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## Jacey Hodan returns with record breaking gold medal

Lady Hawks' Jacey Hodan stands on the gold medal winner's block for the 100-yard breaststroke during last weekend's State UIL swim meet in Austin. Hodan holds her certificate for breaking the state record with a time of 1:04.04. (See page 11 for more details)

Photo by Sue Madrid/Rockwall County News

## Republicans set for April 13 run-off election for county judge and Justice of the Peace offices

Voters in the local Republican Primary will be asked to return to the polls next month to decide a trio of runoffs called as a result of Tuesday's ballot totals.

In the Republican Party race for the county judge candidacy, top vote getters were Jerry Hogan with 33.11 percent of the vote and Kevin Fowler with 26.52 percent. Incumbent Chris Florance had 21.10 percent of the vote, but Hogan and Fowler will square off in the runoff.

In the justice of the peace, Precincts 1 and 4 race, incumbent David Karr garnered the most votes with 41.96 percent, followed by challenger Jack James with 35.06 percent. The incumbent in the JP, Precincts 2 and 3 race also topped his contest's votes, with Larry Holloway receiving 38.14 percent, followed by Nancy Beaty with 33.91. Both races will be decided in runoff balloting.

The Republican Primary runoff election is set for April 13.

Tuesday's voter turnout in Rockwall County totaled less than 25 percent of registered voters, according to reports provided by local election officials.

The bulk of the ballots were cast in the Republican Primary, with 9,608 ballots cast, or 21.44 percent of the more than 44,000 registered voters in the county. A total of 723 cast ballots in the Democratic Primary, representing 1.51 percent of the county's registered voters.

County vote totals, however, mirrored those seen across most of the state. In the race for the Republican Primary gubernatorial candidate, incumbent Rick Perry drew 49.64 percent of the

vote, while Kay Bailey Hutchison received 28.07 percent and Debra Medina received 22.28 percent. On the Democratic Primary side, former Houston mayor Bill White earned more than 82 percent of the vote, followed by Farouk Shami with 5.56 percent and Felix (Rodriguez) Alvarado with 5.01 percent. Alma Ludivina Aguado earned 2.92 percent, Bill Dear, 1.95 percent, Clement E. Glenn, 1.81 percent, and Star Locke, less than one percent.

The following is an overview of primary election results provided by local election officials:

### Democratic Primary

- U.S. Representative, District 4 – VaLinda Hathcox, 544 votes
- Lt. Governor – Linda Chavez-Thompson, 307 votes; Marc Katz, 115 votes; Ronnie Earle, 233 votes
- Attorney general – Barbara

Ann Radnofsky, 572 votes

- Commissioner of the General Land Office – Hector Uribe, 262 votes; Bill Burton, 365 votes
- Agriculture commissioner – Richard "Kinky" Friedman, 374 votes; Hank Gilbert, 305 votes
- Railroad commissioner – Jeff Weems, 572 votes
- Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 – Jim Sharp, 574 votes
- Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5 – Bill Moody, 569 votes
- Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9 – Blake Bailey, 566 votes
- Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, P6 – Keith Hampton, 566 votes
- State senator, District 2 – Kathleen Maria Shaw, 573 votes
- Justice, 5th Court of Ap Dist, P4 – Bonnie Lee Goldstein, 564 votes

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## Heath 5k run/walk slated for April 3

The 2010 Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk will take place April 3, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive.

The family-friendly event is being presented by the city's Special Events Board and is open to individuals of all ages and athletic abilities.

"We look forward to welcoming our citizens and guests from surrounding communities to this Heath tradition," said John Ratcliffe, mayor of Heath. "The Heart of Heath is a fun activity to share with Easter guests who are visiting and a good way to work some exercise into a busy weekend."

Race categories will include Girls 14 and Under; Boys 14 and Under; Women 160 Pounds and Under; Athena Women Over 160 Pounds; Men 200 Pounds and Under; and Clydesdale Men Over 200 Pounds.

Awards will be presented to the top three finishers in each category, and the top male and female finishers overall will each receive a pair of running shoes.

While supplies last, each participant will receive a compression T-shirt bearing the Heart of Heath logo. Drawings will be conducted following the event for door prizes contributed by local merchants.

The event will take place "rain or shine."

Early registration fee (by March 26) is \$15; registration will be \$20 after that date and on the morning of the race. Youth registration is \$10 in advance and the day of the race.

Early packet pick-up will be at the Heath City Hall from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. April 2. Packet pick-up and registration on the day of the race will begin at 7:30 a.m.

Warm-up will begin at 8:15 a.m.

Registration forms are available online at [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com) and at City Hall. To register online visit [signmeup.com](http://signmeup.com).

Proceeds from the run will benefit the Heath Trails System that will connect public areas, parks and neighborhoods.

Anyone interested in serving as a sponsor or contributing a door prize should contact Kim Dobbs, assistant city manager, at 972-771-6228 or [kdobbs@heathtx.com](mailto:kdobbs@heathtx.com).

## RCP's 'Boys Next Door' tickets now available

"The Boys Next Door" will be staged at the Rockwall Community Playhouse March 26, 27 and 28 and April 2, 3 and 4.

Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m.

The production is about four men with disabilities who live in a communal residence. The group is guided by a sincere, but increasingly despairing social worker. The play reminds the audience that disabilities are relative and everyone wants the same things, regardless of "abilities, burdens or blessings."

Cast members include August Gabriel, Jesse Gonzalez, Juan Perez, Tony Carpenter, Nathan Leach, Lauren Marks, John Dutt, Sam Bryant, Curtis Roughton Jr. and Korina Wells.

Directed by Aimee Thibodeaux, Ann Easterwood serves as assistant director. Eileen Davis is producer.

Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$12 for children, students and senior citizens.

For more information or tickets, visit [rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org](http://rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org).

# RHS Academic Decathlon team takes state championship

Rockwall High School's Academic Decathlon team competed at the state competition in San Antonio over the weekend, posting its strongest showing in the school's history.

The team finished second in Super Quiz Relay, first in team Super Quiz and first overall to win the 4A state Academic Decathlon championship.

Collectively team members brought home more than \$25,000 in scholarship money. In addition, several team members earned individual accolades.

Honors students: Paige Davis, bronze in economics, silver in art, bronze in science; Emily Cariker, bronze in art, silver in science, bronze in music, silver in language and literature, silver in Super Quiz and top-ranked honors student in the state; Tricia Divita, silver in art, bronze in music, silver in Super Quiz and second ranked non-student in the state.

Scholastic students: Laura Trevisani, silver in speech, silver in economics, silver in art, gold in language and literature, gold in Super Quiz and fourth ranked scholastic student in the state; Hannah Korman, bronze in interview, bronze in economics, bronze in mathematics, gold in art, gold in science, bronze in music, silver in language and literature, bronze in Super Quiz and fifth ranked scholastic student in the state; Ginny Mitchell, gold in economics, silver in science, bronze in music, silver in language and literature, gold in Super Quiz and second ranked scholastic student in the state.

Varsity students: Laura Robertson, gold in art, gold in language and literature, bronze in Super Quiz and top ranked varsity student in the state; Austin Chappel, bronze in science; Brad Carter, bronze in economics, gold in music, silver in language and literature and fourth ranked varsity student in the state.

### Scholarships

- Emily Cariker was the best Honors student in the state and earned a \$3,500 scholarship.
- Tricia Divita was the second best Honor student in the state and earned a \$2,500 scholarship.
- Laura Trevisani was the fourth best Scholastic student in the state and earned a \$1,000 scholarship.
- Hannah Korman was the fifth best Scholastic student in the state and earned a \$750 scholarship.
- Ginny Mitchell was the second best Scholastic student in the state and earned a \$2,500 scholarship.
- Laura Robertson was the best Varsity student in the state and earned a \$3,500 scholarship.
- Brad Carter was the fourth best Varsity student in the state and earned a \$1,000 scholarship.

In addition, each team member earned a \$1,200 scholarship for being a member on the state championship team. All totaled, the team earned \$25,550 in scholarship money.

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## Scouting for Food nets 66,205 items

More than 66,200 food items were collected recently as part of the annual Scouting for Food campaign conducted by 77 local Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops and Venturing Crews, as well as friends, family and volunteers.

More than 2,000 individuals collected door-to-door and in collection/distribution centers in Rockwall, Rowlett, Sachse, Wylie and Garland.

The food collected during Scouting for Food goes to nine community food banks to be distributed to local families in need.

In 2009 and 2008, food collections totaled 71,425 and 55,372 respectively.

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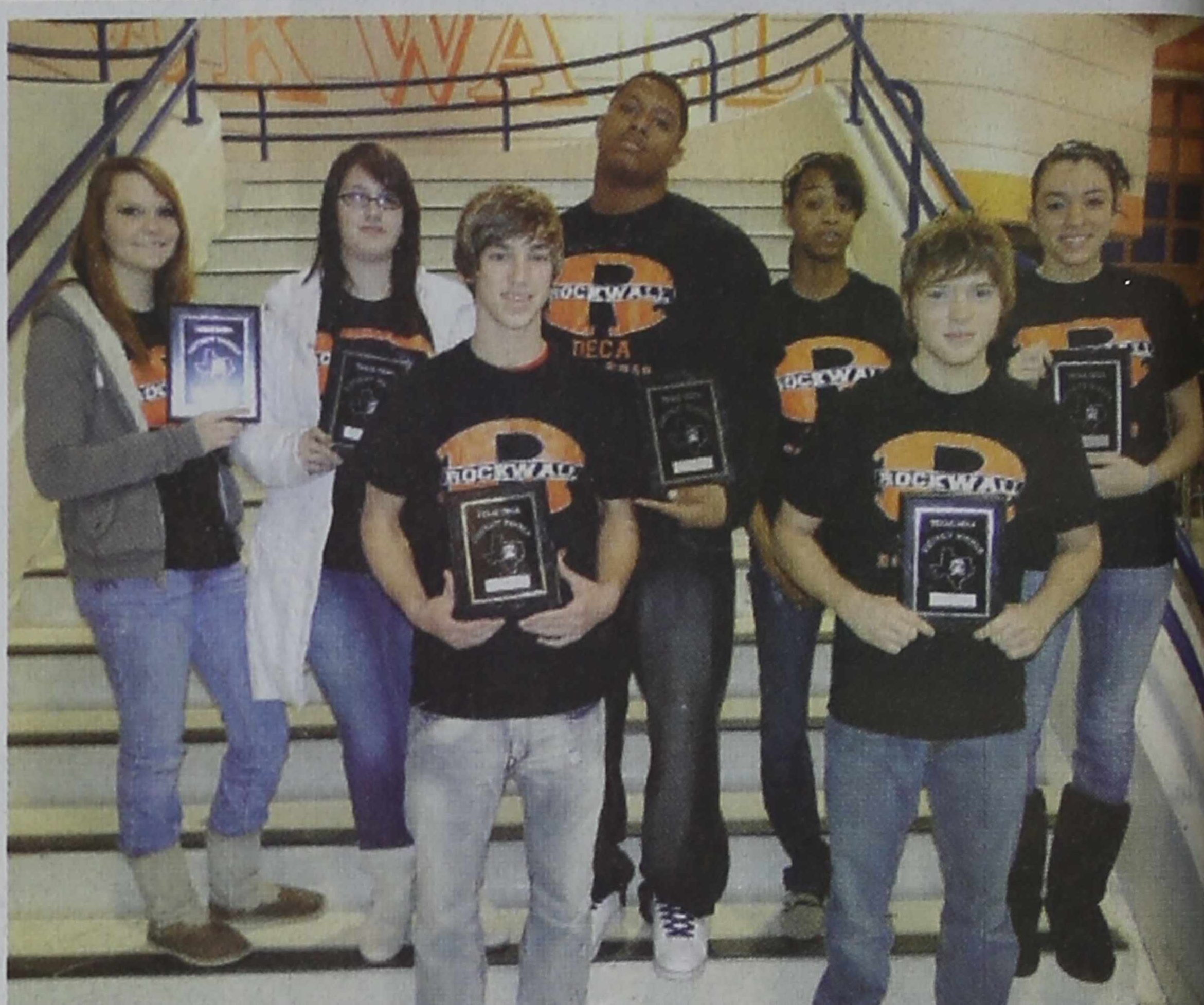
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Three Rockwall-Heath High marketing students took wins at the DECA State Career Development Conference conducted Feb. 19-20 in Fort Worth. Janice Ayala's event was Quick-Serve Restaurant Management, while Jason Chambers and Chandler Hoover won in Buying and Merchandising Team Decision-Making Events. The wins earned the students the right to advance to nationals.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Rockwall High School DECA members recently competed in the district and state DECA Career Development Conferences, participating in contests presenting business plans, advertising promotion, business role-playing situations and comprehensive testing. The RHS students pictured above competed in the State DECA Conference with more than 2,000 marketing students from throughout the state. Pictured at top, from the left, are Jenni Owens, Felecia Parker, Devin Harris, Ashley Dillon and Breanna Castille. At the bottom are Britian Pool and John Ashley. Ashley, Harris and Malori Dillon, not pictured, earned second places in their events and were awarded International Alternate Medal. The trio could be eligible to advance to the international competition in Louisville, Ken., in April.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

### Mill's essays wins in 'Bodies' contest

A Pullen Elementary School student was named a winner in an essay contest hosted by "BODIES: The Exhibition."

