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Death of 12-year-old in Heath under investigation

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The body of 12-year-old Ethan Moran was found after he was reported missing around 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, according to the City of Heath.

According to Terry Garrett, there is nothing to indicate that foul play was involved.

"We won't be an official cause released by us until we receive the coroner's report. We are waiting as well as not to make any announcement. Once there is a cause determined by the medical examiner for the peace, we will have an updated release," DPS Director Terry Garrett said.

According to the city, Heath DPS Officers received a call regarding the death of a 12-year-old in the 1700 Block of White Road in Heath, Texas. A

command post was set up and search efforts were activated to comb an approximate 300-400 acre area. At 10:09 p.m., one of the search teams reported that the child was located. The child was found deceased due to a fatal injury.

The investigation surrounding the death is still ongoing.

According to DPS Director Terry Garrett, neighbors and friends were out in the area where the family suspected the child would be.

A Texas DPS helicopter was called quickly after officers were called to enhance the search in the dark.

The child's body was found by a group of citizens involved in the search and Heath police were not far behind.

Moran suffered from a gunshot wound and a handgun was found within the vicinity of where the body was found.

Moran was a student at Amy Parks Elementary in Heath, where he played football and sang in the choir.

"Our teachers and staff were terribly saddened by the loss of one of our sixth grade students at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School last week. Our district made counselors available to students and staff. The day after the student passed, additional counselors were sent to Amy Parks from other Rockwall ISD schools," James VanDyke, Director of Marketing, Advertising and Multimedia for Rockwall ISD said.

No fundraisers or memorials were organized by the school district, but the school did share memorial service arrangements via email at the request of the family of the deceased student, according to VanDyke.

Funeral services for Moran were held Saturday, April 26 at Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall.

Investigation continues of theft, vandalism of campaign signs in Fate

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With reports of vandalism and theft of campaign signs, Fate DPS is conducting an in depth investigation of the complaints that were reported by some of the candidates.

Whether one or another during Fate city election campaign, every candidate incumbent has contacted him regarding the theft or vandalism of campaign signs, Fate DPS director Brian Griffeth said.

There are two different ways one can handle such an issue, Griffeth said. "Filing a complaint" means voicing the complaint, such as by email, a notification through the U.S. mail, a phone call or in person. "Reporting a complaint" means a more formal complaint and filling out a report to officially report an event that has occurred.

None of the candidates lodged a complaint as to his or her particular incident except for Steve Skipworth, Griffeth said. Skipworth filed a complaint and Griffeth said that since Skipworth's complaint involved a vehicle, it falls under a different category.

Skipworth said at the time his political sign disappeared from his vehicle while driving to work. He said he was leaving the post office parking lot as he exited the building and had not noticed the autos when he entered. The parking lot is located on the east side of the post office. Skipworth reported having been inside the post office only for a few minutes. A magnetic sign was stolen from the passenger door on the vehicle.

While the investigation into the Skipworth incident is ongoing, investigations also are ongoing for those candidates who lodged complaints about their signs, Griffeth said. Extra patrols are being conducted in the area where the biggest majority of campaign signs are located.

Sign theft or vandalism is considered a misdemeanor, Griffeth said. If the value of the item stolen is under \$50, a ticket could be issued. If the value of the item stolen is \$50 to \$1,500, it is classified as a misdemeanor and the perpetrator, if convicted, can serve up to 90 days in jail and be issued a fine.

In the past week, three other letters about campaign signs have been received by the Rockwall County News.

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Michael Fox honored with fundraiser golf tournament



The Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club partnered with Homes For Our Troops for an all day charity event on Friday, April 25, with 100% of the proceeds going to help build a home for Marine Corporal Michael Fox of Rockwall. Corporal Fox was on his third deployment in Afghanistan when he suffered traumatic amputation of both of his legs in an IED blast in 2011. From left to right: Jack Williams, General Manager of Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club Kit Thompson, Sheriff Harold Eavenson, Corporal Michael Fox, Troy Eavenson and Evan Marks.

Photo by Brittany Williams/Rockwall County News



Jim Forbes, 94, of Rockwall enjoys the shade and cool breeze during the Aspasians Arts and Crafts Fair held Saturday afternoon at the Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium parking lot. Forbes is from Cooper, Texas.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Improvements underway on Davy Crockett Street

Street improvements are underway on Davy Crockett Street, according to a Rockwall news release.

