iva Lee Richards of Sherman; her grandchildren, Dawson "Weasel," Tyler, Shawna, Cody, Haley, Caitlin, Kiley, Collin and Casen, who is "on the way"; and two great-grandchildren, Cassidy "PooPoo" and Remington.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and a sister.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Texas Junior Brahman Breeders Association, 3003 S. Loop West, Suite 520, Houston, TX 77054 in honor of Judy Shannon of B&J Ranch.

### Evelyn Stilwell



Graveside services for Evelyn Stilwell, 86, of Durant, Okla., were conducted at 2 p.m. June 5, 2012, in the Highland Cemetery in Durant with Bishop Kenneth Myers officiating. The

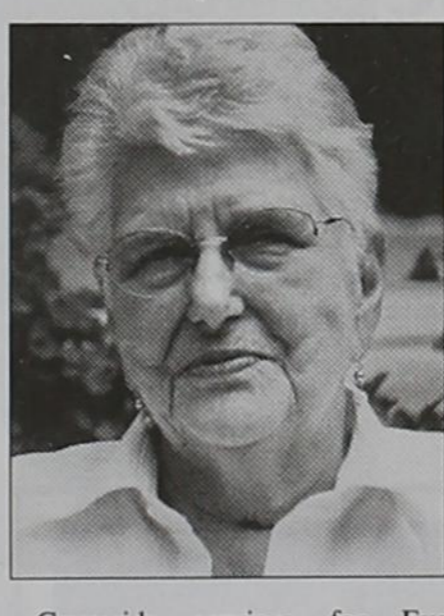
She was married April 14, 1962, to Bill Shannon, who preceded her in death on Jan. 5, 2010.

Survivors include her sons, Danny Shannon, and his wife, Melanie, and Dale Shannon of Royse City, Don Shannon and his wife, Ashley, of Sevierville, Tenn., Doug Shannon and his wife, Marva, of Royse City and Russell McCasland of Nocona, who was like a son; a brother, Charles Phipps of Ennis; her sisters, Gladys Woods of Arizona and Iva Lee Richards of Sherman; her grandchildren, Dawson "Weasel," Tyler, Shawna, Cody, Haley, Caitlin, Kiley, Collin and Casen, who is "on the way"; and two great-grandchildren, Cassidy "PooPoo" and Remington.

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### John Benedetto



Services for John Benedetto, 70, of Rockwall, were conducted at 10 a.m. June 5, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rosemount Cemetery in Commerce.

He was born in Rockwall, Texas, to John and Thelma Benedetto. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall. He was preceded in death by his wife, Thelma, and his daughter, Teri.

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# Rockwall County News Briefs

## Adult reading club now under way

The Rockwall County Library's Adult Summer Reading Club is now under way and will run through Aug. 4. Stop by the library's second floor reference desk to obtain a reading log. Read, view or listen to at least five works of fiction or nonfiction in any format to become eligible for prizes. The summer reading program for children is also under way. Details are available in the children's area of the library.

## Habitat plans workday

The Rockwall Habitat for Humanity will observe an 8 a.m. start time for its June 9 workday. Efforts will focus on the continued installation of drywall at 304 E. Ross.

## Just for Kids set at Farmer's Market

A Just for Kids event will run from 9 a.m. to noon June 16 at the Farmer's Market in downtown Rockwall. The children's art alley will offer free popcorn, popsicles and balloons, crafts, games, face painting, balloon animals and entertainment—all at little to no cost. Parents should bring their cameras to capture images of their children in the billboard faces of a pirate and lady of the sea.

## Pet-a-Palooza Adoption Event slated

The Rockwall Animal Adoption Center, 1325 Airport Road, will host a Pet-a-Palooza Adoption Event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 9 in hopes of finding homes for every animal in the shelter. Hot dogs and soft drinks will be served; families are invited. Volunteer and foster applications will be available. Donations to the shelter will be accepted.

## Church social set in Heath

An old-fashioned church social that will serve as a fundraiser to "pad our pews" will run from noon to 4 p.m. June 10 at the Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church, 1524 Smirl Drive, in Heath. The event will include a fish fry, silent auction, potato sack races, cake walk, horseshoe tournament, balloon stomp, hayrides, square-dancing lessons, snow cones, duck draw and entertainment. Lunch and entertainment will run from noon to 2 p.m., followed by games and concessions. The silent auction will end at 4 p.m. Meals will cost \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under; for planning purposes, RSVPs are required. To purchase a meal ticket or for more information call 972-771-8242.

## Animal adoption event set

Camp Diggy Bones will host its annual adoption event from noon to 4 p.m. June 10 at 10758 Hwy. 205 in Lavon. For more details visit the Camp Diggy Bones Facebook page.

## Proper U.S. flag disposal service offered

The Rockwall Terry Fisher American Legion Post 117 is offering a service to all Rockwall County residents to help properly dispose of old, worn-out U.S. flags. All tattered flags that need to be thrown out should be brought to the Ralph Hall Building, 104 N. San Jacinto St., in downtown Rockwall between 9 a.m. and noon or 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday prior to Flag Day on June 14. For more details call 972-771-9118.