Preston Mill won second place with his essay and will be awarded free admission for six

to the exhibition currently being offered at the West End Marketplace in Dallas' historic West End.



Mary Kate Anderson and her twin, Sarah Anderson, will conduct the 7th Annual Mary Kate's Lemonade/Hot Chocolate Brownie Stand for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the corner of North Hills Drive and North Lakeshore in Rockwall. Each item will cost 50 cents and donations will be accepted. All proceeds generated will benefit the society. Mary Kate, a leukemia survivor diagnosed at the age of 14, is now 14, in remission and has been off treatment for six years. Last year's stand raised \$2,500. The girls are the daughters of Richard and Gay Anderson of Rockwall.

Photo courtesy of Gay Anderson/Rockwall County News

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### Mission Statement

It is the mission of this newspaper to promote the rights of individuals guided by the principles so eloquently described in the American Declaration of Independence. The right of life, liberty and ownership of property are the cornerstones of our freedom. The sole purpose of government is to enhance our liberty and freedom. Therefore, we hold every elected and appointed agent of government accountable to that standard.



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# RCISD details activities for Public Schools Week

Classrooms in the Royse City Independent School District will be open to parents and community members in coming days as part of Texas Public Schools Week observance.

Public schools across the state are committed to laying the foundation for a solid education," said Superintendent Randy Hancock. "This is a first-hand look at how our students are being inspired to

become future leaders, parents and community members are invited to celebrate Texas public schools by participating in open house events."

Because of the unique schedules of each campus, the Royse City ISD will mark the observance the weeks of March 8-12 and March 22-26. The following is an overview of each campus' activities:

**Davis Elementary**

- March 9 – Parent breakfast, 7:15 a.m.

- March 10 – Parents and grandparents - Eat Lunch with Your Student Day
- March 11 – Fourth Grade Honor Choir will perform at the District Fine Arts Night, RCHS.
- March 12 – Fourth grade to attend "The Alamo" at Casa Mañana Theater.
- Library time will focus on Texas authors and stories.

- Kindergarten and first grade – Learn about the 2010 Census (will take class surveys and chart the results)
- Second grade – Connect the 2010 Census to map skills and learn about famous Texans
- Third grade – "It's All About Us" Readers Theater, map study and a class census

- Parents may bring lunch from outside or purchase in cafeteria.

**Royse City Middle School**

- RCMS will celebrate Texas Public Schools week March 22-26.

- March 22 at 6:30 p.m. – National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony
- Parents are invited to have lunch with their child during the week.



A group of fifth grade students from Amy Parks Heath Elementary who attended Camp Grady Spruce last month are pictured above. Shown from the left are Payton Diffe, Zachary Nelson, Luke Greenhill and Trevor Schultz. The camp is an annual tradition for the school, and students begin raising money for the camp while still in the fourth grade. Teachers map out the event carefully to include lots of fun, educational experiences and team building.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Rebbie Williams Elementary second grade students recently presented a production of "Seussical the Musical." The cast also included the Cat in the Hat, the narrator played by the school librarian, Lori Dyer. Pictured from the left, front row, are Lily Jacobs, Isabella Andujar, Macey Robertson and Dyer; second row, Kaleigh McKown, Macey Weable and Kate Avery and, at back, Hallie Jordan and Paige Harris. The performance included songs such as "Oh the Things You Can Think," "It's Possible" and "Green Eggs and Ham."

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- March 8 – 1st grade parents for lunch
- March 9 – 2nd grade parents for lunch and Chic-fil-A Night in Rockwall from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- March 10 – Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten parents for lunch
- March 11 – Third and fourth grade parents for lunch
- MMV Choir performing at Fine Arts Showcase at RCHS
- March 12 – Pastries for Pop

**Miss May Vernon Western Day**

**Scott Elementary**

- March 9 – Open House – 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- March 12 – Breakfast with Dad – 7:15 a.m. to 8 a.m.

**Fort Elementary**

- March 8 -- Texas Pride Day
- March 9 -- Open House – 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- March 10 – College Day
- March 11 -- Grandparents Day (come eat lunch with your grandchildren)
- March 12 -- Picnic with Parents (during student regular lunches)

**Ruth Cherry Intermediate**

- March 8-12 – Parents are invited to come for breakfast and/or lunch with your student.

**Harry H. Herndon Intermediate**

- March 8 – 5th grade parents join child for lunch\*
- March 9 – 6th grade parents join child for lunch\*
- March 10 – Open House, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- March 11 – Community/board members/administration invited for lunch
- March 12 – Pastries with Parents (in cafeteria 7:20 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.)

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## Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center

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That's the way Linda Jefferson describes her near-death experience in Galveston with her 81 year old mother. On the weekend trip to Galveston, Linda woke up the day after arriving with severe back pains. "I couldn't move, the pain was excruciating." She was admitted to University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston Hospital where she was diagnosed with kidney failure. While in ICU, hospital staff informed her mother about the seriousness of Linda's condition, not expecting her to live.

"I remained in a semi-conscious state for several days," Linda explained. "I was still in pain and couldn't walk or do anything for myself." After 10 days she was ready to be released from the hospital, with recommendations to

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seek help in a rehabilitation facility to help her regain strength and be able to walk again. "I wanted to be close to home, so I told them to take me to Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center," Linda said. "I was unable to make the trip back by car, so it was a seven hour ambulance ride to Royse City."

"I was at an all time low," she added, "but in a few days I slowly came out of that state, because the staff was so attentive and caring. They literally saved my life! I couldn't do anything by myself upon arrival, but every day got just a little bit better. They just kept encouraging me."

Linda is at home now, and returns to Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center once a week as a volunteer. "I made some good friends there," she said. "and I enjoy calling bingo, it's a wonderful outing for me and I get to see my friends again."

"If you need special attention, I can tell you that you'll get the very best personal care at Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center," Linda concluded.



Linda Jefferson with Cherise Wright, O.T. (left) and Pam Ragsdill, P.T. (right)

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Helen Mitchell (seated) with her daughter Linda Duran.

## Area students named Dean's List

University of North Texas honors lists

Rockwall County students included on the Dean's List and Student's List for the fall semester at the University of North Texas, according to news releases issued last week.

Area students named to the Dean's List included Larry Brett Bush, Stacy Green, Biranna Myers and Clinton from Heath and Michael Drew Dow, Brittnee April Belt, Natalie Christine Braning, Kiara Ke'Andre Ewin, Nikki Civallo, Mark Alan Lay Jr., Jennifer Mardette Everett, Ken Nicole Everett, Bailey Ryan Eustler, Samantha Jahansouzshahi, Aid Jonathan Miller, Tina Nguyen, son L. Shippy and Trey W. Travis Rockwall.

Other Dean's List honorees included from Royse City, Alicia Nichole Far, Sean Kyle Jacques, Sarah R. Olden, Sean Raleigh Smallwood and Amber Nicole Sweat, according to the news release.

To be named to the Dean's List, an undergraduate must complete a minimum of 12 academic hours with a GPA of 3.5 to 3.9.

Student's List honorees included Blakey Bryan of Heath, Kristen Cole Frazer and Kristina Renee Barrett of Royse City and Susan Lori Cook, Victoria Barlett Bouldin, Terrilyn Dley, Sarah Arlene Cheek, Katrina Abeth Harvey, Cari Ellyn Heinen, Beth Roderick Kosterman, Lauren Ly Lavene, Emily Michella Mann, Sten Michelle Moon, Jake Thomas Isen, Lacy Lauren Schwertner and Shelle M. Wood, all of Rockwall.

Student's List honorees must complete a minimum of 12 academic hours with a perfect 4.0 GPA.



# Rockwall County Obituaries

## Ruby Sherrard Boles

Services for Ruby Sherrard Boles, 91, a longtime Rockwall resident, were set for 11 a.m. today, Friday, March 5, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Joe Pool officiating. Burial will follow in the Grove Hill Memorial Park.

She died Saturday, Feb. 27.  
Born May 9, 1918, in Streetman to George Boliver and Lena Mae (Whitehead) Sherrard, she married Jesse Boles in Love County, Okla., on Feb. 10, 1940. She was a member of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and a devoted homemaker.

Survivors include her sons, Jerry Boles and his wife, Janet, of Magnolia and George Boles and his wife, Jan, of Rockwall; his grandchildren, Cheryl and Patrick Kannar of Austin, Matt and Debbie Brown of Kingwood, Reuel Hunt of Littleton, Colo., Stanton and Liz Brown of Sugar Land and Becky Boles of Lubbock; his great-grandchildren, Blake, Stephanie, Audrey and Alyssa Brown, Dalton Reichert and Bethany Kannar; a double-niece, Sharon Wright and her husband, Kenneth, of Wagner; and numerous other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1972, her parents and 10 siblings.

The family has suggested memorials be made to Helping Hands in Rockwall, 972-772-8194.

## Laura Lucille Enlow

Services for Laura Lucille Enlow of Denton were conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2010, in the Gribble Springs Baptist Church with the Rev. Doug Crabb officiating. Burial followed in the Gribble Springs Cemetery under the direction of the Mulkey-Mason, Jack Schmitz and Son Funeral Home of Denton.



She died Sunday, Feb. 28.

Born in Denton County to Solomon and Anna Lee (Jones) Charles, she married Joe Enlow in 1935 in Tioga. He died in 1978. She taught school for 40 years, retiring from the Sanger Independent School District in Sanger. She also taught in other Denton County schools, as well as in Leakey and Uvalde public schools. She was a member of the Gribble Springs Baptist Church, Kappa Kappa Iota and the Texas Teachers Association. She was a graduate of Denton High School and the University of North Texas.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Eric DuChemin of Denton; her granddaughter and her husband, Jennifer and Zach Wardlaw of Argyle; and a great-grandson, Caden Wardlaw.

The family has suggested memorials may be made to the Gribble Springs Baptist Church.

Online condolences may be made at mulkeymason.com.

## Michael O'Neil Hargrove

Services for Michael O'Neil Hargrove, 25, a lifetime resident of Roysie City, were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2010, in the Rest Haven

Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating.

He died Feb. 25.  
Born June 19, 1984, in Dallas to Jack O'Neil and Sheila (Straughan) Hargrove, he loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his children. He was a surveyor who enjoyed hunting and fishing in his free time.

Survivors include his mother, Sheila Harp and her husband, Danny Joe, of Roysie City; his father, Jack O'Neil Hargrove, his children, Michaela, Maci and Lane Hargrove, and his siblings, Jeremy Hargrove, Clayton Harp and Haven Hargrove, all of Roysie City and Haley Hargrove of Quinlan; his grandparents, Faye Straughan of Wylie, Mike Straughan of Gun Barrel City and Jay Hargrove of Tawakoni; his great-grandmother, Dorothy Hamilton of Roysie City; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Laura Hargrove, and his best friend, Robert White.

## E.O. Jones Jr.

Memorial services for E.O. Jones Jr., 67, a lifetime Rockwall resident, were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, March 1, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating.

He died Feb. 26 following a lengthy, hard-fought battle with cancer.

Born Jan. 10, 1943, in Dallas to Elvin Odell Jones Sr. and Onava (McDaniel) Jones, he was a 1961 graduate of Rockwall High. A butcher by trade, he was hard-working, knowledgeable and dedicated to his profession. He was a poet who saw some of his poems published. Following his retirement, he spent time with his wife, taking short trips and going out to eat at their favorite restaurants. His hobbies included gardening, going to the horse races and watching his favorite sports teams. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Peggy L. Jones of Rockwall; his son, Ashley Jones and his wife, Leslie, of Rockwall; his daughter, Andrea Lindgrin and her husband, Jeff, of Rockwall; his sisters, Sue Jones and her husband, Bill, of Rockwall and Barbara Parks and her husband, Alan, of Paris, Texas; his grandchildren, Emily, Colton, Preston, Mack and Lauren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Mike Craig and Ronnie Jones.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers donations may be made to the First Baptist Church in Rockwall.

## Wanda Jane Spetter

Memorial services for Wanda Jane Spetter, 87, of Roysie City were conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010, in the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Garland. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Feb. 22.

Born Oct. 18, 1922, in Clarksville, Ark., to Earl and Coy Mae (Boyer) Hardgrave, she enjoyed word puzzles, needlepoint and gardening. She was a homemaker and a member of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Tom Spetter of Roysie City; her daughters, Regina Mae Cozar and her husband, Ken, of Jackson, Miss., and Belinda C. Traister and her husband, Phil, of Mesquite; her grandchildren, Tommy, Tammy and Mark; and her sisters, Erla Mae, JoAnn and Yvonne. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Basil.



# Rockwall Ministerial Alliance Announces Local Crop Walk to Combat World Hunger

The Rockwall Ministerial Alliance, comprised of ministers from a number of churches in the greater Rockwall community, is sponsoring a CROP to help combat world hunger on Sunday, April 11th. CROP walks are community events in which individual walkers from all churches secure pledges to help support organizations that fight hunger and come together on a particular day to walk together in celebration of this very worthy charitable cause. Seventy-five percent of this year's local proceeds will go to Church of the Holy Spirit, one of the first responders and a continuing presence in the Haitian Relief Effort, and 25% to Helping Hands to help support local food banks in our Rockwall community.

This year's walk will take place at 3PM, starting at the East Pavillion Harry Myers Park and wind through the beautiful and scenic trails of the park. Water, snacks, and entertainment for both walkers and bystanders will help make this a very special day for everyone, this on the first Sunday of Easter.