The primary street preparation and base work have been completed. The next phase of construction will be to place asphalt pavement over the prepared street base. The asphalt laying process is scheduled to begin on May 3 and should take one or two working days to complete. The city plans to leave the road open to traffic as much as possible during the asphalt laying; however, drivers may experience some delays along with intermittent street closures. Drivers should

Anna Cade Road upgrades planned

Street improvements are underway for a section of Anna Cade Road, according to a City of Rockwall news release.

The primary street preparations and base work have been completed. The next phase of construction will be to place asphalt pavement over the prepared road base. The asphalt laying process is scheduled to begin on May 3 and should take one or two working days to complete. The city officials plan to leave the road open to traffic as much as possible during the asphalt laying; however, drivers may experience some delays along with intermittent road closures and should allow for commutes.



The Aspasians Arts and Crafts Fair saw a high number of shoppers through the day on Saturday April 26 at the Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium parking lot.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County News Briefs

Mayors' Prayer Breakfast set May 1

The National Day of Prayer will serve as the backdrop for the Rockwall County Mayors' Prayer Breakfast, which will run from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. May 1 at The Center at Rockwall, 108 E. Washington. The public is invited to participate.

Come-and-go potluck supper planned

Get Healthy Rockwall invites anyone interested in learning more about plant-based eating to attend a come-and-go potluck supper from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. May 1 at the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington St., Rockwall. The event, a "while foods, plant-based potluck" meal, asks participants to bring healthy, plant-based dishes with copies of the recipes to share. For more details call Carol Mjskin at 972-672-6679.

Farmers Market set in downtown Rockwall

A Farmers Market will take place from 8 a.m. to noon May 3-Sept. 27 in downtown Rockwall on the north and west sides of the courthouse. More than 30 vendors will be on site to offer locally grown fruits, vegetables and other items. For more details contact The Center at 972-771-7740.

Democratic Men's Group to meet May 3

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will host its next luncheon on May 3 at Taqueria La Cocina del Tio Mon in Rockwall. The group has invited candidates for the RISD Board of Trustees and the Fate, Heath and Rowlett city councils to participate in the meeting for a question-and-answer session. The group meets for lunch on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants to discuss local, state and national events and politics. Open-minded progressive men who are concerned about the future of Texas and Rockwall County are welcome.

May 8 food drive to benefit food banks

Food donations for the Helping Hands food bank, Northeast Texas Food Bank via Lake Pointe and the Royse City Pantry will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. May 8

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Alcohol variance granted to CVS by Heath council

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Heath city council unanimously granted variance to CVS for the sale of alcohol on the corner of Smirl and 740 in Heath. The current ordinance requires a minimum distance of 300 feet from the property line between a business that sells alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption to the property line of a private school. The property line of the The Fulton School is 80 feet from the property line of the proposed CVS.

State law does not require any distance between the property line of a business that sells alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption to the property line of a private school.

"Since the beginning of the conception of this development, it was our goal to attract quality, first-class, national credit tenants to this development. As a team, we have exceeded our expectations with the opportunity to locate a CVS on this corner," developer Tony Austin of S.C. Equities said. "This will bring much needed goods, services and revenue to our community and it is a first-class operation all the way."

A letter from Steve Wingard, chair of the board of trustees of The Fulton School, in support of granting the variance was received by the city prior to the meeting Tuesday.

"The Board and the school leadership are in support of thoughtful growth in Heath and the surrounding area...The future health of our community depends on good growth decisions. CVS seems to be a good cornerstone resident to get that process started at the Smirl/Ridge Road intersection," Wingard said in the letter.

In addition, a letter was received by the city from the President of the Heath Economic Development Corporation, Alma Williams Howard expressing their support of the variance.

Representatives from both The Fulton School and CVS were in attendance.

"Although CVS does sell beer and wine, it is a very small portion of the goods they sell and we feel they will be a very good neighbor for us," vice chairman of the board of trustees at The Fulton School, Brian Morgan said.