## Republican Women to meet

The Rockwall County Republican Women will observe their June meeting, beginning with a salad supper served at 6:30 p.m. June 11 at the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington. Guest speaker will be Tim Cypert, president of Lost Orphans International. No July meeting is planned as members prepare for the August Tea.

## SAR meeting set June 14

The East Fork-Trinity Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will meet at the Texas Land & Cattle Steak House on Lake Ray Hubbard beginning at 7 p.m. June 14. Visitors are welcome to come at 6 p.m. and join the membership for dinner. Drake Peddle, president of the Denton Chapter and chairman of the Council of Chapter Presidents for the Texas Society, will appear as Capt. Jonathan Haraden, a privateer captain from Salem, Mass., for his presentation of "Privateering: Pirates or Patriots?" The East Fork-Trinity Chapter serves Rockwall, Fate, Royse City, Rowlett, Sunnyvale, Mesquite, Forney and Garland.

## Farmers Market plans event Just for Kids

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

## Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle scheduled

The low-cost spay/neuter Rockwall PAWS/KCAAP shuttle will depart at 7:30 a.m. June 21 from the southeast corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot and return to the same location at 6:30 p.m. after procedures have been completed. Dogs must be on secure leashes, cats in secure carriers. Prices can be viewed and appointments made at spayneuternet.org or by calling 1-972-472-3500 (hablamos Español). For more details call Rockwall PAWS at 972-310-1354. Upcoming dates are July 19, Aug. 16 and Sept. 20.

## City of Heath offices to close for Fourth

The City of Heath offices will be closed in observance of the Fourth of July holiday on July 4. Normal business hours will resume July 5.

## Rockwall Social Club to meet

The Rockwall Social Club is planning at 7:30 p.m. meeting on July 6. Contact Dawn Purtee at dawn@dawnpurtee.com for more details.

## RHHS Highsteppers plan mini camp

The Rockwall-Heath High School Highsteppers will host their annual mini summer camp July 16-19. Activities will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the camp is open to girls in grades kindergarten through sixth grade. Participants will learn dance routines, make crafts and enjoy other activities. Cost is \$75. For more details or to register contact Jennifer Sands at 972-971-6615 or sandsjen5@yahoo.com.

## Prices temporarily reduced for animal adoptions

The City of Rockwall's Animal Adoption Center is offering a cost break until June 10.

Any dog can be adopted from the center at a cost of \$50. Anyone who opts to adopt two dogs may do so for a total cost of \$85. The price includes micro-chipping, alters, vaccinations and registrations.

Cats are available at a cost of \$35 or two for \$60. Anyone interested in a dog/cat combo price may adopt for a total cost of \$75.

The center is located at 1825 Airport Road. Pets also may be viewed at petfinder.com/shelters/TX1382.html.

## Nana Pat's Kitchen by Pat Burnett

Banana Nut Cake  
Ingredients:  
8 teaspoons buttermilk  
2 teaspoons soda  
1 cup butter or margarine  
2 1/2 cups sugar  
4 eggs, separated  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
3 cups flour  
1 1/2 cup pecans, chopped  
2 cups mashed bananas



Cream together margarine and sugar, then alternately add flour, eggs yolks, buttermilk and soda. Stir in vanilla, bananas and pecans.  
Fold in beaten egg whites and bake at 325 degrees for one hour in a tube pan.  
Sure to please family and guests.

## Church social Saturday at Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal

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A hand-painted guitar by American Idol finalist and hometown singer Jason Castro is just one of many items available for bid at Saturday's "Pad our Pews" event at Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church in Heath.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Rockwall County Democrat delegates attend State Convention

The Rockwall County Democrat Party selected its delegates for the June 7-9 Democrat Party State Convention during the county onvention April 21.

Delegates chosen to represent the county at the state convention are Woodrow Bonesio, Philip Borawski, Brian Brown, Virginia Clower, Ian Gustino, Anthony Harper, Harold High, Gerald Lynas, Judith Matheme, Barbara Montgomery, delegation chair Harold Partain, Harold Price, Jr., Tanner Price, Denesia Scumpter and Wally Woodsworth.

The state convention is being held at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston.

According to the county convention records, all delegates cast votes for Barack Obama as their presidential preference.

## Harper receives bachelor's degree

Carmisha ReShon Harper of Royse City was among members of the 2012 graduating class at the University of Saint Mary Sees who received diplomas May 12 at McGilley Field House on the university's main in Leavenworth, Kansas, campus.

Harper earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, according to a university news release.



Happy Birthday Brooke!  
Love, Mom, Dad, Jacie, Kori and all your family



Anne-Marie Thacker and Emma Young, member National Charity League of Rockwall, are pictured with their made for Meals on Wheels clients. Summer can be a busy time of the year for this organization as its members shift from academic to community service. The Lone Star Chapter chartered in 1983 and has more than 250 mother-daughter members. The organization's three primary goals are to foster strong daughter relationships through community service; to leadership experience; and to encourage awareness and participation in cultural events. Most girls join NCL when they begin high school and spend the next six years bonding with their mothers in their class.