This special event, not held in Rockwall for some fifteen years, is an opportunity for the youth groups of all local churches to come together and be involved in this wonderful outreach opportunity. Similarly, church congregations may want to join in and support their youth for the same reason, as well as grandparents, parents, children, and relatives.

For more information and to order pledge envelopes, please contact Cheryl Taylor, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church/Rockwall at 972-771-5702 or torcheryltaylor@gmail.com. Rockwall is such a giving community and we have one more wonderful opportunity to help others in great need here at home and around the world.

# Contemporary service set at Joy Lutheran

A contemporary service set for 8:15 a.m. each Sunday will begin this weekend at Joy Lutheran Church.

"The services will follow a contemporary format that was developed by Joy's youth in cooperation with Pastor Paul Appel," said Sandra Caletka, chair of the church's Worship Committee.

The services provides a second worship opportunity for individuals of all ages, "especially those who prefer a more contemporary service," said Appel. "Communion will be offered, and the music will be contemporary and different from the traditional 10:30 a.m. service."

The church's youth members will assist in worship leadership during the service.

Following the contemporary service, education classes begin at 9:15 a.m. A traditional worship service with Communion takes place at 10:30 a.m. Joy Lutheran is a small, family- and community service-oriented church located one block north of the Rockwall Historic County Courthouse at N. Goliad St., Rockwall.

For more information, visit joylutheranchurch.org or contact the pastor at 972-771-4161.

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## On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

### Call upon the name of the Lord...Part 3

In the present study of what it means to "call upon the name of the Lord" in the context of salvation, it was discovered that Romans 10:13 uses the exact same quote as Acts 2:21. Furthermore, Romans 10:9-10 shows that confessing with the mouth the Lord Jesus also results in salvation. At first glance, it may appear that God is contradicting Himself. If we understand that God is not ambiguous, then we can see that the two phrases resulting in salvation refer to one specific thing.

A study of confessing with the mouth the Lord Jesus leads to 1 Corinthians 12:3 where it says, "...and no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." Continued research on what it means to speak by the spirit of God will help to ascertain what it means to confess with the mouth the Lord Jesus unto salvation.

1 Corinthians chapters 12-14 cover certain spiritual matters. Chapter 14 and verse 15 specifically refers to praying with the spirit of God. It says, "What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also. I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." To understand the context of verse 15, read verses 1-14. To pray with the spirit was about speaking in tongues, and to pray with the understanding was about words from mental thoughts.

As a side note, speaking in tongues involves speaking in languages that are not understood by the one speaking. This is why verse 2 says, "...for no man understands, howbeit in the spirit he speaks mysteries." According to Acts 2:4, the words are given by the spirit of God. The individual does not determine what is spoken, but instead simply starts speaking with the trust that the spirit of God will give the words.

All Christians know it is possible to declare the Lord Jesus with words that come from God in their personal languages. But, not everybody understands it is possible to declare that Jesus is Lord with words that come from the spirit of God by speaking in tongues. This is largely because many Christians do not understand what it means to speak in tongues, and probably do not even believe it is available to do so. Having ruled out the option of speaking in tongues, people understandably conclude that to "confess with the mouth the Lord Jesus" (Romans 10:9-10) refers only to speaking in their own languages.

According to 1 Corinthians 12:3, nobody can declare that Jesus is Lord but by the spirit of God. This does not nullify people's ability to declare the Lord Jesus in their own languages. Instead it establishes that nobody can truly do so except by the spirit of God. Many times during the day, Christians will glorify God and declare from their thoughts that Jesus Christ is Lord. It is mentally edifying to do so. It is also possible to truly worship God with words that come directly from the spirit of God by speaking in tongues.

Christians can worship God with their understanding and they can do so with the spirit of God. Christians can pray with their understanding and they can pray with the spirit of God. Christians can declare the Lord Jesus with their understanding and they can do so with the spirit of God. Christians can call upon the name of the Lord with their understanding and they can do so with the spirit of God.

### RCP's 'Boys Next Door' offered

The Rockwall Community Playhouse's production of "The Boys Next Door" will run March 26, 27 and 28 and April 2, 3 and 4. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 p.m.; Sunday shows are at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$12 for children, students and seniors and are available online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

### Easter egg hunt scheduled

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department-sponsored Easter egg hunt will begin at 10 a.m. March 27 at the Tuttle Athletic Complex. A bounce house, face painting and a visit with the Easter bunny are scheduled as part of the eighth annual event. Rainout date is April 3.

### April 1 is deadline for RWL grant apps

April 1 is the Rockwall Women's League deadline for grant requests from nonprofit agencies that service Rockwall County residents. Proceeds from the organization's charity ball fund grants to nonprofits and scholarships to local high school seniors. For more information, call Joey at 972-771-0772.

### Out-to-Lunch Bunch trip planned

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will travel to Plano April 9 to visit Abuelo's Mexican food restaurant. For more details call 972-771-7740.

### Camp Broadway production set

The Rockwall Community Playhouse's Camp Broadway student production is currently in rehearsal. Performances of "All I Really Need to Know I Learned From Being in a Bad Play" will take place at 7:30 p.m. April 9, 10 and at 2 p.m. April 11. Tickets cost \$10. For details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

### Red Cross Babysitting Course offered

Future babysitters ages 11 to 14 can take a Red Cross Babysitting Course from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 10 at The Center. Training will include responses to emergencies and illnesses, first aid, rescue breathing, communication skills, safety and hygiene issues and infant care. Cost is \$85 for Rockwall residents, \$128 for non-residents. For details visit rockwall.com/parks.

### Kid's Game Night set April 16

A Kid's Game Night, organized by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be open for children ages 3 to 10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. April 16 in the RISD Ed. Center gym. Age-appropriate activities are planned, and snacks and drinks will be provided. Cost will be \$5 for Rockwall residents, \$8 for non-residents.

### Rockwall plans Environmental Action Day

The City of Rockwall is planning an Environmental Action Day on April 17. Trash collection volunteers - individuals or groups - may reserve a spot by calling 972-771-7740. Breakfast will be provided at The Center at 8:30 a.m. Individuals interested in disposing of household chemical wastes properly should call 972-771-7700.

### Library plans volunteer training

The Reading for Adults program needs ESL and GED volunteer tutors for its summer and fall sessions. Interested volunteers may choose to tutor once or twice weekly; morning and evening classes are offered. No prior teaching experience required. Training will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 17. For more details call Gloria at 972-204-7705 or visit the library's literacy center.

### Class on floral arranging offered

A class on floral arranging, open to individuals ages 50 and older, will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon April 23 at The Center. Sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, the class fee is \$15 for Rockwall residents and \$22 for non-residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

### Vendors needed for May 1 craft fair

Vendors are being lined up for the Rockwall High School Band Spring Craft Fair set for May 1. For more details, call Liz Tarter at 972-772-1846.

### Founders Day Festival set May 22

The City of Rockwall's annual Founders Day Festival will take place May 22, with vendor booths, children's activities, food, live entertainment and a sundown concert on the historic downtown square. Visit rockwallfoundersday.com for more details.

### Vendors sought for RHS craft fair

Vendors are needed for the Rockwall High School Spring Craft Fair set for May 1. Contract Liz Tarter, 972-772-1846, for more information.

## Election results

(Continued from Page 1)

• Justice, 5th Court of Ap Dist, P12 (unexpired) - Lawrence J. Praeger, 566 votes

• County chairman - Terri StClair, 568 votes

• Republican Primary

• U.S. representative, District 4 - Lou Gigliotti, 64; Joshua Kowert, 54; Jerry Ray (Tea) Hall, 214 votes; John Cooper, 150; Steve Clark, 2,904; Ralph M. Hall, 5,970

• Lt. governor - David Dewhurst, 7,228

• Attorney general - Greg Abbott, 7,141

• Comptroller of public accounts - Susan Combs, 6,908

• Commissioner of the General Land Office - Jerry Patterson, 6,794

• Agriculture commissioner - Todd Staples, 6,746

• Railroad commissioner - David Porter, 5,079; Victor G. Carrillo, 2,449

• Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 - Rebecca Simmons, 1,322; Jim Moseley, 1,587; Jeff Brown, 954; Debra Lehmann, 1,330; Rick Green, 893; and Rick Strange, 613

• Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5 - Paul Green, 6,167

• Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9 - Eva Guzman, 4,701; Rose Vela, 2,138

• Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, P2 - Lawrence "Larry" Meyers, 6,181

• Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, P5 - Cheryl Johnson, 6,149

• Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, P6 - Michael E. Keasler, 6,104

• Members, State Board of Education, District 12 - George M. Clayton, 4,185; Geraldine "Tincy" Miller, 2,617

• State senator, District 2 - Robert F. Deuell, 5,831; Sharon Russell, 2,273

• State representative, District 89 - Jodie Laubenberg, 6,860

• Chief justice, 5th Court of Ap Dist, unexpired - Carolyn Wright, 6,245

• Justice, 5th Court of Ap Dist, P4 - Lana Myers, 6,163

• Justice, 5th Court of Ap Dist, P7 - Michael J. (Mike) O'Neill, 6,112

• Justice, 5th Court of Ap Dist, P12 - Robert M. (Bob) Fillmore, 5,992

• Criminal district attorney - Kenda Culpepper, 6,419

• County judge - Chris Florance, 1,813; Kevin Fowler, 2,279; Ken Jones, 1,655; and Jerry Hogan, 2,845

• District clerk - Kay McDaniel, 6,373

• County clerk - Shelli Miller, 4,710; David Sweet, 3,391

• County treasurer - David Peek, 6,249

• County commissioner, Pct. 4 - Stan McWhirter, 690; David Magness, 977

• Justice of the peace, Precincts 1, 4 - Jack James, 1,432; Michelle Leek Sutton, 939; and David Karr, 1,714

• Justice of the peace, Precinct 2, 3 - Larry Holloway, 1,549; Nancy Beatty, 1,377; and Cathy Penn, 1,135

• County chairman - Paul Wilson, 4,238; Brenda Zielke, 2,640

• Precinct chairman, Pct. 28 - Ralph S. Mount, 68; Andrew Hall, 100

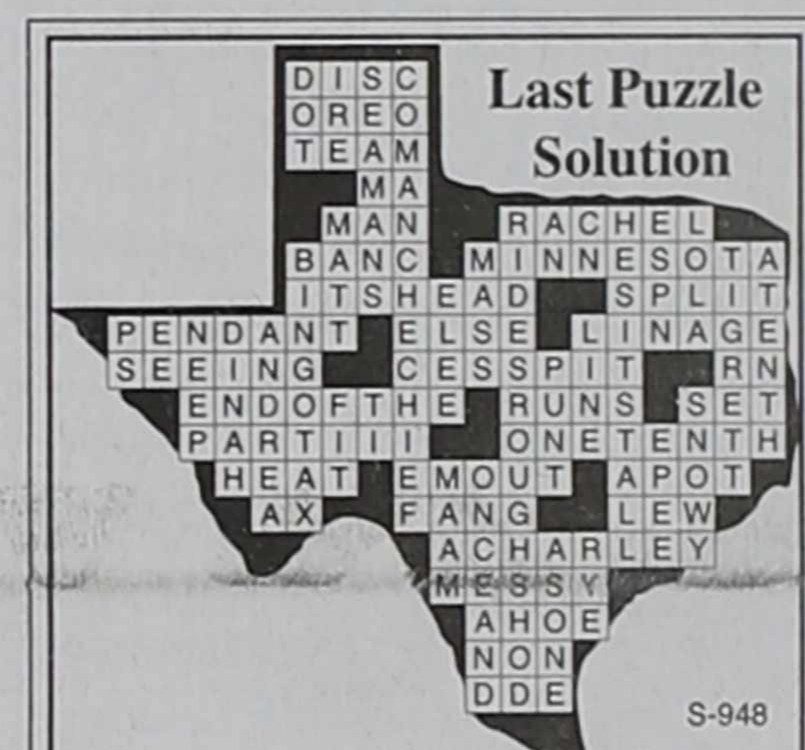
• Republican Proposition 1 - Yes, 8,803; No, 496

• Republican Proposition 2 - Yes, 8,379; No, 711

• Republican Proposition 3 - Yes, 8,553; No, 557

• Republican Proposition 4 - Yes, 8,916; No, 423

• Republican Proposition 5 - Yes, 6,223; No, 2,869.



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## Rockwall County News Briefs

### RPA plans meeting today

Rockwall Preschool Association will meet at 9 a.m. today at the Free Church, 315 Dalton Road, Rockwall. Today's meeting will feature children's spring party event. Meetings are conducted on the first Friday of each month, September through May. For details about the group visit preschoolassociation.com.

### RSVPs needed today for RC Chamber event

RSVPs are needed today for the noon Tuesday Roysce City Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Mellody Room at City Hall. Guest speaker Margo Nielsen of Helping Hands, and retiring police chief Tom Hill will be recognized. Cost is \$10. To RSVP call 972-636-5000.

### Beans & Bazaar slated for Saturday

Rockwall City Order of the Eastern Star No. 642 will host a fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the City Hall Mellody Room. Beans, hot dogs and desserts will be served, \$6 per person or two for \$10 (cash, \$3; under 3 eat free). For tickets call Mary Johnson, 469-387-1111 or Cornelius, 972-816-9626.