Questions were raised by the public about the hours of operation of

the pharmacy and the close proximity of the high school. Joel Byers, manager of a CVS in Forney informed those with concerns that his store had previously been open 24-hours, but it had been bad for business, as they were not busy during the early morning hours. "I can't say that CVS won't come out tomorrow and say all locations are going 24 hours, however I would be surprised if they did," Byers said.

Other citizens expressed their full support of the pharmacy coming to the community.

"Heath has been recognized as one of the older suburbs, having an aging population and I think it behooves us to aid the aging population to put a drug store close to us," Heath citizen Chuck Dale said.

Typically, retailers such as CVS and Walgreens allocate approximately 2% of total shelf space to beer and wine. According to Forbes, beer and wine only account for 4%-6% of overall sales in stores such as CVS.

In February, CVS announced that they would stop selling tobacco products in all of its stores across the United States by October 2014.

On April 15, the Heath Economic Development Commission expressed support for the location of the CVS Pharmacy store in Heath.

The variance was approved unanimously by the council.

In other business, the council also saw the following items: Mayor Lorne Liechty read a proclamation in honor of the Rockwall-Heath Highteppers for earning the grand champion title at the HTE Texas State Dance Team Championships and the National Champion Title at the American Dance and Drill Team and National/International Contest.

Director of Community and Economic Development Kim Dobbs praised the city staff and council for their support of the Heart of Heath event. According to Dobbs, a record 367 people participated in the event.

A construction contract was awarded to GHB Equipment for the Terry Park Retaining Wall project, an item on the Capital Improvement Project.

A construction contract was awarded to Dowager Utility Construction Company for the Shepherds Glen Force Main and Gravity Sewer Project.

Founders Day Festival scheduled for May 17

The Charlie Daniels Band will be the featured attraction at this year's Founders Day Festival, according to a recent news release.

The event will take place at Harry Myers Park, 945 E. Washington St., instead of on the square. The location change was required to accommodate the \$8.625 million improvement project underway in downtown Rockwall.

Charlie Daniels will take the stage at 7 p.m., following an all-day lineup of live entertainment. A country, southern rock artist, Daniels was

inducted into the Grand Ole Opry in 2008 and the Musicians Hall of Fame in 2009.

Festivities begin at 10 a.m. and will include arts and crafts, food booths, a large kid zone with games and bounce houses, and more. Admission, parking and entertainment will be free.

The Founders Day Festival is sponsored by the City of Rockwall. For more details visit rockwallfoundersday.com.

Preparations underway for Sept. 20 Duck Regatta

Preparations are well underway for the annual Duck Regatta fundraiser benefitting the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County and Meals on Wheels of Rockwall County.

Thousands of spectators will gather Sept. 20 to watch 5,000 rubber ducks splash into the fountain at the Harbor in Rockwall and race toward the finish line.

Duck Fest will kick off at The Harbor with a 5k and family walk, followed by entertainment for the entire family: a corporate duck beauty

pageant and race; rubber duck race; arts and crafts booths; vendors booths; food booths; inflatables; and a live concert, fireworks and a glow-in-the-dark rubber duck race.

Activities will begin at 8 a.m.

Vendors are needed, as are sponsors of corporate ducks, which are much larger than the standard baby duck. Corporate duck owners can "duckorate" their ducks with logos or other artwork to show company pride or personal creativity. Corporate duck owners do not compete for prizes, but for the Golden Duck Traveling Trophy.

Rubber duck splashdown will be at 3 p.m.

The concert and stage show will begin at 9 p.m.

For vendor information or details on other duck-related activities, visit rockwallduckrace.org or email info@rockwallduckrace.org.

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But perfect love casts out fear.
1John 4:18



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- May 3: Cross Country
- May 10: The O'Donnells
- May 17: Holley Tucker - \$35 per person - includes a BBQ buffet dinner
- May 24: Rob Dixon

All shows will start at 7:30 p.m. On the front patio with full bar and dinner service available.