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Haley Mullett, left, a graduating senior from Rockwall High, is shown receiving the Susan Faulkner Memorial Scholarship from Sue Reeves, who represents the Soroptimist International of Rockwall. Faulkner taught English at Trinity Community School and was active in the 27-year-old Rockwall Club, whose work on meeting the needs of women and children in the community. The scholarship awards ceremony was conducted May 25 at the school.

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## Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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## Heath student heading to Egypt mission

My name is Shannon Burkett. I graduated from Rockwall-Heath School in 2010 as a highly involved member of the Rockwall community. I am currently a junior at the University of North Texas majoring in communication studies with a double minor in entrepreneurship and business management. I am a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and with the Student Government Association where I serve as the district campus involvement and represent SGA on the University School Board Committee.

I have been a member of Lake Pointe Church for almost 12 years and have been given a unique opportunity to take part in a mission trip this summer. I am very passionate about children and God.

I will be going with a team of about 20 people from Lake Pointe Church to Cairo, Egypt, from June 18 to June 30, 2012. Our goal is to be of an incredible sports camp held at Beit el Wadi. The camp, built and owned by Kasr El-Dobarah Evangelical Church in Cairo, is the only of its kind and gives children the chance to meet Christian Americans and receive the love of God through our coaching. While in Egypt, I will be teaching children sports skills such as softball, volleyball, football, etc. This is my first mission trip and I would love to be given the opportunity to participate in changing hundreds of children's lives.

First, I would like to ask for your prayers as traveling abroad does have about its risks and dangers. Second, since I am a college student, the majority of my time this past semester working on my major and have been unable to work outside of school. The trip costs a total of \$3,000 and currently I am \$2,000 away from my goal and would appreciate any financial contribution you could make. I need to have the money by June 11.

You can send a gift using an easy and secure online website through Lake Pointe Church or you can call Lake Pointe Church and make a donation in my name at (469) 698-2200.

For your convenience, you can make your trip donation by giving online at lakepointe.org/give. On this online giving page, select the Mission Contribution button. Follow the prompts to create an account if you do not already have one, and then select my trip from the drop-down menu. Enter 22420 Egypt - June 2012 (Basset). Enter my first and last name and verify attendee. Then enter the amount and continue until you receive a confirmation receipt for tax purposes.

I feel very blessed to come from such a great community with such a love for one another. Since leaving for college two years ago, I have deeply appreciate this trait that we hold. Please support me in this mission to Africa as it has been a dream of mine for many years. Thank you in advance for all your support and encouragement. I cannot wait to see how God has in store for me this summer.

Shannon Burkett  
Heath



# Garrett Hammonds is state champ in prose interpretation



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Garrett Hammonds, a junior at Royse City High School, was recently named the 4A University Interscholastic League state champion in prose interpretation.

Hammonds won the state-level competition at the University of Texas at Austin on May 22.

"Garrett received all first-place ratings from all six of his judges," said Rory McKenzie, his coach. "That is almost unheard of, and I couldn't be more proud of him."

The speech and debate team will wrap up its season with a trip to Indianapolis, Ind., for the National Forensic League Tournament June 9-16. Four students will make the trip, which is more than RCHS ever has qualified for such a competition.

Earlier, Hammonds competed at the 3rd Annual National Individual Events Tournament of Champions conducted near San Francisco, Calif., May 10-13. Hammonds is the first RCHS student to attend the tournament.

The NIETOC was created to give students who compete in competitive oral interpretation events a national outlet and an opportunity to compete against the nation's best. To qualify, students must have a strong resume from their competitive year.

"Garrett certainly has had an amazing year, one of the best years for a student I have ever coached," said McKenzie, "but it isn't surprising if you've ever spent time around him. Garrett works so hard and is constantly honing his craft and perfecting his performance. It has been a privilege to coach him this year, and I have high hopes for his future."

Hammonds was RCHS's first qualifier in Dramatic Interpretation and Humorous Interpretation, competing at the Texas Forensics Association State Tournament conducted in Amarillo in March. There he qualified for the NFL national tournament.

At the NIETOC, Hammonds finished among the top 50 in the nation in both dramatic and humorous categories. He then moved on to compete in Prose and Poetry Interpretation, which are considered supplemental events. He made it through the preliminary events and scored high enough to advance to the finals, placing fifth overall.

### Locals named to OCU honor roll

Three Rockwall residents were among students named to the Oklahoma City University spring Dean's Honor Roll, according to a university news release.

Mary E. Bander, Chelsey R. Eddy and John O. Villapando each was included on the honor roll.

Students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours during a semester to meet the honor roll requirements and maintain a GPA of 3.5 to be included on the Dean's Honor Roll.