### Wii Afternoon set Saturday at library

Afternoon teen program, free and open to students in grades 6-12, will run from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the first floor meeting room, Rockwall Library. For details visit rocklibteens.blogspot.com, follow @rocklibteens, search Rockwall Library Teens on Facebook or call 972-204-7700.

### RHHS band dinner concert set Saturday

RHHS band will host their 2nd annual Dinner Concert & Silent Auction from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday at the school. The RHHS band, along with the bands from Utley and Cain middle schools, will perform. For more information contact Sandra Nelson, fundraising chair, at 972-1864 or e-mail snelson1@classicnet.net.

### Fate ministry to host Saturday revival

Sorensen Ministries of Fate will host a Holy Ghost Revival from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at the La Quinta Inn, 689 E. I-30, Rockwall. For details, call 214-810-9782.

### DAR plans Sunday meeting

Rockwall Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Sunday for the annual Awards Tea. Carolyn Duckworth, chapter president, will host the event at her home, 617 Liechty Ct., Heath. Recipients of the 2009 DAR Citizens awards and American History Essay winners will be recognized.

### Kids Expo set Monday

Rockwall-Heath Early Childhood PTA will host a Kids Expo from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall. Guest speaker from Pecan Pediatrics will open the event, and vendors will be on hand to visit about upcoming events and activities geared toward children. The networking group is new, but not affiliated with any other group. Open to parents of children ages birth to kindergarten. For more details contact Erika Stephens at eaststephens2003@yahoo.com or Cathy Kline at cine98@att.net.

### RARTA members to meet Monday

Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will meet at 1:15 p.m. Monday at the RISD Administration building. Local author and teacher Kim Eason will review her book, "My Name is Fallen." Dues for the coming year will be collected. The meeting is open to all retired school personnel and guests.

### Heath Community, Cemetery meeting Monday

The annual Heath Community and Cemetery meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the Heath Community Center. For more details call 972-771-2111.

### Pop In & Study event set Tuesday

Pop In & Study event free to students in grades 6-12 will run from 6 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Tuesday in the Rockwall County Library's first floor meeting room. Popcorn will be served. For details visit rocklibteens.blogspot.com, follow @rocklibteens, search Rockwall Library Teens on Facebook or call 972-204-7700.

### Out-to-Lunch Bunch trip planned

Out-to-Lunch Bunch will travel to Dallas March 12 to visit the Corner Club, TX 75201. For more details call 972-771-7740.

### Brown Bag Lecture Series continues

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation's Brown Bag Lecture Series will continue at noon March 12 at the Historic Courthouse. "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" will detail local city teams in Rockwall and fire up those fans forward to the April 18 RCHF Vintage Baseball Game. The program is free and family-friendly.

### CAP plans open house, rocket launch

The Rockwall Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will host an indoor open-air open house from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. March 13 at Harry Myers Park, Rockwall. Booths depicting the CAP's history, mission and activities will be on display, and a model rocket clinic will be conducted. For details visit civilairpatrol.com.

### NAMI support groups to meet

Three NAMI support groups - one for those with mental illness (Room 123) and one for their families (Room 123, B Building) - will take place from 7 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. March 13 at the First United Methodist Church, 3007 Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. For details call Hal or Dee Whitaker at 972-412-6030.

### Ballroom Dance Party set March 13

Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host its Spring Fling Ballroom Dance Party from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday at The Center, 108 E. Main St., Rockwall. Light refreshments will be served; door prizes and a mini lesson will be planned. For more details, call 972-771-7740.

### 'Rock through Spring Break'

Rockwall's worth of field drips, Rock through Spring Break, will be offered from March 15-19 through the Rockwall Parks & Rec. Youths ages 6-12 are eligible to participate and will meet at the RISD Education Center gym from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily. Space is limited; pre-registration is required. Cost is \$75 for local residents, \$113 for non-residents.

### Low-cost animal shot, microchip clinic set

Rockwall Animal Services will host a low-cost shot and microchip clinic from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 20 at the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center, 3221 Airport Rd. All dogs must be on leashes, cats in carriers. For more details call Rockwall Animal Services, 972-771-7750.

### NWS to offer severe weather program

The National Weather Service in Fort Worth, in conjunction with Rockwall County Emergency Management, will offer a Skywarn severe weather program from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 11 in the Rockwall County Library. The program will be free and open to the public.

### American Legion plans annual banquet

American Legion Post 117 will conduct its annual banquet at 12:30 p.m. March 21 at The Center. Participants in last year's Boys and Girls State will be honored and the award for Outstanding Rockwall Citizen of the Year will be presented. U.S. Rep. Ralph Hall will be the featured speaker.

### 'Hairspray' planned for Teen Movie Night

The PG-rated movie "Hairspray" will be screened from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 23 as part of the Rockwall County Library's Teen Movie Night. The event will take place in the library's first floor meeting room. For details visit rocklibteens.blogspot.com, follow @rocklibteens, search Rockwall Library Teens on Facebook or call 972-204-7700.

### Kid's Game Night set March 26

Kid's Game Night, organized by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be open for children ages 3 to 10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 26 in the RISD Ed. Center gym. Age-appropriate activities are planned, and snacks and drinks will be provided. Cost will be \$5 for Rockwall residents, \$8 for non-residents.

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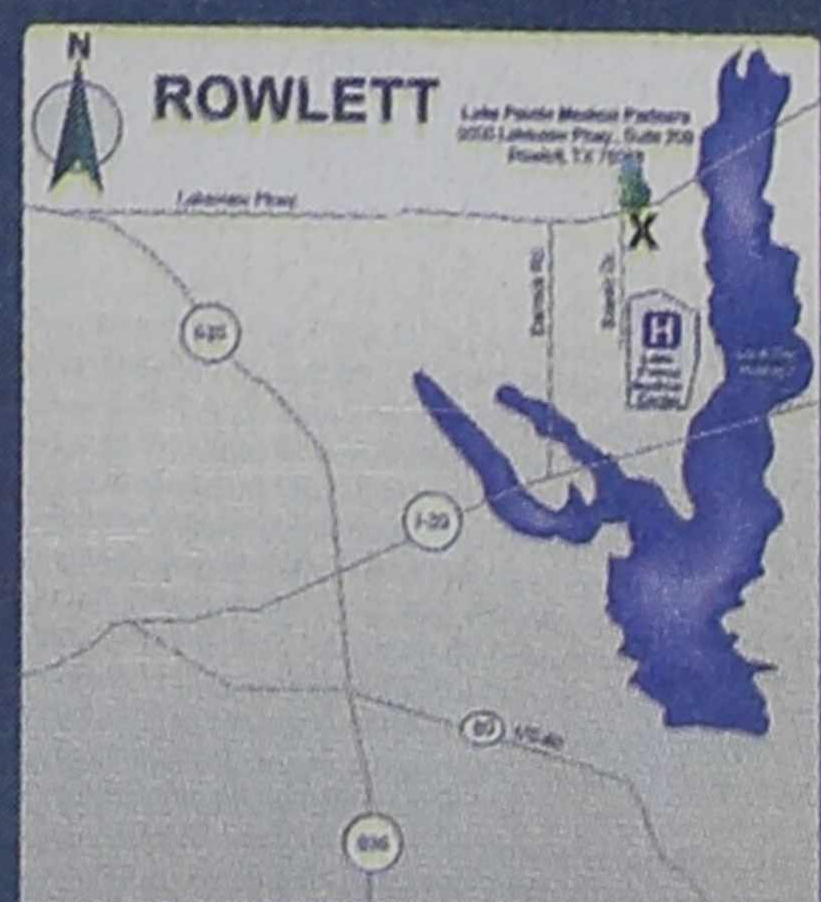
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# Opinions

## Are in fact all migrants in the eyes of our constitution

Joanna Matejka

When a law has changed in our dealing with immigrants who have come here without documentation. They are not able to get driver's licenses. Some may think this makes perfect sense, that "illegal" people should not have any rights. I've heard many people say that when they are found out, they should be deported right away. If they are caught without a driver's license, they should be deported, they say. Certainly, they should not be given health care. Of course the human kindness of alleviation of suffering is only for those who are here.

What I ask you is: if I, a native-born citizen am involved in an ordinary accident, perhaps when I have run late early in the morning to take my son to school, I have forgotten my purse and am found without my license, should I be punished? Does that make any sense?

Would I be full of fear and worry for the lack of that plastic card? Would I be such a person without a plastic card, without the opportunity to do something about it, such as having driving lessons, studying and being tested on the roads, purchase insurance and register an automobile is involved in a minor and simple event: a car accident, should they feel compelled to flee? Would they fear for their livelihood and the livelihood of those who depend on them?

When we see people in our cities and state in our attitude toward solving our grave problems we tend to forget who we are. We tend to classify some of our neighbors as "illegal" whether they are undocumented immigrants or people who may accidentally stray across city ordinances including parking ordinances and by classifying them as "others" and "others" that we tend to punish.

When this punishment in the short run seems to give us some benefits. Fines deter people from acting in unsafe ways. But these fines, inordinately burden the weakest among us, those whose fines dip into their budgets while the most prosperous among us may give up little more than a month's Starbucks budget at the worst. If we punish we can get these "others" out of our country and we won't have to share with them and we'll have more money for ourselves.

When we punish, punish, punish, we fail to be true to who we are, who we claim to be: a nation under God.

When we profess to be Christians and Christians must return to the fundamentals of that faith: to be Christ in the world. Christ: the human embodiment of God. God is love. And the fruits of love are patience and kindness.

When we do not remember our compassion and our call to hospitality. When we do not remember that immigrants and "others" are people. People, who have a stance often with very little more than the clothes on their backs and sandals on their feet. They are separated from family and community and isolated from differences in language and culture. They are mostly people trying to do an honest day's work and live. And they are not trying to be murderers, thieves, liars or trespassers of our deepest held commandments.

When we fail to give them compassion, when we seek to deny them basic rights like protection under the law, we leave them vulnerable to heinous crimes with no recourse and no safety. If I am raped and I am undocumented, do I have any voice? If I have witnessed a crime do I offer my testimony?

When we know that immigrants, these "others," are routinely abused. They are abused in practices, they are trafficked and subject to life in the fringes.

When we are watching this, participating in the action of this by our votes in our legislative or our lack of action is a grievous sin. It is a violation of the commandment of our first and greatest commandment: to love one another as Christ loved us to the point of bearing a terrible death. Can we not extend enough love and compassion to the "others" among us? Can we not ask you to grieve this offense and as a community ask for forgiveness and to make amends.

When we are moving very, very far in our abandonment of our identity with these sort of actions. How petty it seems to deny a person the responsibility of driving safely on our roads safely.

When we are people who send millions of dollars to give aid to the suffering all over the world, do we forget that compassion toward people who are among us?

When we are as strong as the weakest among us. We must grieve these attacks on our identity to make us even weaker and deter us from that rightful call. Let's go on and be Christ in the world. Let's go ahead and be love and remember that we are all the way down to things like rules about who can get driver's licenses. We must love to the streets and do the true work of apostleship.

**Author's Note:** The U.S. Constitution was written to secure the rights of all people. The rights are not reserved for "citizens." This nation was founded on the principles of the American Declaration of Independence, and it is up to us to demand that all citizens adhere to those principles.



## Global warming update

by Walter E. Williams

Private industry and governments around the world have spent trillions of dollars in the name of saving our planet from manmade global warming. Academic institutions, think tanks and schools have altered their curricula and agenda to accommodate what was seen as the global warming "consensus."

Mounting evidence suggests that claims of manmade global warming might turn out to be the greatest hoax in mankind's history. Immune and hostile to the evidence, President Barack Obama's administration and most of the U.S. Congress sides with Climate Czar Carol Browner, who says, "I'm sticking with the 2,500 scientists. These people have been studying this issue for a very long time and agree this problem is real."

The scientists whom Browner references are associated with the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Let's look some of what they told us. The 2007 IPCC report, which won them a Nobel Peace Prize, said that the probability of Himalayan glaciers "disappearing by the year 2035 and perhaps sooner is very high" as a result of manmade global warming. Recently, IPCC was forced to retract their glacier disappearance claim, which was made on the basis of a non-scientific magazine article. When critics initially questioned the prediction, Rajendra Pachauri, IPCC's chairman, dismissed them as "voodoo scientists."

The IPCC also had to retract its claim that up to 40 percent of the Amazonian forests were at risk from global warming and would likely be replaced by "tropical savannas" if temperatures continued to rise. The IPCC claim was based on a paper co-authored by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), two environmental activist groups.

England's now-disgraced University of East Anglia's Climatic Research Unit (CRU) has been a leader in climate research data. Their data, collected and analyzed by them, have been used for years to bolster IPCC efforts to press governments to cut carbon dioxide emissions. Climatologists, including CRU's disgraced former director Professor Phil Jones, have been accused of manipulating data and criminally withholding scientific information to prevent its disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

Professor Jones, considered to be the high priest of the manmade global warming movement, has been in the spotlight since he was forced to step down as CRU's director after the leaking of e-mails that skeptics claim show scientists were manipulating data. In a recent interview with the BBC, he admitted that he did not believe that "the debate on climate change is over" and that he didn't "believe the vast majority of climate scientists think this."

Long denied by the warmers, Professor Jones admitted that the Medieval Warm Period (800 A.D. to 1300 A.D.) might well have been as warm as the Current Warm Period (1975-present), or warmer, and that if it was, "then obviously the late-20th century warmth would not be unprecedented." That suggests global warming may not be a manmade phenomenon. In any case, Professor Jones said that for the past 15 years, there has been no "statistically significant" global warming.