*All dates are subject to change

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Lauren Ashley London and Brian David Rowe

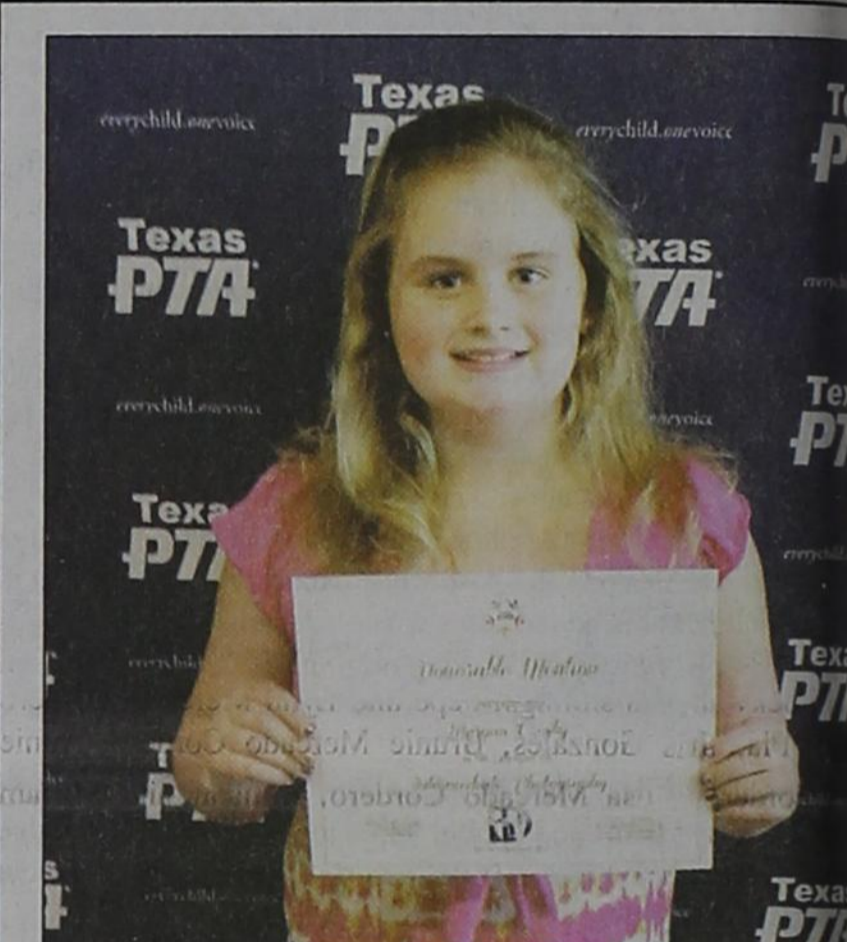
London, Rowe to wed June 20

Boyd and Karon London of Heath are proud to announce engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lauren London of Dallas, to Brian David Rowe of Richardson, son of Steve and Donna Rowe of Russellville, Ark.

The bride-elect, a 2001 graduate of Rockwall High School and a graduate of Texas A&M University, is employed as the national director of victim services for Mothers Against Drunk Driving, or MADD.

The prospective bridegroom, a 2001 graduate of the Arkansas State University in Hot Springs, Ark., graduated from the University in 2005. He is employed as a senior security engineer at Inc.

A June 20, 2014 wedding is planned at The Old Red Courthouse in Dallas.



Morgan Crosby, a third grade student at Nebbie Williams Elementary, won Honorable Mention in the Intermediate Photography category at the Texas PTA Reflections State Level. Her entry, "A Beautiful Fountain," depicts the fountain featured in front of the theater at The Harbor in Rockwall. There were about 50,000 entries in the Reflections competition in the State of Texas. Students given awards at the state level in Austin represented the top 1 percent of entries.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall mayor's Prayer Breakfast slated for May 1

The City of Rockwall will host the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. May 1 at The Center for the Performing Arts, 108 E. Washington St. in Downtown Rockwall.

The event will be conducted in conjunction with the annual National Day of Prayer. Mayors from cities throughout Rockwall County will be in attendance. Theme for this year's event is Voice United in Prayer.

"This event is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together in prayer for our country and other," Rockwall Mayor David Sweet said in a city news release. "No matter what your religious affiliations, I hope everyone will plan to participate in one of these uplifting occasions."

Two events are planned:

- Community Noontime Prayer - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the grounds of Rockwall City Hall, 815 S. Goliad St. Prayers will be offered by pastors and community leaders.

- Evening Prayer - 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Harry Myers Park Amphitheater, 815 E. Washington St. (use east entrance). Worship and prayer will be focused on youth and young adults.
- There is no cost to attend either event. Prayers will be offered separately on the grounds. Prayers will be accepted.