Garrett Hammonds

# Family Fun Event at The Harbor in Rockwall!

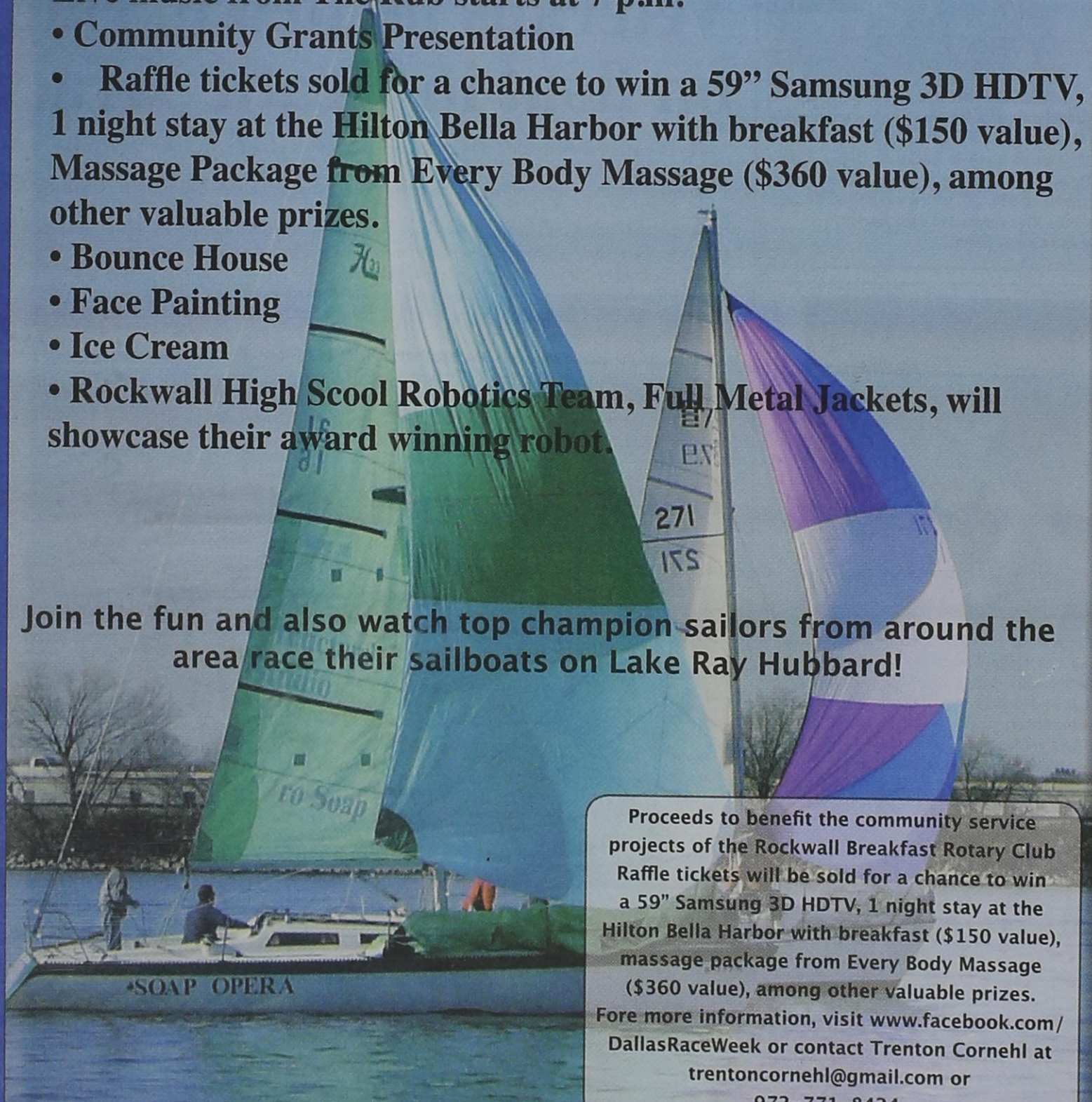
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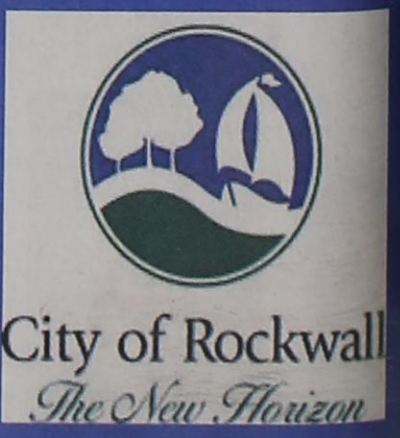
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Join the fun and also watch top champion sailors from around the area race their sailboats on Lake Ray Hubbard!