During the BBC interview, Professor Jones dodged several questions: why he had asked a colleague to delete e-mails relating to the IPCC's Fourth Assessment Report and ask others to do likewise; whether some of his handling of data had crossed the line of acceptable scientific practice; and what about his letter saying that he had used a "trick" to "hide the decline" in tree-ring temperature data?

Given all the false claims and evidence pointing to scientific fraud, I don't think it wise to continue spending billions of dollars and enacting economically crippling regulations in the name of fighting global warming. At the minimum, we should stop the Environmental Protection Agency from going on with their plans to regulate carbon emissions. Companies should resign from the United States Climate Action Partnership (USCAP), a lobbying group of businesses and radical environmentalists. Dr. Tom Borelli, who is director of the National Center for Public Policy Research's Free Enterprise Project, says that BP, Caterpillar, Conoco Phillips, Marsh, Inc. and Xerox had the common sense to do so already.

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# What's it mean: Due process of law?

by Tom Burnett

After reading the "We the People" page in last week's Rockwall County News, I honestly feel better informed about who I might vote for.

I am especially interested in the answers to question number three by the candidates for Justice of the Peace. While it was great to see that all candidates recognize the importance of following Due Process of Law in the administration of justice, I was startled to learn they did not agree on the Due Process of Law in handling statutory complaints.

Looking at the statutes pertaining to the complaint helps to see what the law actually requires. Since none of the candidates included citations, I had to do some digging to find the real answer. Sadly, lacking a citation, I was unable to see exactly what they meant.

Question number three for JP read, "How will you respond to complaints received by law enforcement officers which fail to cite the statute that has allegedly been violated?" Comparing the answers with the actual codes, I found conflicting issues in the answers:

1. The complaint must be filed if the accused either does not appear before the court upon notice, or makes a plea of not guilty.
2. The requisites of complaint do not require a citation of the violated complaint.
3. The citation is a charging instrument.

Issue #1 directly addresses the right to be informed of the violation prior to being forced to make a plea. The closest information I could find was in The Texas Constitution addresses this in Article 1, Section 10. It reads,

**ARTICLE 10. RIGHTS OF ACCUSED IN CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS.** In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall have a speedy public trial by an impartial jury. He shall have the right to demand the nature and cause of the accusation against him, and to have a copy thereof."

The constitution does not use the term plea. Therefore, it stands to reason that Article 10 addresses the question of whether any person should be required to make a plea without first being informed of the charge through a properly executed complaint. In essence, the statutory complaint reveals the nature and cause of the accusation against the accused.

Article 45.017 Criminal Docket provides some helpful information. The nature of the offense charged comes before the plea offered by the defendant. Lacking basic common sense, lacking the complaint no person would be able to make an informed decision on how to plea.

Issue #2 also addresses the right of the accused to be informed of the "nature and cause of the accusation." The actual code section reads as follows, **ARTICLE 10.19. REQUISITES OF COMPLAINT (a) A complaint is sufficient, if it regards to its form, if it substantially satisfies the following requisites:**

1. It must show that the accused has committed an offense against the law of this state, or state that the affiant has good reason to believe and does believe

that the accused has committed an offense against the law of this state."

The complaint must show the accused has committed an offense against the law of this state, or state that the affiant has good reason to believe such. The law of the State is directly and lawfully identified by citing the statute in the complaint.

Considering that JP Courts have jurisdiction to handle cases involving the enforcement of state law, it stands to reason that state law would have to be cited in the complaint. Otherwise, the accused is forced to make a plea upon accusation of a mere act that might not be addressed in any law. If the court's jurisdiction involves the law, then it can not force the accused to make a plea on charges of a mere act, no matter how detailed the complaint describes the act.

In essence, the charge of a mere act is a charge against an act according to common law. Under common law, mere acts are not criminal unless there is a real victim. In JP Court criminal cases, the real victim will be a state statute. Lacking a statutory citation in the complaint, as one candidate wisely noted, the cause of action would probably be dismissed.

One other question could be: would the court dismiss it immediately? Or would it go out of its way to make sure the complaint is changed, or would it wait for the accused to file a motion to dismiss?

I once knew a Municipal Court Judge from another town who immediately dismissed citations and complaints that did not include a citation of the offended statute. As some might guess, he was not very popular within the law enforcement community and city government, but he was praised by the people. Why? Because he protected their right of Due Process of Law.

Last, but not least, we come to the question of whether a citation is a charging instrument. Reading through Title 1, Chapter 45 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the term "citation" is used only in the context of that which is issued by law enforcement officers. Because the term "complaint" is also used in the same Chapter, it is safe to conclude that the law clearly distinguishes between the two. The complaint is without doubt, the lawful charging instrument. The citation is issued by the law enforcement officer.

It is interesting to note that law enforcement officers never use the citation for its intended purpose: to cite the offended statute. There's a good reason for calling it a "citation."

There is one issue I want to touch on related to the answers given by the County Judge and Commissioners Court candidates: their answers about Due Process of Law and Plenary Law was refreshing. All candidates expressed their intent to stay within the limits of the constitution. Yet, even while writing this article, there are law enforcement officers probably anticipating another full day of forcing people to be searched without a warrant.

You might ask...how can that be? Our local county judge and commissioners clearly know better than to violate the constitution. Sadly, they probably

are unaware that they did so by voting to set up a forced search check-point at the entrance of the county building. Right there in front of our eyes...every day...the people of Rockwall County can see the constitution being violated when they are forced to walk through the metal detector or be searched.

I personally experienced what happens when someone by-passes the metal detector and does not stop. The guard orders people to stop and either pass through the detector or be searched. No warrant...I repeat...no warrant. They say it's a matter of "security." What did our founders warn us about? Oh, it went something like this: "Those who demand security over liberty, deserve and will get neither security nor liberty."

The Texas constitution and statutes can be found online at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/>.





## Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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

### Taking issue with "Operation Northwoods" article

It is a shame that the Rockwall County News saw fit to publish such a biased and misleading article as that written by Jacob Hornberger (Feb. 19). He claims that the evidence presented in the "Operation Northwoods" file proves that the U.S. government, and in particular the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, are capable of, and "unanimously conspired" to commit attacks on American soil that were designed to cost the lives of innocent Americans.

Anyone with an open mind, upon reviewing the files to which he refers, would conclude that indeed the military leaders did look at various scenarios for implicating Cuba in hypothetical attacks on U.S. targets which could lead to gaining U.S. and international support for possible action against Cuba.

What he fails to acknowledge, however, is that the same files clearly indicate the military leaders were responding to a request for such scenarios from a higher political office and that each of the developed scenarios was designed to provide a simulated attack or incident in which no "innocent civilians," or anyone else for that matter, would be harmed.

Each scenario was carefully constructed to simulate various actions or events that would give the appearance of an attack by Cuba. None of the proposals called for an actual attack and obviously the Joint Chiefs had no intention of conducting such an attack.

To stretch those facts into a conspiracy by the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff to deliberately attack civilian targets such as occurred on 9/11 simply plays into the hand of the "9/11 Truthers" and other misguided conspiracy theorists.

At a time when our nation is relying so heavily on our military members and their leaders to conduct extensive operations around the world, it is a great disservice to impugn the motives of our dedicated military professional leadership. I hope the Rockwall County News can make better choices in the future.

Chuck Schreiber, Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)

**Publisher's Note:** The article by Mr. Hornberger points out the reality that U.S. military leaders have carried out unconstitutional orders. Having served as an Air Force officer during the Nixon administration years, I personally witnessed how unlawful acts are overlooked in the name of "following orders." Honorable men and women serving in the U.S. military are often put in untenable positions by the shameful acts of political leaders, that is why it is critical that Americans question government at all levels. As for the "9/11" matter, a careful study of the event raises a number of important questions, such as the presence of thermate which is widely used in demolition of steel structures. How did thermate find its way into those buildings?

### City of Heath land grab attempt

I want your readers to be aware of the water tower issue in Heath. This issue has been on going for six years now. A little history: Around 1998 the school bought 14 acres of land from the Smirl family. At the time RCH owned a one-acre tract of land located 300 feet from the street. RCH had a right-of-way from the street to their property.

At that time RCH had a ground storage water tank as well as an office on their property. This facility was abandoned by RCH at the time the City of Heath bought the water supply from RCH. The out building on the property was only used as a maintenance facility by the City of Heath up until 18 months ago. The property was abandoned by the city when they leased the one acre to the Fulton School.

This brings us to the current situation. The City of Heath needs to find a place for a 1.5 million-gallon water tower. Since they own the land behind Fulton, they have decided to build it on that property. To do so they will have to use their right-of-way, which cuts through the school playground.

The school has made offers to trade the city land for land they own, which would allow the building of the water tower on the front of their property, a location that would not have the city driving through the playground of the children.

In addition, a representative of the school was told by the city engineer that if the water tower were placed on the front it would save the city \$10,000 per running foot of water line or total of \$2.8 million.

All of this has been to no avail. It seems the city is going to do what they want to do regardless of the dangers that decision might impose to the kids.

Sometime last month the City Council held a public meeting to make a final decision and voted on the placement of the water tower. The city notified the neighbors on Hillview and properly posted the meeting. However, they did not notify the school of the meeting. They had the meeting and voted to place the water tower behind the school on their one acre of land. When the school asked the city why they were not notified they were told the meeting had been properly posted, and they were sorry no one called or wrote them concerning the upcoming meeting.

The latest issue involves a number of Fulton parents who asked to be placed on the March 2 agenda in order to publicly discuss these issues with the City Council. At first they were told that they had a place on the agenda. Later, I guess after the council thought about it, the school was denied. Denied to speak.

That I cannot understand. It would seem the City Council is saying to the parents of the children, who live and pay taxes in Heath, "We don't care what you want. We have made up our minds that we are, because it is the cheapest way, going to build the water on our property -end of the story. Now shut up and sit down."

Is this just another example of our government doing as they please and not even giving the people it affects the right to speak in a public meeting?

I feel sure that as things now stand when the families and their children attend the March 2 Heath City Council meeting to air their opposition, they will be told to "shut up and sit down." I hope I am wrong and that the council will at least listen to their fears and concerns about the safety of their children, but time will tell.

We must try to do what is best for the children, and in this writer's opinion that does not include building a 1.5 million-gallon water tower in the middle of their playground.

I understand that the city has the right to build the tower on the land they own, but sometime having the right does not mean it is the correct thing to do.

George Hargrave, Heath

## Alsabrook is new Royce City police chief

Carl L. Alsabrook has been named the next chief of police for the City of Royce City, according to a news release issued this week.

Alsabrook comes to Royce City from the City of Rockwall where he has served for more than 20 years as a member of the Rockwall Police Department. His most recent service was as lieutenant of police, whose responsibilities included the Patrol Division.

Alsabrook's previous experience included two years as lieutenant of the Criminal Intelligence Division and two years as lieutenant of administration.

"His breadth and depth of experience along with his knowledge of our region will benefit the Royce City Police Department enormously," the release stated. "Chief Alsabrook will be a great asset to the city as he takes over the reins of the police department and leads it into the future."

Alsabrook holds a Master Peace Officer license with the state and a Masters of Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Dallas.

## Boland, Stragglers to perform March 6

Texas artist Jason Boland & the Stragglers will be in concert March 6 at the Southern Junction Nightclub & Steakhouse.

The group's hits include "Carney Man" and "17."

The Dirt Road Gypsies will open.

Doors will open at 6 p.m.; the show will begin at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$15 to \$20.

For ticket and reservation information, call 972-771-2418 or visit southjunctionlive.com.

## Davis speaks to Utley MS students

Allie Davis, director of the Rest Haven Funeral Home, spoke to Utley Middle School students on Feb. 9.

Davis, a resident of Rockwall for the past four years, told students about growing up in a small rural community in Nebraska and graduating from Wayne State University and the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service in 2008. Topics of discussion included how growing up in small rural towns has changed; influences; working hard academically; being involved; the importance of having a job while in high school; and reaching out to students at school.

Davis' visit to the school was hosted by Friends of Rachel and DFYIT.

## Dobbs, Rochell feted by TEA program

Two local schools - Howard Dobbs Elementary and Amanda Rochell Elementary - recently were recognized for outstanding academic performance by the Texas Education Agency's Division of No Child Left Behind Program Coordination, according to a news release issued by the Rockwall Independent School District.

The TEA's Title I, Distinguished Schools designation recognized Title I schools that have "consistently demonstrated strong academic performances" over a three-year period, the release states.

"To achieve and maintain such high standards is an accomplishment that serves as a model for other schools in the state to emulate," said Anita Givens, the TEA's associate commissioner for standards and programs.

Both campuses were recognized at Monday's meeting of the RISD Board of Trustees. Principal Teresa Twedell, assistant principal Ruth Johnson and faculty members were on hand to represent Dobbs Elementary. Principal Terry Peters, assistant principal Margaret Neyman and faculty members represented Rochell Elementary.

"We are always pleased when our campuses are recognized for consistent, outstanding academic performance," said RISD executive director of communications Sheri Fowler. "The staff and students deserve recognition for their hard work and diligent effort."

## RISD plans April 5 weather make-up day

As a result of the cancellation of classes on Feb. 12 because of inclement weather, the Rockwall Independent School District has scheduled April 5 as a weather make-up day.