Hiles named to Azusa Pacific Dean's List

Rockwall resident Jacob Hiles was named to the academic Dean's List for the fall semester, according to a university news release.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

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Evelyn Burkett (right) and her Daughter Kathy Bass

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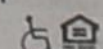
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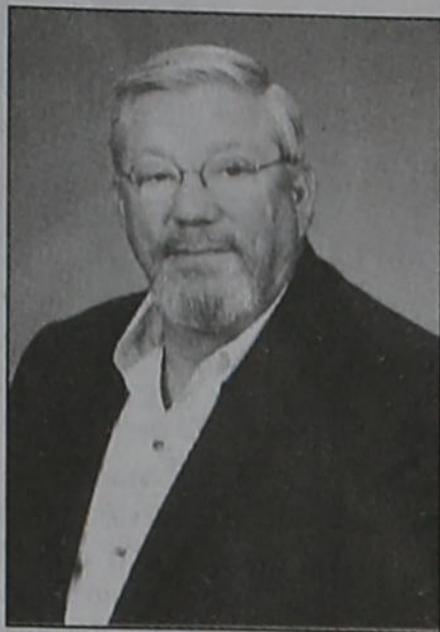
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Rockwall County Obituaries

James Harvey 'Jim' Hawk Jr.

James Harvey "Jim" Hawk Jr., 57, of Rockwall was called to his heavenly home at 11 a.m. April 28, 2014, at the First Baptist Church, Jon Chapel, in Rockwall. Pastor Steve Swofford officiated. Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. April 29, 2014, at the National Cemetery, 2000 Main Creek Pkwy., Dallas. Rest Haven Funeral Home-Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



He died April 23, 2014, in March 10, 1947, in Bristol, Tenn., to James Sr. and Virginia (Baker) Hawk, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War and worked as the construction division manager for Rayco Builders. He was a member of the Patriot Guard Riders, Harley Hog Riders and the First Baptist Church of Rockwall.

Survivors include his wife, Linda (Baker) Hawk, his son, Robbie Hawk, and his wife, Melanie (Webb) Steed, and his grandchildren, a son and Blake Steed, all of Rockwall; his nieces, Melissa Steed of Savannah, Ga., Jennifer Hawk and Nichole Hawk Parker of Jacksonville, Fla., and Jordan Hawk of Wendell, N.C.; his daughters, Douglas Hawk of Knoxville, Texas, Lisa Bouton-Mettscher of Denver, Colo., and Tommy Rogers of Bristol, Tenn.; his parents, Walter C. Baker and his wife, Jean, of Coldwater, Miss., and his sister, Preston Baker and his wife, Phyllis, Carolyn Burns of Rockwall, T.C. and Joyce Baker, all of Fuquay-Varina, N.C., and his mother and his wife, Betty, of Dunn, N.C., and Glenda Dowd of Rockwall, N.C.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Timothy Hawk. The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 8900 John Carpenter Frwy., Dallas, Texas 75244 or cancer.org; Gideons International, Gift Card Chairman, Ray Hubbard Camp, P.O. Box 2046, Rockwall, TX 75087; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Sgt. First Class Angel Luis Mercado

Services for Sgt. First Class Angel Luis Mercado, 83, of Rockwall were conducted at 11 a.m. May 14, 2014, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Domingo officiating.



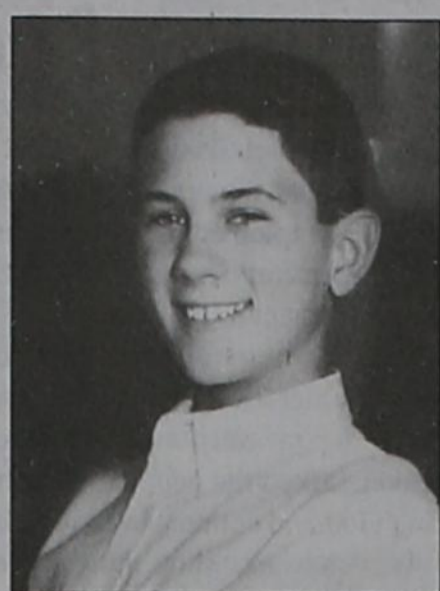
He died April 27, 2014, in Ft. 7, 1931, in Lares, Puerto Rico. He was born to Ramon Mercado Vargas and Catalina Cordero Torres, he served in the U.S. Army in Korea and Vietnam, serving seven tours of duty in his career. He was a two-time recipient of the Purple Heart. He retired from Fort Benning, Ga., after 44 years of service.