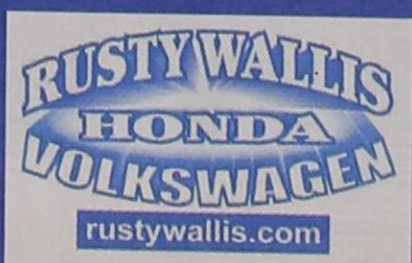


Proceeds to benefit the community service projects of the Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club Raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win a 59" Samsung 3D HDTV, 1 night stay at the Hilton Bella Harbor with breakfast (\$150 value), massage package from Every Body Massage (\$360 value), among other valuable prizes. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/DallasRaceWeek](http://www.facebook.com/DallasRaceWeek) or contact Trenton Cornehl at [trentoncornehl@gmail.com](mailto:trentoncornehl@gmail.com) or 972-771-8424.



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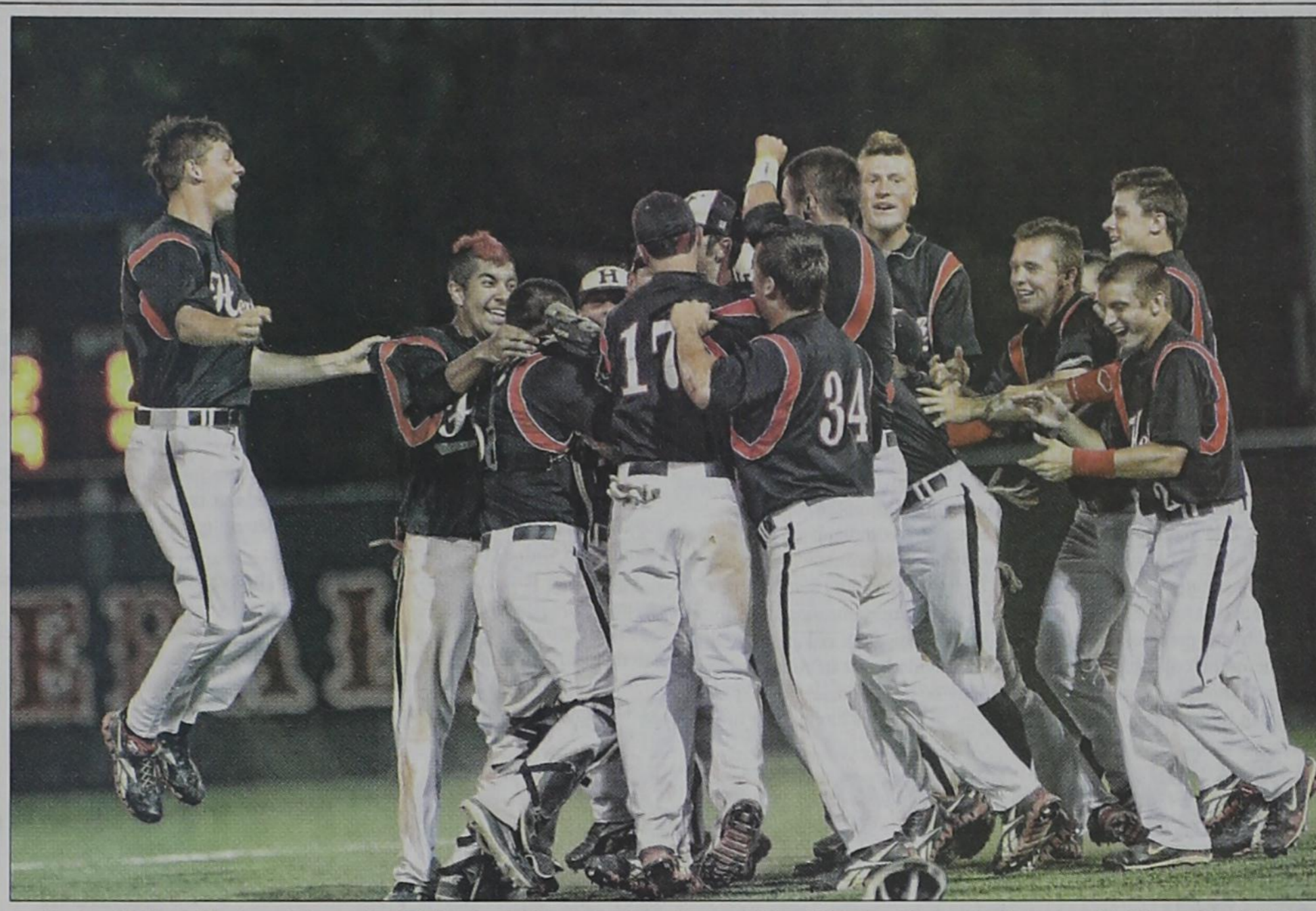
## Hawks earn 1st trip to State Tournament

The Hawks' first trip to the 4A baseball State Tournament was a long one before state, but lost. In 2011, the Hawks reached the Region II-4A Finals, the first time since 1979. After RHHS won the first game of the best-of-3 Regional Finals, May 31, Frisco Wakeland pulled out a 1-0 victory the next day. The Hawks' celebration by the Hawks. On Saturday's third game at McKinney Boyd, even though the Hawks' lead was cut to 1-0 by Frisco's Hayden Nixon, they held on to win 1-0. That finally ended when Rockwall's Jake Baxter raced in to catch Nixon's line drive just before the end of the game. The Hawks could celebrate. They were scheduled to play Montgomery Thursday in the State Semifinals. They would have sent RHHS into Friday's 7 p.m. Championship game as the winner of Thursday's Cleburne-Lake Travis Semifinal. The Hawks would emerge with its first baseball State Championship since 1979.