Parents should plan to have their students in classes on that date.

For more information, contact the RISD Office of Communications at 972-771-0605.

## Deryl Dodd plans March 20 concert

Deryl Dodd will be in concert March 20 at the Southern Junction Nightclub & Steakhouse.

Also appearing will be the Coby McDonald Band.

Doors will open at 6 p.m.; the show will begin at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$10 to \$15.

For ticket and reservation information, call 972-771-2418 or visit southjunctionlive.com.

## KC Club collects dental items

Members of the Kindness and Compassion Club at Dorris A. Jones Elementary recently gathered donations of oral hygiene items for distribution to students in Bourbon County schools in West Virginia.

Local students collected 134 tubes of toothpaste, 10 bottles of mouthwash, 38 packages of dental floss and 441 toothbrushes. All items will be shipped to West Virginia to help students there improve their dental hygiene.

The drive was one of the many monthly service projects undertaken by the KC Club.

## Library needs volunteer tutors

The Rockwall County Library needs ESL and GED volunteer tutors for summer and fall sessions.

Classes are conducted from 10 a.m. to noon each weekday or from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Volunteers may choose to tutor one or more times each week.

No prior teaching experience is required. Training will be provided from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 17.

For more information contact Gloria at the library at 972-204-7705 or go by the literacy center in the library.

## Rockwall Women's League seeks grant requests

The Rockwall Women's League is accepting grant requests from nonprofit agencies that provide services to Rockwall County residents.

Proceeds from the organization's annual fundraising charity ball are used to provide grants to area nonprofit organizations and scholarship for Rockwall County high school seniors.

Last year the league awarded \$34,400 to area organizations and \$95,000 in scholarships.

This year's ball, There's No Place Like Home, is set for April 10 at the Hilton Bella Harbor. To contribute or attend contact Lisa Johnson at 469-576-2000.

Grant requests should be submitted in writing and mailed to P.O. Box 383, Rockwall, TX 75087, attn.: Joey Grand-Lienard. Grant requests should include program name and description, beneficiaries and amount requested.

For more information about the grant requests, contact Grand-Lienard at 972-771-0772.

Deadline for grant submission is April 1.

## Locals make marks at FCCLA regional

A pair of Rockwall-Heath High School students garnered recognition at the Family Career Community Leaders of American annual regional meeting conducted recently in Plano.

Meagan Hackler, a RHHS senior, finished in second place in the Fashion Design competition. Hackler created a label, Reign, and designed and constructed garments that could be sold to young women just entering the workplace.

As a result of her win, Hackler will compete in the state FCCLA contest on April 9. Her garments also will be shown at the RHHS LUX Fashion Show on April 14 sponsored by Groovy's, Cindy Swanson Photography, Bin 303, Jersey Lillie and Provence Place.

Fellow RHHS student Kate Walton also was elected 2010-2011 regional vice president of membership at the FCCLA regional meeting.

Walton will represent her school at the state and national meetings.

## Rockwall offers camp during spring break

The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department will offer ROCK Camp from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. March 15-19 at the Rockwall Independent School District's Education Center Gym.

The event will offer plenty of free time, as well as fun and educational activities suitable to students ages 6 to 12 years old.

Activities will include trips to Dinosaur World at Glen Rose on March 15; Texas Freshwater Fisheries in Athens, March 16; the Dallas Zoo, March 17; and the Heard Museum in McKinney, March 19. On March 18 the group will head for Harry Myers Park for instruction in camping safety, tent use and fishing.

Cost will be \$75 per child (resident of Rockwall) and \$113 for non-Rockwall residents. Cost will include all transportation and entry fees. Participants should plan to bring sack lunches, water bottles and snacks.

## NWS program to focus on severe weather

The National Weather Service of Fort Worth, in conjunction with the Rockwall County Emergency Management Office, will offer a severe weather program from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 11 at the Rockwall County Library.

The program will discuss thunderstorm formation, severe weather production and features associated with severe storms. Topics include formation and behavior, non-threatening clues frequently mistaken for significant features and safety in thunderstorms also will be viewed.

Spotter operations will be discussed, as will recommended reporting procedures.

The program will be in multimedia format, featuring numerous pictures of storms and nearly 25 minutes of video clips.

The fundamental purpose of the spotter training - and of the spotter network as a whole - remains unchanged.

"We could not do our job as well as we do without storm spotters. Radar is a great tool, but it only tells us part of a storm's story. Spotter observations complement the data we use to analyze storms. A combination of spotter reports and radar data gives us the best possible picture of the storms and what's going on inside them," said Mark Fox, warning coordination meteorologist at the Fort Worth office.

The program will be free and open to the public.

## Low-cost animal shelter microchip clinic set

Rockwall Animal Services will host a low-cost shot and microchipping clinic from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. March 20 at the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center, 1825 Airport Road.

All dogs must be on leashes, all cats in carriers.

Rabies shots will be offered for \$9, single year, or \$24, three-year. Other basic shots will be given for dogs at a cost of \$9 each or \$18 for cats.

All dogs and cats in the Rockwall city limits are required to be vaccinated against rabies at either one-year or three-year intervals, depending on type of vaccine used.

Leptospirosis will be offered for dogs for \$12, single year. Heartworm tests for dogs will cost \$20; these tests are recommended annually.

All Vax and HW test combos (three-year rabies/DHPP), \$80 or \$60 for year rabies/DHPP).

Cats may receive FVRCP shots at a cost of \$12 (single year) or \$24 (year). Leukemia shots will cost \$18.

Also offered while supplies last will be microchipping for dogs and cats. Microchipping is an advanced pet identification and retrieval system. A microchip with a unique ID code is implanted under the skin between the animal's shoulder blades. The pet owner then enrolls the pet with a pet recovery service that maintains a national database and is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. When a lost pet is found, it can be scanned at an animal shelter or clinic, the number called in to the pet recovery service and the owner notified.

Microchipping costs \$20, including the chip and administration.

City of Rockwall animal registrations also will be available at the clinic. For each spayed or neutered dog or cat the fee will be \$5 for a single year registration and \$15 for three-year registration. For pets that are not spayed or neutered, the cost will be \$20 for a single year or \$30 for a three-year registration.

State laws require that dogs wear a rabies vaccine tag on their collar at all times. Wearing the city registration tag ensure that pets can be quickly identified and returned if they are lost.

Pet owners from outside the Rockwall city limits are welcome to register their pets.

For more information contact Rockwall Animal Services, 972-771-7300.

## RISD to increase PE requirements

The Rockwall Independent School District will adopt new state guidelines to increase physical education requirements a student may earn toward graduation requirements, but will keep other requirements for graduation in excess of state minimums.

The district board of trustees voted to ratify recommendations of a member committee made up of high-school students, parents, teachers, counselors and administrators who reviewed sections of House Bill 3393 impact graduation requirements by reducing requirements in the areas of health, technology application and physical education.

The state board of education voted to eliminate the half-credit requirement for health, eliminate the tech applications requirement and reduce physical education requirement from 1.5 credits to one.

The state also increased the cap on the number of PE credits a student may apply toward graduation requirements from two to four.

The Rockwall ISD will continue the health requirement and continue technology requirement and expand courses offered from nine to 19.

The district will reduce the physical education requirement to one credit for low students to apply up to four credits of PE toward graduation credits.

All of the changes will affect only students who begin school with or at the next year's freshmen except for the increase in PE credits toward graduation. This year's juniors will be able to apply additional PE credits toward their graduation requirements.

District staff indicated the state board may be relaxing requirements in order to give students more flexibility in accomplishing all of their credit credits as requirements in other areas have increased in recent years.

District staff also expressed the will of the committee to encourage students to develop their abilities in band and athletics that are affected by PE credit rules.



Laura Duty presented a "Diamonds in Dallas" slideshow on the Dallas Arboretum at the February meeting of the Friends of the Library earlier this month. Pictured above with Duty is FOL member Susan Mills. Sixty-six members attended the event, which took place in the Rockwall County Library's Community Room. The room was decorated by Mills and Kathleen Evans to mark Valentine's Day. The spring luncheon, which will feature Dallas Morning News columnist Steve Blow, will take place April 13 at the Rotary Hall. Reservations will be required; call 972-771-8976 or e-mail cplagens65@aol.com. Photo courtesy of Leigh Plagens/Rockwall County News

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Fourth grade SAGE students at Celia Hays Elementary recently organized a fundraiser, Coins 4 the e-Help 4 Haiti. Students donated coins and cash, raising \$600 for the American Red Cross-Haiti fund. Pictured at front, from the left, are Emily Chapin, Kayla White, Maya Wiemokly and McKay Han. At back are Caroline Slater, Kenan Hurd, Grant Miller, Reid Rakow, Tyler Clemmer and Nick Cascio.  
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Student Council members at Miss May Vernon recently organized a fundraiser to collect for UNICEF to help Haitian children. Each student who made a \$1 contribution was allowed to wear a hat for a day. Students also will be manning buckets in front of the school to encourage parents to "chunk their change" for Haitian relief. Shown on hat-wearing day are, at front, Justin Hicks, Braden Padgett, Lindsey Cox, Olivia Morin and Joy Schumann. At back are Danny Hanna, Molly Thatcher, Alicia Weeks, Taylor Boris and Annie Villegas. The Student Council challenged the Harry Herndon Student Council to join in the effort to assist earthquake victims.  
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If you have any questions please call the Special Services office at 972-636-9514.

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# Rockwall County Sports

## Hodan swims to state title; Lady Hawks place 10th

**By Bump**  
 Jacey Hodan won the state 100-yard breaststroke in record time, finished the 200 individual medley and helped two relay teams to place, making Rockwall-Heath girls to 10th place in the 4A state swimming championships.  
 On Friday and Saturday at the University of Texas in Austin, the swimmer broke through after finishing second in the event during the previous state meets. Her time of 1 minute, 4.04 seconds eclipsed the 6-year-old record formerly held by Highland Park's Brittany Sacco, the sister of RHHS swimmer Tommy Sacco. Hodan's time met the NISCA All-America cut.  
 In the 200 IM, her time of 2:06.50 was behind only Frisco's Whitney Allen's 2:05.96. Allen finished second behind Hodan in the breaststroke in 4:11.80.  
 The Rockwall-Heath girls placed in an individual event. In her final high school meet, senior Coral Davenport used a personal-best time of 59.09 seconds to finish 10th in the 100 butterfly.  
 Rockwall-Heath's 200 medley relay team of Morgan Madrid, Katie Hodan and Davenport dropped from third in last year's state meet to finish 1:51.80. The same quartet swam to eighth place in the 400 freestyle relay in 3:45.96.  
 Highland Park won this year's girls meet with 232 points. RHHS' score of 100 points and the Lady Hawks to move up from 12th place in 2009.  
 For more information provided by Jan Miller



Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks' swimmer Jacey Hodan dives into the 100-yard breaststroke during last weekend's State UIL swim meet in Austin. Hodan broke the state record with a time of 1:04.04.  
 Photo by Sue Madrid/Rockwall County News

## Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors capture TAPPS State runner-up spot

**By Bump**  
 Aaron Hankins knew his Rockwall Christian Academy boys' basketball team had a special season, but he couldn't help thinking it could have been more special.  
 "We missed 10 free throws and at least five layups. When you're playing a game that good, you can't afford to do that," Hankins said Saturday after the Warriors' 50-44 loss to Kingwood Northeast Christian in the TAPPS 2A state championship game at Mansfield Legacy High School.  
 There's no question Northeast is good. Those Warriors repeated the state championship they won in 2008-09. Overall, they have won eight state titles.  
 There's also little question that RCA can play with anyone at the 2A level.  
 "The more of our team will be here next year. Our goal will be nothing less than a state championship," Hankins said.  
 Rockwall Christian will be without senior Charlie Wilson, who was named the All-State Tournament team. But two other All-Tournament players, junior Elvis Below and Stephan Turner, will be back. Joining them will be senior Reason Stewart, another junior starter this year; Aaron Eastin, the first-year player off the bench, and the remainder of the Warriors' reserves.  
 Hankins praised the seniors. He said, "They have been huge. Charlie has been our most clutch player, and Sherman Peoples has been our best rebounder."  
 On Saturday's final, RCA came out like the team that had been to the state championship before.  
 Making baskets off of steals, fast breaks and offensive rebounds, Wilson scored 17 points and Turner six to give the Warriors a 13-4 lead barely a minute into the game.  
 Northeast cut the deficit to 15-9 after one quarter, but Rockwall Christian cut it back to nine points again (22-13) on Below's basket 2 minutes, 40 seconds before halftime.  
 The two things happened. Northeast's Nick McDonald scored eight of 10 points in the second quarter and 22 in the game. His second 3-pointer in the period pulled Kingwood into a 23-23 halftime tie. In addition, RCA missed three of five foul shots.  
 "The misses were letting them back in the game," Hankins said. "We had fouls and flat feet. But they were tired too."  
 McDonald scoring 12 more points, Northeast took control of the game in the second half. The other Warriors' lead grew to 10 points, 44-34, at the 15-minute mark.  
 RCA then caught a second wind, and pulled within four at 48-44 when Below put in an offensive rebound with a minute left. Determination, particularly by the seniors, played a part.  
 "Right before, Wilson had said, 'It's starting to sink in that we're in the final. We're really excited. We've won 17 in a row, and we don't want to stop now.'"  
 Below pulled down three rebounds in the fourth quarter, and Peoples had his eight points and three rebounds during that time in an attempt to give Rockwall Christian a roll.  
 RCA had a chance to move closer when Northeast's Randy Trower missed a shot, but a missed shot and a foul put Trower back on the line with 13 seconds left. He made two clinching free throws.