Survivors include his daughter, Angela Roth, and her husband, John, of Rockwall; his siblings, Pepe and Lynn Mercado Cordero of Tampa, Fla., Iris Gonzales, Brunie Mercado Cordero, Annie Mercado Cordero, Elisa Mercado Cordero, Amilcar and Miriam Mercado Cordero, Maelo and Mabel Mercado Cordero and Myrna Mercado Cordero, all of Puerto Rico, and Julio and Wilda Torres of Puerto Rico, and his grandchildren, Ambrose, Bryce and McKenzie; and his daughter, Blainie.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Waltraut "Trudy" Mercado; his parents; and a brother, Ricky.

Ethan Daniel Moran

Services for Ethan Daniel Moran, 12, of Heath were conducted at 10 a.m. April 26, 2014, at the Lake Pointe Church auditorium in Rockwall with Pastor Steve Stroope officiating. Graveside services were private. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



He died April 22, 2014. Born Sept. 5, 2001, in Dallas to Daniel Leigh Moran and Angela Denise (Davis) Moran, he attended Amy Parks Elementary in Heath where he played football and sang in the choir. He was a member of Lake Pointe Church.

Survivors include his parents, his sisters, Rachael and Abigail Moran, and his brother, Luke Moran, all of Heath; his grandparents, Dale and Marjorie Moran of Whitehouse, Robert Davis of Thickett and John and Brenda Thomas of Liberty; his great-grandfather, Orville Davis of Thickett; six uncles; five aunts; 15 first-cousins; and numerous other relatives.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Buckner Children's Home at Buckner Foundation, 700 N. Pearl St., Suite 1200, Dallas, TX 75201 or foundation@buckner.org.

Electrify Your Strings performance set May 22

World-renowned electric violinist Mark Wood will present Electrify Your Strings beginning at 7 p.m. May 22 at the Rockwall High School Performing Arts Center, 1201 T.L. Townsend, on the Utley Middle School campus.

Wood, an original member of the multiplatinum-selling Trans-Siberian Orchestra and creator of the revolutionary seven-string fretted Viper electric violin, will perform with students as part of his music education program, Electrify Your Strings.

Original material, as well as music by Led Zeppelin, The Beatles and other well-known artists, will be part of the show.

"The rock and roll music brings relevance to playing a stringed instrument for many of these students," said the school's orchestra director, Debra Scott. "The students really love being challenged with stylistic and technical demands of the music."

The program, now in its 15th year, is a music education experience like no other. Wood and his team work directly with a school's orchestra director to tailor a rock orchestra makeover complete with a public performance at the end of the experience. EYS builds on the strong foundation in traditional music provided by music teachers, creating a partnership with educators that inspires students and boosts their self-esteem and motivation on stage and off.

Wood is owner and operator of Wood Violins, the premier manufacturer of electric orchestra string instruments worldwide. He studied under Maestro Leonard Bernstein and is a Julliard-trained violinist and Emmy-winning composer. In addition to his solo career and work with the TSO, he also has worked with Celine Dion, Lenny Kravitz, Billy Joel and others.

The event will be open to the public, and all proceeds will benefit the school's music program. Tickets cost \$8 and are available at showclix.com/event/ElectrifyYourStringsUTLEY.

Hall's website tapped for Silver Mouse Award

Rep. Ralph Hall's (TX-04) congressional website was named one of the best websites on Capitol Hill and given a 113th Congress Silver Mouse award by the Congressional Management Foundation, a nonpartisan nonprofit working to improve communications between citizens and Congress and enhance operations in Capitol Hill offices, according to a news release from Hall's office.

The website includes updated information on constituent services; a list of key votes from this year and from the previous 112th Congress; information on policy issues and legislation Hall supports on behalf of these issues; comprehensive lists of sponsored and co-sponsored legislation this Congress; updated hot-topic issues; and other items.