Their lead grew from 6-2 to 8-2 when Thompson hit a two-run home run in the fourth. "It felt awesome," he said. "It was a hanging curve up in the zone." Harvey said, "He's been like that all year. Before he hit it, we got a big double out of Jovan Hernandez." RHHS' final run scored on Jake Bledsoe's sixth-inning double. Thompson (11-1) struck out 12 and allowed only one earned run. RHHS' pitchers surrendered only four runs in the three games. Hernandez improved his record to 9-1 with a complete-game 8-1 victory Thursday, and Baxter fell to 6-2 despite giving up only one run Friday. "All three of those guys pitched well all year. I'm proud of all of them," Harvey said. The run against Baxter scored on a double play. Wakeland's Schwanke led off the third inning with a line-drive double that center fielder Stewart almost caught, Justin Swanner singled and pitcher Schwanke's courtesy runner scored on Seth Mullis' double-play grounder.

Baxter scattered nine hits, at least one in each inning, and received help from two double plays and R.J. Williams' sliding catch in foul territory to end the fourth. Schwanke shut out the Hawks on three singles - with only Grayson Lewis reaching second base on a second-inning stolen base. In the first game, the Hawks had backed Hernandez's four-hit pitching with seven extra-base hits. Hernandez improved his pitching record to 9-1, including 5-0 in the playoffs. He also hit a run-scoring single and a double. RHHS didn't trail in the game. Timbo Duncan provided the first three runs on a bases-loaded double with two out in the first inning. Hughes and Lewis each drove in two runs. It has already been an eventful week for the Hawks. They've gone to their first State Tournament following a Tuesday when the seniors graduated and RHHS had its first two players drafted by major league teams (Thompson and 2009 graduate Drew VerHagen). The only thing better would be to win the State Championship.

The Hawks have not played Lake Travis this season, but the Cavaliers did play at Dell Diamond. The Region III-4A champion Montgomery was virtually unknown to coach Greg Harvey. He said, "I know they're 29-13 and they're the district behind Brenham." The Hawks has the best record among the four teams in this year's tournament, and is ranked highest in the Texas High School Baseball Association 4A state poll (fourth) and the ESPN Gatorade Fab 50 poll (fourth). Of the other State Semifinalists, Cleburne is ranked 10th and Lake Travis is 48th among the Fab 50. In the Region II-4A Semifinals, Wakeland took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning. The Hawks' Jake Thompson. He held the Wolverines (30-14) scoreless in the last two innings of his six-hit complete game. "I got my off-speed pitches working. I did exactly what I needed to do to minimize the damage." Thompson pitched carefully to the two Wakeland hitters who could do damage, Nixon and Willie Schwanke. Nixon led off the game with a double on a double by Schwanke, who scored the second run on a double play. Thompson's walks were both to Schwanke; one was intentional and the other was a walk in the third inning. "I got settled down once he got in the groove," Harvey said of Thompson. Three days later was the Detroit Tigers' second-round draft pick. Thompson. He gives it all he's got. We were able to get in the game with a run on Bret Boswell's triple in the first inning and tied the game in the second when Austin Stewart hit a two-out single in his at-bat. He was suffering a broken right pinky finger during the Bi-District game. He broke the game open with four runs in the third inning. The scoring single broke the tie. With two out, another run scored on a double by Russell Hughes with the bases loaded, and Stewart hit his second and third runs batted in of the game. The two huge two-out hits that really set the tone for us," Harvey said.



Rockwall-Heath Hawks celebrate the UIL Region 2 Championship win over Frisco Wakeland, Saturday June 2, at McKinney Boyd High School. Photo by Carl McClung (flickr.com/photos/carls\_sideline\_pics)/Rockwall County News

	District	Record	St. Rank	Nat. Rank	Playoffs	Runs Scored	Runs Allowed	Shutouts	Avg. Score	Win Streak	State Tourns.	Champs
Rockwall-Heath Hawks	10-4A	34-9	4th	34th	9 and 2	94	22	1	8.5-2.0	1	0	0
Travis Cavaliers	25-4A	33-10	unranked	48th	10 and 0	72	14	5	7.2-1.4	11	0	0
Wakeland Yellow Jackets	7-4A	29-10	10th	unranked	9 and 1	44	19	3	4.4-1.9	1	1979, 2004	0
Montgomery Bears	17-4A	29-13	unranked	unranked	10 and 2	78	47	1	6.5-3.9	3	2005	0