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# Congratulations Rockwall High School Lady Jackets 2010 Area Basketball Champions!



Congratulations to the 2010 Rockwall High School Lady Jacket Varsity Basketball team:

Back Row Standing: Assistant Coach Casey Reeves, Hannah Hughes, Paige Turner, Vertashia Dean, Bre Castille, Caitlin White

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Front Row: Peyton Adamson, Mary Hinton, Caleb McDill, Head Coach Jill McDill, Noah McDill, Joshua Austin McDill, Aimee Coleman, and Alyssa Lang

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Rockwall Christian Academy's Aaron Easton looks to pass the ball through Kerrville defenders during last Friday's State TAPPS semi-finals game at Nolan Catholic in Fort Worth.



# Rockwall County Sports

## Rockwall County Sports Notes

### RHHS hosts District Gymnast Championship March 9-10

RHHS will host the District Gymnastics Championship. The event will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 9-10. On both days, the men's meet will start at 12 p.m. and the women's will start at 6:30 p.m.

### RCYC Frostbite Regatta set

The RCYC Frostbite Regatta will take place Saturday. To register online visit [rcyc.org/frostbite](http://rcyc.org/frostbite).

### Junior Olympics Skill contest slated

A free national skills participation program, the Junior Olympics Skills Competition, will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in the RISD Ed. Center gym. Open to boys and girls ages 8 to 13, the competition will allow young athletes to showcase their abilities in four sports: basketball, soccer, tennis and track and field (may participate in any or all). Participants must provide copies of their birth certificates. For more details visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

### Poker Run to benefit local Relay For Life

The March 27 Poker Run, slated to begin at 11 a.m. at Rockwall Honda Yamaha, will benefit the Rockwall County Relay For Life. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. The competition will end at Softails in Terrell at 3 p.m., with three stops scheduled in between. At each checkpoint, each rider will draw a playing card. The cyclist with the best poker hand at the end of the event will be the winner. For more information visit [relayforlife.org/rockwalltx](http://relayforlife.org/rockwalltx) or pre-register at Rockwall Honda Yamaha.

### Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk set April 3

The 2010 Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk will take place on April 3, rain or shine. Early registration (by March 26) is \$15; cost will be \$20 after that date or on the morning of the race. Youth registration fee is \$10 in advance or at the race. Early packet pick-up will be at the Heath City Hall from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. April 2. Packet pick-up the day of the event will begin at 7:30 a.m.; warm-up at 8:15 a.m. Run begins at 8:30 a.m. at Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive. Proceeds will benefit the Heath Trails System. Registration forms are available at [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com) or at City Hall. Sign up online at [signmeup.com](http://signmeup.com). For more details e-mail [kdobbs@heathtx.com](mailto:kdobbs@heathtx.com).

### Rotarians plan Tax Day Golf Shoot-Out

The Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club will host a Tax Day Shoot-Out Golf Tournament on April 15 at the Stone River Golf Club, Roysse City, with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$75 per player (includes green fees, cart, lunch, additional food, awards and prizes). Proceeds from the four-man scramble will be split between the Assistance and Referral arm of Helping Hands and Haiti earthquake relief. To register e-mail or phone Dave Michie at [dave.michie@yahoo.com](mailto:dave.michie@yahoo.com), 214-455-6972, or George Russell, [brogco@att.net](mailto:brogco@att.net), 214-934-1142.

### Golf tourney set April 16 in R-City

The 9th Annual Golf Tournament and Scholarship Fundraiser, sponsored by the Roysse City Chamber of Commerce, will have a 1 p.m. shotgun start on April 16 at the Stone River Golf Club in Roysse City. Check-in will begin at 11:30 a.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places; other prizes also are planned. Entry fee is \$75 per person. For more details, contact the chamber at 972-636-5000 or e-mail [info@roysecitychamber.com](mailto:info@roysecitychamber.com).

### Course offered on fly fishing

A class on fly fishing will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 17 at Harry Myers Park. Open to individuals ages 12 and older (ages 12-15 must be accompanied by an adult), classes will be taught by Dallas Fly Fishers Club members. Cost will be \$25 for Rockwall residents, \$38 for non-residents.

### Kickball tourney set April 24

A kickball tournament open to competitors ages 8 and older will begin at 10 a.m. April 24 at Myers Field No. 1. Family, youth and adult divisions are planned; a minimum of eight players needed per team (can be co-ed and/or a mix of ages). Each team guaranteed three games. Cost per team of Rockwall residents is \$25; non-residents, \$40. Deadline for entries is April 22. For details visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

### Little Kickers Soccer set

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's Little Kickers Soccer program for youths ages 3 1/2 to 5 will run from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Mondays from April 26 through May 31 on Myers Park Field No. 1. The program is designed to provide age-appropriate skill-building drills and exercise. Cost will be \$30 for Rockwall residents, \$45 for non-residents. For more details visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

### Little Sluggers T-Ball program offered

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's Little Sluggers T-Ball program, open to youths ages 3 1/2 to 5, will run from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays April 27 through June 1 on Myers Park Field No. 1. Children will be divided into teams to learn fundamental skills in a non-competitive environment; the final two weeks will provide game experience. Cost is \$30 for Rockwall residents, \$45 for non-residents. For more details visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).



Rockwall Christian Academy's Sherman Peoples (11) reaches for a rebound with the assistance of teammate Stephan Turner (23) during last Friday's TAPPS State semi-finals game. Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## Jackets place second in Waco tournament

Rockwall was on its way to a second consecutive sweep of its baseball games in the Waco ISD Invitational before Arlington Bowie rallied to tie the Yellowjackets 9-9 Saturday.

The Jackets opened their season 4-0-1 - with victories over Lorena,

Stephenville, Killeen and Red Oak in which they allowed a total of 10 runs.

"We had strength in all areas," said RHS head coach Jeff Payne. "His pitching and defense were sharp until the fifth and final game vs. Bowie. We lost focus in Game 5 and didn't finish off a late lead. It cost us a tie."

Rockwall finished as the tournament runner-up behind Rockwall-Heath. Thomas Anderson, the winning pitcher against Stephenville and Red Oak made the all-tournament team.

In Thursday's season-opening game, the Jackets routed Lorena 11-0. Wesley Cox was

Includes information provided by Phil Fielder.

## Rockwall boys 21st in state swimming

Three individuals and a relay team scored points for Rockwall, helping the Yellowjackets to 21st place in the 4A state swimming meet Friday and Saturday at the University of Texas in Austin.

Senior Jonathan Walters had the highest finish by an RHS swimmer: ninth in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1 minute, 1.06 seconds. Ryan Lang was 12th in the 200 freestyle (1:47.87) and Nicholas Fontenot placed 15th in the 100 backstroke (56.85 seconds).

Fontenot, Walters, Lang and Matt Lang finished 10th in the 200 free relay in 1:42.27.

The Jackets finished with 30 points. Humble Kingwood Park won the state championship with 277. Fifty-four teams scored.

Includes information provided by Sue Madrid

## RHS' Devereaux takes tough losses at state

Dylan Devereaux went a long way for the Rockwall wrestling team season - all the way to last weekend's state championships in Austin.

The margin in his two matches there was as narrow as it could be. Devereaux lost both by one point. In the first, Corpus Christi King's Pat Reyes edged him 9-8. Then Andrew Murga of Borger took a 3-2 decision

## Lady Jackets split 3-1 soccer games

The Rockwall girls' soccer team maintained its position in fourth place in District 21-4A by defeating Rockwall-Heath 3-1 Friday, Feb. 26, and losing 3-1 to Highland Park Monday.

With three games remaining, the Lady Jackets are 2-3-2 in the district. They could secure fourth place and a playoff berth by winning at Lovejoy Friday, then could even take over third place with a home victory over The Colony Tuesday.

Against the Lady Hawks, Jessie Givens, Kayla Smith and Shelby Soldat

scored for RHS. The Lady Jackets then lost for the second time this season to Highland Park (6-1) in the district.

Victories in both of this week's games against fifth-place Lovejoy (1-1) and third-place The Colony (3-2-2) would be almost imperative because Rockwall's final regular-season game is against Richardson Pearce (6-1).

During the first half of the season, the Lady Jackets won at home 3-2 vs. Lovejoy, tied 1-1 at The Colony and lost 1-0 at Pearce.

## Allen Tournament unkind to Lady Jackets

Rockwall went to last weekend's Allen Tournament ranked 10th among the state's 4A softball teams. That reputation was tarnished by two losses and a tie.

On Thursday, the Lady Jackets lost 7-3 to Mesquite Horn.

The next day, they tied McKinney North 8-8 in the second close game between the two teams this season, and seventh over the last two years. RHS

and North already have assured themselves of a rivalry when the McKinney school moves into Rockwall's District 10-4A for the 2010-11 school year.

The Lady Jackets lost 3-0 to Hebron Saturday. They managed only one run against winning pitcher Heather Stearns, who out-duelled Rockwall's Laysan Holcomb. Jasmine Parker slugged a home run for Hebron.

## Yellowjackets need improvement to reach playoffs

Rockwall goes into its final three boys' soccer games knowing it must do better than in the last three to have a chance to reach the playoffs.

The Yellowjackets haven't scored a goal in losing those three games. Most recently, they lost 1-0 to Rockwall-Heath Friday, Feb. 26, at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium and 3-0 at home Monday against Highland Park.

Those losses left RHS in fifth place in District 21-4A with a 2-4-1 record. However, they should have a better chance to win down the stretch.

Rockwall is scheduled to play at home Friday against Lovejoy, which defeated 2-0 at Lovejoy. Then the Jackets would go to The Colony, which lost to RHS 1-0. The final game, however, would be against high-flyer Richardson Pearce.

## Heritage Christian Academy places third in Lakehill softball

Heritage Christian Academy's came within one base of playing for the championship game for the second consecutive year in last weekend's Lakehill Prep Tournament.

The TAPPS 2A Lady Eagles won two games and tied a rain-shortened contest against Ovilla Christian School. All were against TAPPS 3A competition. Ovilla was awarded a berth in the final game by winning a tiebreaker, having one more runner reach third base than HCA did.

Leading Heritage Christian in the tournament were Lauren Pettit and Megan Trapane with .667 batting averages (each 4-for-6). Trapane also drove in a team-high four runs. The Lady Eagles played excellent defense, committing only one error while allowing five runs in three games. Pitcher Jordan Miller gave up just three hits and four earned runs in 11 2/3 innings.

HCA opened the tournament by defeating Fort Worth Bethesda Christian 11-3 in a rematch of the 2009 championship game. In 48-degree weather, Miller struck out nine batters and allowed only one hit. Eight runs in the third inning broke open a close game. The Lady Eagles totaled 11 hits, including two each by Trapane and Rachel McMillan.

Against Ovilla, Monica Whitmire's single scored McMillan in the second inning with Heritage Christian's only run. Ovilla scored an unearned run the third on the Lady Eagles' only error. Miller again allowed only one hit but single. The game lasted just 4 1/2 innings, so the Rockwall school did not have a chance to bat in the bottom of the fifth to score a tie-breaking run or to get another runner to third base.

The Lady Eagles came back to defeat Fort Worth Calvary Christian 6-1. Miller allowed only one hit for the third consecutive game. Calvary's score in the top of the first inning when Miller hit two batters and walked two. Heritage Christian tied the score in the bottom of the first when Miller grounded out scored Trapane.

Another big inning, a five-run second, carried the Lady Eagles to victory. Included were McMillan's run-scoring double and hits by Priscilla Anderson, Miller and Pettit that drove in a run apiece.

Before the tournament, HCA lost an 8-7 decision at Lakehill Saturday, Feb. 20.

## Fulton All-State football

The Fulton School's Milan Rabah was selected as the first-team punter - not just on the All-District team for TAPPS Six-Man Division II District 2, but on the Six-Man Division II All-State football team.

Junior Brett Steffen also was named to the All-District first team, at safety. Rabah is a sophomore.

## RCA basketball State tournament...

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Foul shots had helped RCA reach the championship game in a 61-54 victory over Kerrville Our Lady of the Hills in a semifinal game Friday at Fort Worth Nolan Catholic.

The Hawks put on a furious rally to come back from being down 46-33 to within two points at 55-53 with 2:44 remaining.

To that point, both teams had been making free throws - the Warriors 12 of 14 and Kerrville 8 of 11. But then RCA missed four in a row, and the Hawks hit just one of four to pull within one point with 1:01 left.

After that, Kerrville fouled every time Rockwall Christian had the ball. Wilson made one foul shot. Then Turner and Eastin, who had missed two foul shots little more than a minute before, hit two each, and Turner made another for the final margin.

"We worked on foul shots a bunch," Hankins said of the week's practices. "They had to make 25 before they could leave the line. It took some of them 20 or 30 minutes, but they all did it."

"From early in the year, I told them if you miss free throws and layups, it's going to come back to hurt you."

There was hurt, but there also was hope for next year and pride in what has been accomplished this season.