"While I may be the oldest member in Congress, I am proud to have one of the highest-ranked websites," Hall said. "At a time when so few people have faith in the government, it is our responsibility to provide constituents the best possible accountability through social media like websites, Facebook and Twitter. This award is a testament to my staff who work with me to communicate with my constituents and our efforts to improve the website over the past months."

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In front of the new Trend Tower building. The event, dubbed Red Day, is open to anyone who wants to participate by bringing a bag of food. Drop-off locations until May 8 include Maurice's, Dress Barn, KE Cellar Winery and Christian Brothers Car Center; call 972-772-7000 for an updated list of drop-off locations.

RARTA plans May 12 meeting

The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. May 12 for its annual spring luncheon at the Roysse City First Baptist Church, 900 Pullen, Roysse City (south of I-30 on the east side of FM 548). The program will include the installation of officers and the presentation of awards.

FOL to meet May 13 at library

The Friends of the Rockwall County Library will meet at 11 a.m. May 13 in the library's Community Room. The program will feature vignettes of the coming shows of Rockwall Summer Musicals. Cost will be \$15; lunch will be catered by Zach's. Reservations required by 5 p.m. May 6. To make a reservation call 972-711-8976.

Republican Lunch Bunch to meet

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. May 7 at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; no reservations required for this informal social gathering open to all area Republicans. For more details call Dalton Kennimer, 972-636-4034.

Celebrate older Americans May 16

The Meals on Wheels Senior Services is preparing for its Older Americans Day celebration. This year's theme is Safe Today, Healthy Tomorrow and will focus on injury prevention. Each May, Rockwall County organizations, the five city mayors, city officials and individuals team up to nominate several outstanding seniors to be honored for their valuable contributions to the community. This year's event will be at 1 p.m. May 16 at the Rockwall County Library, 1215 Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. To nominate a senior call the MOWSS office at 972-771-9514.

RC Chamber to host awards banquet

The Roysse City Chamber of Commerce will host its annual awards banquet at 11:30 a.m. May 20 at Occasions at Stone River in Roysse City. Mike Castellucci, co-host of "Good Morning, Texas," will serve as speaker. The public is invited to attend. Tickets may be purchased at royssecitychamber.com.

Youth Fair of Rockwall annual meeting slated

The annual meeting of the Youth Fair of Rockwall membership will begin at 7 p.m. May 21 at the RISD Agriculture Facility, 875 Riding Club Rd.

'Godspell' auditions set June 7, 8

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's Teen Theater production of "Godspell," which will be staged in July and August, will begin at 1 p.m. June 7 and 8 at the playhouse, which is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details, visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Soroptimists to host chili cook-off

The Rockwall Soroptimists are looking for cooks to participate in a chili cook-off scheduled as part of the Rockwall County Fair, which will run from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. June 14. There is no entry fee and chili may be cooked off-site and delivered to the Rockwall Technology Park, the fair's location. Bowls, utensils and toppings will be provided. Ticketed guests will taste and vote for Best Tasting, Hottest, Most Unique Ingredient, Best Booth Set-up and Best Team Spirit. Tickets may be purchased from Soroptimist member or at rockwallcountyfair.com; check out the website for more details. The event proceeds will fund projects benefiting women and children.

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by Danette McNew, D.D.S.
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People may not discern any link between dentures and pneumonia, but the two are connected. Elderly individuals may be particularly susceptible to "aspirational pneumonia," which is a potentially deadly condition caused by breathing foreign material into the airways and lungs. When associated with dentures, aspirational pneumonia is usually caused by debris around dentures that is breathed into the lungs, causing dangerous inflammation. This problem is most common among seniors who are in the care of others that fail to clean their dentures properly. With this in mind, caregivers and family may want to carefully assess seniors' dentures for signs of soft, crusty material that indicates the need for thorough cleaning, which can totally eliminate any aspirational pneumonia threat.
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Early voting for city, ISD elections

Early voting for the May 10 municipal and school district elections begins April 28 and runs through May 6, according to information provided by the county elections administrator.

Information for the May 10 election can be found on the Rockwall County website, <http://rockwall-tx.connect4.clarityelections.com>.