## Tiger's 1st 3 draft picks include 2 from Rockwall-Heath

If Rockwall-Heath's Jake Thompson, the Detroit Tigers' first pick in this week's Major League Baseball draft, accepts their contract offer, he already should be familiar with some of their players. After using their first pick on right-handed pitcher Thompson in Tuesday's second round, the Tigers next picked shortstop Austin Schotts, who faced RHHS in the playoffs for Frisco Centennial, and - even bigger surprise! - Vanderbilt University right-hander Drew VerHagen, Thompson's teammate with the 2009 Hawks. "It's really unbelievable that the only two players in the Major League Baseball draft ever from Heath would go on the same day to the same team," said RHHS head coach Greg Harvey. "It's a pretty exciting day for us," the coach added a day before another exciting day, the Hawks' first game in the 4A State Tournament. The Tigers selected Thompson barely an hour before his commencement exercises. He was their first choice, but Detroit wasn't really his preference. "Obviously, I like the Rangers, and the West Coast has good weather," he had said 3 days earlier. "But I'll be happy with any of them." Harvey said, "It's a great opportunity for him. We're very proud of him. It's a great achievement to be drafted for the opportunity to play professional baseball." The coach was the Kansas City Royals' fourth-round pick in 1988, and played five minor league seasons.

"I've talked with Jake. It's a different world. There are a lot of people competing for a spot you want to get. "I think he has a high ceiling, and he'll be able to reach it." Detroit chose VerHagen in the fourth round (154th overall). mlb.com apparently wasn't expecting him to be drafted that high; it had no scouting report for him on its website. Harvey said, "He had to take a long road to get there, but he's finally 100 per cent and throwing hard." After graduating from RHHS, VerHagen played one year at the University of Oklahoma. Last year, he helped Navarro College win the National Junior College Athletic Association championship. He also had to come back from Tommy John ligament-replacement surgery. This season, VerHagen was 6-2 with a 3.44 earned run average and two saves as a starter and relief pitcher. Included was a winning start against Georgia and Atlanta Braves second-round draft pick Alex Wood in the Southeastern Conference tournament that really raised VerHagen's draft profile. The scouting report: He throws a mid-90s-mph fastball, along with a curve and changeup. He's not a strikeout pitcher; in 68 innings, he struck out 36 batters. The next batter he strikes out most likely will be a professional, just like VerHagen.



Lawyer pitcher Jake Thompson shows emotion after the last at-bat of his career on Saturday June 2, during the UIL Regional Championship game against Frisco Wakeland at McKinney Boyd High School. Thompson was recently chosen as the first pick by the Detroit Tigers in the 2012 Major League Baseball draft Tuesday. Photo by Carl McClung (www.flickr.com/photos/carls\_sideline\_pics)/Rockwall County News



Russell Hughes (16) makes a dash to 3rd base, Saturday during the Region 2 Championship game against Frisco Wakeland at McKinney Boyd High School. Photo by Carl McClung (www.flickr.com/photos/carls\_sideline\_pics)/Rockwall County News

### Major League Baseball 2012 draft picks from Rockwall County

Name	Position	School	MLB Team	Draft Round	Pick No.
Steve Bean	Catcher	Rockwall	St. Louis Supplemental	1st	59
Spencer Edwards	Shortstop	Rockwall	Tampa Bay	2nd	88
Jake Thompson	Pitcher	Rockwall-Heath	Detroit	2nd	91
Drew VerHagen	Pitcher	Vanderbilt University	Detroit	4th	154
(Rockwall-Heath '09)					
Taylor Hearn	Pitcher	Royce City	Pittsburgh	22nd	676
Travis Ballew	Pitcher	Texas State University	Houston	23rd	699
(Rockwall '09)					

**Rockwall County high school varsity results, May 30-June 6**  
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# Rockwall Jackets' Bean drafted in supplemental 1st round

Rockwall's Brian Taylor was drafted in the supplemental first-round pick by the St. Louis Cardinals, said Taylor, expected to sign a contract "within 48 hours."

Edwards, Tampa Bay's second-round choice, said he was told he'd be his debut with the Rays' Rookie Class team in the Gulf Coast League, beginning June 18.

The situation is more complicated for right-handed pitcher Ballew, who has his first year at Texas State University.

"I'm going to go a lot higher," said the Houston Astros' 23rd-round selection. "I took a lot of high school talent in the first five rounds, then they took a lot in rounds 6-10 because they could get them cheap. College juniors are less than we thought."

Under the new draft rules that recommended bonus money for each of the 10 rounds. Major league teams could spend more or less than the money on any pick, but if a team exceeded the total amount allocated in the first 10 rounds it would have to pay a luxury tax.

The results of teams' choosing some players they were planning to pay more than the recommended amount, and trying to balance their budget by targeting players likely to sign for less than the slot amount.

Some players have the leverage of declining to sign and returning to play in their senior year (and gambling that they could improve and demand more money). Seniors don't have that bargaining chip, so they're more likely to sign.