Hankins said, "I'm really proud of them. They went farther than anybody picked them to go."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	10	20	14	17	61
Kerrville	11	14	8	21	54

Friday, Feb. 26, at Fort Worth Nolan Christian  
 Rockwall Christian (25-5): Stephan Turner 17, Charlie Wilson 17, Elvis Below 16, Sherman Peoples 6, Raymon Stewart 3, Aaron Eastin 2.  
 Kerrville Our Lady of the Hills (25-5): David Tilley 21, Austin Reyes 1, Will Gregory 9, Patrick Gutierrez 3, Colin Reyes 2, Scott Neuberger 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	15	9	8	12	44
Kingwood	9	14	13	14	50

Saturday at Mansfield Legacy  
 Rockwall Christian (25-6): Stephan Turner 16, Sherman Peoples 7, Raymon Stewart 7, Charlie Wilson 7, Elvis Below 6.  
 Kingwood Northeast Christian (30-7): Nicholas McDonald 22, Ryan Trower 12, Chris Patureau 11, Luke Edmonds 3, Tyler Bratton 2.



Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors' Stephan Turner (23) takes the ball from a Kingswood player during Saturday's TAPPS State Championship game held at Legacy Mansfield High School. Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

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 7:15 p.m.  
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 soccer: at Lovejoy, JV 5:30...  
 Orange baseball: home vs. Fl...  
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 city 1 girls' golf: at Lady T...  
 city softball: at Wylie Varsity...  
 Friday, March 6 - JV White...  
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# Rockwall County Sports

## Rockwall-Heath sweeps to Waco Invitational title

Rockwall-Heath baseball team opened its season by dominating five games to win the championship at last weekend's Waco Invitational. The Hawks outscored their opponents 42-6.

### Hawks' Tanner fifth in state wrestling

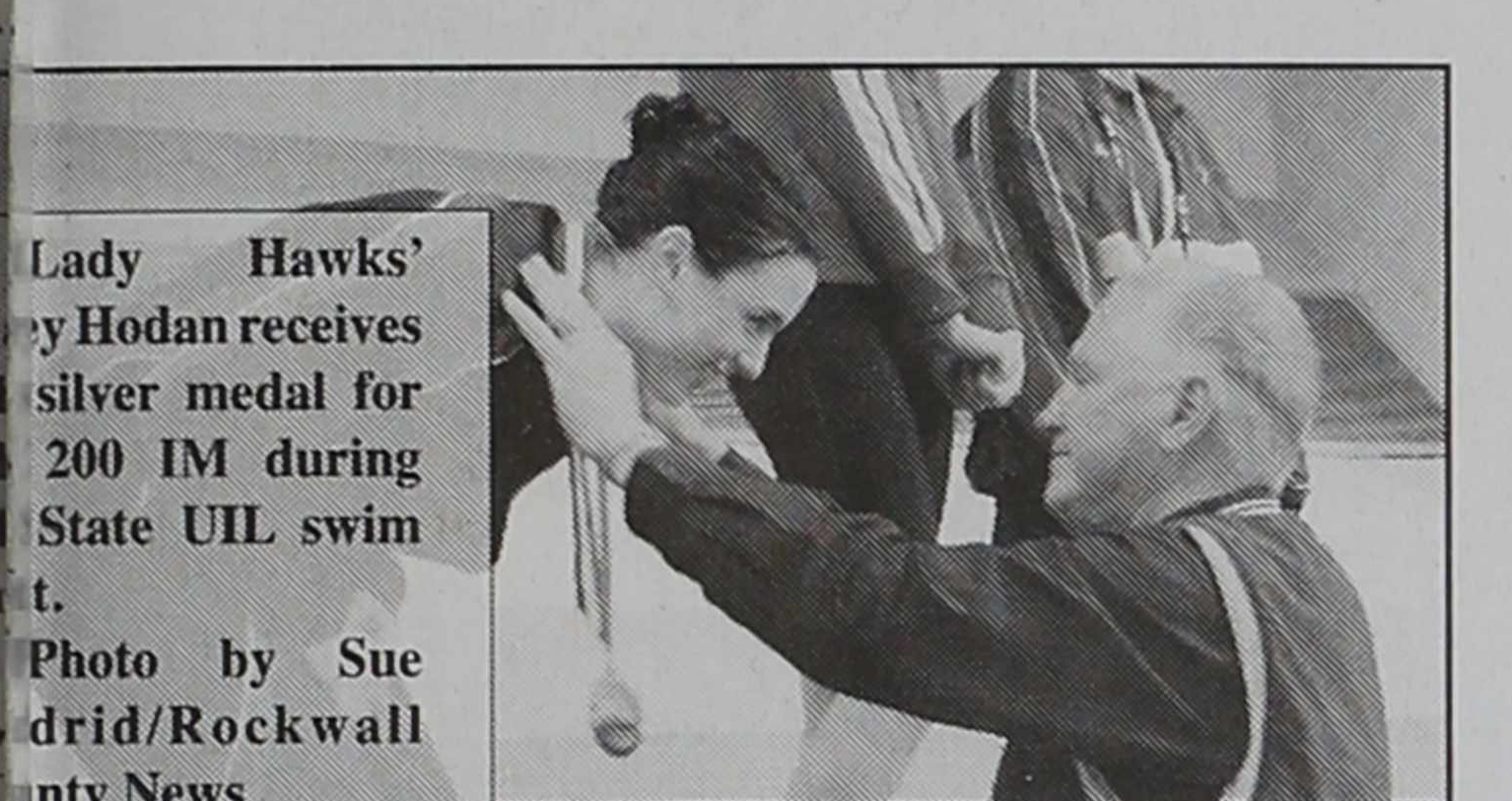
Rockwall-Heath's David Tanner won four of six matches to place fifth in the 215-pound weight class at the state wrestling championships Friday and Saturday in Austin. Tanner needed just a minute in his opening match to pin Crockett Gilmore of Bushland. In a 4-1 decision and another pin, in 2 minutes, 5 seconds. He then won a 4-1 decision that knocked him into the fifth-place match. His opponent again was Gilmore, and the result was similar, a pin in 2:44. As a result of Tanner's success, the Hawks tied for 24th in the state with Allen. Allen won the team championship with 136.5.

### Hawks boys third in Garland meet

Rockwall-Heath finished third among seven teams at a meet Thursday, Feb. 25, at Brandenburg Middle School in Garland. Parker led the Hawks by finishing second in the floor exercise and first in the vault. The team finished with a score of 121.4. RHHS was second against Garland, South Garland, Garland Lakeview Centennial, Haltom and Richland.

### Teams overcome Royse City

Royse City lost three games to 5A opponents in last weekend's McKinney baseball tournament. The Bulldogs defeated the Bulldogs 16-2, they bounced back only to lose 6-5 to Garland Naaman Forest and 2-0 to McKinney.



Lady Hawks' Jacey Hodan receives silver medal for 200 IM during State UIL swim meet. Photo by Sue Madrid/Rockwall County News

## High school schedules

**Rockwall Yellowjackets**  
 Friday, March 5 - Varsity tennis: home for Chandlers Landing and The Shores Tournament, 8 a.m.  
 Boys' soccer: home vs. Lovejoy, Rockwall High School, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.  
 Varsity baseball: vs. Garland Lakeview Centennial at Jesuit Tournament, Jesuit Preparatory High School, 5:30 p.m.  
 Girls' soccer: at Lovejoy, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:10 p.m.  
 JV Orange baseball: home vs. Flower Mound, 6 p.m.  
 Varsity boys' golf: at Denton Guyer Invitational, Robson Ranch Golf Club, 8 a.m.  
 Varsity 1 girls' golf: at Lady Tiger Invitational, Pebble Creek, College Station, 9 a.m.  
 Varsity softball: at Wylie Varsity Tournament  
 Saturday, March 6 - JV White baseball: home vs. Mesquite Horn, two games. Calvary men's noon  
 Varsity baseball: vs. Bishop Lynch at Jesuit Tournament, Dallas Jesuit Preparatory High School, 3 p.m.  
 Varsity boys' golf: at Denton Guyer Invitational, Robson Ranch Golf Club, 8 a.m.  
 Varsity 1 girls' golf: at Lady Tiger Invitational, Pebble Creek, College Station, 9 a.m.  
 Varsity softball: at Wylie Varsity Tournament  
 Track: at Carl Norris Relays, Hanby Stadium, Mesquite  
 Monday, March 8 - JV boys' golf: at Waxahachie JV Tournament, Waxahachie Country Club, 9 a.m.  
 Tuesday, March 9 - Varsity 2 girls' golf: at Rowlett Tournament, Mesquite Country Club, 8 a.m.  
 JV White baseball: home vs. Royse City, 4:30 p.m.  
 Baseball: at Royse City, JV Orange 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
 Soccer: at Royse City, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.  
 Girls' soccer: home vs. The Colony, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:10 p.m.  
 Boys' soccer: at The Colony, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.  
 Gymnastics: at District Championships Compulsories, Rockwall-Heath, 6:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, March 10 - Tennis: at Richardson Pearce, 8 a.m.  
 Gymnastics: at District Championships Optionals, Rockwall-Heath, 6:30 p.m.  
 Thursday, March 11 - JV tennis: at DeSoto JV Tournament, 8 a.m.

Jake Thompson got them started Thursday as the winning pitcher in a two-hit, 4-0 shutout of Stephenville. He also hit a double. Among RHHS' five hits were Drew Baxter's triple and Trevor Holland's double.  
 Friday's 6-3 victory over Arlington Bowie was the Hawks' closest in the tournament. Of their nine hits, six were for extra bases - home runs by Jovan Hernandez and Thompson, who also hit a double; two doubles by Taylor Harding, and one by Holland. Later that day, RHHS held Red Oak to three hits to win 7-1. Hernandez, Drew Benefield and Bret Boswell each hit a

double. Jacob Houpt and James Baune were the winning pitchers.  
 Rockwall-Heath's pitching depth again showed up Saturday, which began with a two-hit, 11-0 shutout of Harker Heights. Supporting winning pitcher Caleb Copley was a 10-hit attack that included homers by Hernandez and Baxter, and doubles by Baxter, Thompson and Holland.  
 The Hawks' final game was a 14-2 rout of Del Valle, which managed just two hits. RHHS made the most of nine singles to go with a double apiece from Baxter and Benefield. Hernandez was the winning pitcher.

## Lady Hawks win L.D. Bell gymnastics Invitational

Lori Williamson placed first all-around to lead the Rockwall-Heath girls' gymnastics team to first place in the Hurst L.D. Bell Invitational Wednesday, Feb. 24.  
 The Lady Hawks had four of the top six all-around competitors. Behind Williamson's 38.45 score were Jade Bowerman, second at 37.10; Megan Hasenyager, fourth with 33.80, and Regan Allen, sixth at 31.20.  
 Williamson's score was built on first-place finishes in the uneven bars (9.8), floor exercise (9.5) and vault (9.45) she also was second on the balance beam (9.7).  
 Bowerman was first on the beam (9.8), second on the bars (9.7), third on the floor (9.2) and fourth in the vault (8.4).

Hasenyager's top placing was fourth in the vault (8.4). She also was fifth on the beam (8.5) and on the floor (8.3) and sixth on the bars (8.6).  
 Allen placed second in the vault and fifth on the bars, both with 8.7 scores.  
 Also for RHHS, Naje' Watkins was second in the vault (8.7) and fourth on the beam (8.8), and Lauren Statham was fourth on the floor (8.4) and fifth on the beam (8.5).  
 The Lady Hawks now are preparing for the district meet, which they'll host Tuesday and Wednesday. The other teams competing will be Rockwall, Garland, South Garland and Garland Lakeview Centennial.

## Minter leads Rockwall-Heath Hawks to two wins

Chase Minter scored a goal in each game as the Rockwall-Heath boys' soccer team won two close games last week.  
 Minter's goal gave the Hawks a 1-0 victory over Rockwall Friday, Feb. 26, at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium. He and Trevor Pinkston each scored once on the road Monday as RHHS edged The Colony 2-1.  
 The Hawks are 13-5 overall and 4-3 in District 21-4A. However, they might have to play better in the season's final three games than they did in

the three games that ended the first half of district play. Those all were losses to the other three teams - Highland Park, Richardson Pearce and Lovejoy - that are in position for the playoffs along with Rockwall-Heath. Those are the three teams remaining on RHHS' schedule.  
 Rockwall (2-4-1 in the district) has an outside chance to catch the Hawks in the standings.

## Royse City Bulldogs split four soccer games

In four high-scoring, one-sided District 23-4A boys' soccer games during the last two weeks, Royse City won twice and lost twice.  
 The Bulldogs defeated the North Forney boys' soccer team for the second time this season on Friday, Feb. 19. The score was 4-2.  
 Playing at home Tuesday, Feb. 23, RC lost 4-0 to Terrell. On Friday, Feb. 26, the Dawgs bounced back for a 4-0 victory at Quinlan Ford. It was Royse City's fourth district win this season.  
 In Tuesday's game at Mesquite Poteet, four Pirates scored as Poteet (8-1-2 in the district) took a 4-0 victory.  
 With three games remaining, the fifth-place Bulldogs have an outside chance to finish among the district's four playoff qualifiers. It will be an up-

hill road. RC will play at home Friday against Forney and at West Mesquite Tuesday. Royse City lost to those teams by a combined score of 8-1 during the first half of the district season.



Lady Hawks' Jacey Hodan splashes to second place in the 200 IM during last weekend's State UIL swim meet in Austin. Hodan finished with a time of 2:06.50. Photo by Sue Madrid/Rockwall County News

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