Despite that impediment, Ballew said, "I'll probably sign. We're negotiating money-wise and about them paying for school. I would finish after baseball."

Bean and Edwards figure to be at the financial head of the class that graduated Tuesday. Bean's bonus recommendation is \$870,600; Edwards' is at \$556,900.

Most of all, they want to play baseball.

Bean said, "I can't wait. I really did not know the Cardinals would draft me. I went there for a pre-draft tryout, but I had a lot of other places. I was in contact with their area (scouts), the same with a lot of other teams."

He was one of the most upwardly mobile players eligible for the draft. Bean rose to 66th on Baseball America's list of the 500 top prospects. He went so fast that barely a week before the draft, the MLB Network contacted RSD Athletics trying to find photos and videos of a player likely to be part of its Monday night draft telecast.

"I was really unaware of when I would go," Bean said. "Some teams didn't see me much until this year because I never did showcases. I was told that if I was good enough, they'll find me."

RHS head coach Jeff Payne wasn't surprised. He said of Bean, "He's a natural leader and an athletic catcher. He has worked his tail off for this. I'm very proud of him and excited for him."

Edwards rode a roller coaster of emotions for a few minutes the next afternoon. "I was really excited because the Red Sox called me and said they would take me 87th overall. When they didn't call my name, I thought, 'I guess I'm going to Texas.'"

The Rangers didn't have a chance, because the Rays grabbed Edwards with the 88th pick.

He said, "My advisor (Arkansas-based Darek Braunecker, who represents major league stars including Cliff Lee) called right after it happened. He said he knew about it but didn't want to tell me."

Edwards had dreamed of being a major league player since he was in first grade.

"It's going to be a blast," he said of his impending new job.

Payne said, "He has great tools and can play any position on the field. He's a fierce competitor, a rare combo of strength and speed."

Post-draft reports have indicated that the Rays might move Edwards to the outfield. "We haven't really talked about that," he said.

Ballew's stock rose quickly this season before falling on draft day.

He said, "I kind of matured over the past few years. I developed a slider, especially this year. Pitching on Fridays helped me confidence-wise. When I started getting double-digit strikeouts almost every game and a lot of scouts showed up, I thought I'd have a good chance to get drafted."

Payne said, "He has a live fastball and a nasty 12-to-6 curveball. He's full of confidence and mound presence."

Ballew tied the TSU season record with 11 wins, and was named the Southland Conference Pitcher of the Year.

The 21-year-old said of the Astros, "They've been pretty weak pitching-wise, so I have a chance to move up quickly."

## Rockwall takes 2 of 3 in 7-on-7 tournament

The team representing Rockwall won two of three games in pool play Friday in Mesquite, but didn't win one of the tournament's qualifying berths for the State Tournament.

Rockwall defeated Wilmer-Hutchins and Dallas Conrad, but lost to Mesquite Horn, which qualified along with Wylie East.

Rick Black again is coaching the team, assisted by Stan Veasley. It is scheduled to play in a tournament Friday at Plano West, and to host its own state qualifying tournament June 23.

Rockwall's team in the pass-oriented game will begin play in a 7-on-7 league for three consecutive Tuesdays beginning June 12. The league includes varsity and JV teams from Rockwall, Rowlett and Garland Naaman Forest.

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My address is  
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Executor of the Estate of George Neal Crossan, Deceased.  
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Executor for the Estate of Lois Bollier, Deceased, were issued on May 25, 2012 in Cause No. PR12-39, pending in County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas, to: Todd Clement.

The address of the Independent Executor is:  
Todd Clement  
175855 Dallas Parkway, Suite 300

Dallas, Texas 75287  
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to either the Independent Executor within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
DATED the 25th day of May, 2012.  
By:  
Stephen W. Shellenberger  
State Bar No.: 18193575  
Law Office of Stephen W. Shellenberger, P.C.  
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Attorney for the Todd Clement

**STATE OF TEXAS  
CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
382nd District Court OF  
ROCKWALL COUNTY,  
TEXAS  
CAUSE NO: 4-12-9**  
TO: JEFFREY SCOTT  
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You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after you were served this, before the Honorable 382nd District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 200, Rockwall, Texas, a default judgment may be taken against you.  
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiffs Original Petition, at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this Citation, on MONDAY, JUNE 25, 10:00 A.M. before the Honorable 382nd District Court of Rockwall County, Texas at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane of said County in Rockwall, Texas. Said Plaintiffs Petition, was filed in said Court on MAY 9, 2012, AD., in this case numbered 4-12-9 on the docket of said court, and styled, IN THE INTEREST OF JACOB SCOTT SPILLERS, A CHILD.  
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: TERMINATION & ADOPTION  
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.  
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KAY MCDANIEL, District Clerk Rockwall County, Texas  
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By: ALVA CARAWAY, Deputy ROCKWALL COUNTY NEWS, 107 E. BOURN AVENUE, P.O. BOX 819, Rockwall, Texas 75087 (Newspaper)  
Issued at the request of:  
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