- Ballot locations are as follows:
Rockwall ISD
School Board Trustee, Place 6 - Leigh Plagens
School Board Trustee, Place 7 - Leslie Latham Milder, Chad Higbee, Hannah Adams, David Schwartz
City of Heath
Mayor - Lorne Liechty
City Council, Place 3 - Phil R. Powell, Joe B. Chamberlain
City Council, Place 5 - Brian P. Berry
City of Fate
Mayor - Bill Broderick, Lorne Megyesi
City Council, Place 1 (unexpired, one-year term) - Nikki Robinson, Michelle Shell
City Council, Place 2 - Lance Megyesi, Steve Skipworth
City Council, Place 3 (unexpired, one-year term) - Jon Thatcher, Jim Smith
City Council, Place 4 - Joe Burger, Sheri Garber
City Council, Place 6 - Michelle Butler, Steve Herrmann
Runoff elections for the Republican and Democratic parties will be conducted separately on May 27. Watch upcoming issues of the Rockwall County News for more details on the runoff elections.

Fate DPS investigation of sign vandalism ...

(Continued from Page 1)

Mayor, running for Place 4, wrote that he had a sign stolen from outside the Williamsburg Housing Project. Two were pulled up and thrown across the street from the Harry Herndon Intermediate School and set on fire near the Woodcreek Addition.

Megyesi said that it seems that about two or three weeks ago the vandalism seemed to slow down and he thinks because the DPS stepped up its patrols.

Megyesi, running for Mayor of Fate, said he had five or six small signs disappear by Sleepy Hollow, a subdivision on North View across from Herndon Intermediate School, four or five were run over by a lawn mower on North View across from Herndon Intermediate School, four or five were thrown into the ditch, three small ones disappeared from Melody Ranch on Hwy. 66 near the Smith Family Park, and two signs were stolen and one was taken out of the yard of one of his family members.

Megyesi asked if there was anything he thought the city or DPS could do, Megyesi said, "There is nothing they can do but patrol heavier. The election is almost over."

Velez is not a candidate, but she did have a problem with campaign signs. She said that after the disappearance, campaign signs for Skipworth appeared on the easement of her property. Velez owns property at 102 Main Street in downtown Fate.

Velez explained that she continued to see signs appearing on her property, placed four times, and was never given permission. Eventually, through the Code Enforcement and the DPS, the matter was settled and the signs were not reappeared.

Velez confirmed that the officers approached Velez as part of an investigation that was prompted by a complaint from her neighbor's original complaint.

According to Griffith, during elections where campaign signs are displayed, there are almost always problems. The matter the size, type or location, seem to be a temptation.

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God and Country at Rally Royse City church, keynote speakers address state of country

by Kenneth Shores
Rockwall, Texas

There was a special meeting held at 6:00 p.m. April 24, 2014, at the First Baptist Church of Royse City to empower pastors to speak to their congregation concerning praying to God and to save our nation by voting for candidates they trust.

Many pastors from different denominations of Christian Churches attended the meeting. The dinner gave attendees time to get acquainted with one another.

Speakers for the event were Rafael Cruz (Father of Senator Ted Cruz), Dr. Rick Scarborough and Ray Myers.

Scarborough explained why meetings like this one are being held throughout the United States. Basically his message was the United States is falling apart and God is being removed from the country. Pastors were told if this nation is to be returned to the country our forefathers designed, Pastors will have to tell their congregation that only we can make it happen.

Scarborough emphasized the importance of voting decisions. He further explained that freedom of religion and speech allows those in the pulpit to tell it like it is.

Pastor Rafael Cruz spoke about the same thing and included stories. Ray Myers, a member and the spokesperson for the Kaufman County Tea Party, explained that most all members are good Christians who also want our country straightened out, remove greed and power and return the government to the people.

Both Scarborough and Cruz asked the pastors to ignore what is reported about the Tea Party and work with them.

The 7 p.m. rally included several hundred in attendance. All three speakers asked the people to commit to assisting where ever possible to bring God and country back together again.

Cruz showed a slide show of Rev. Charles Finney's message given in 1860 to remind ministers in his day: "Brethren, our preaching will bear its legitimate fruits. If immorality prevails in the land, the fault is ours in a great degree. If there is a decay of conscience, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the public press lacks moral discrimination, the pulpit is responsible for it."

The second highlight was at the end when Scarborough asked for pledges to help return our nation back to the people. Most everyone attending came forward and took the pledge.



First grade students at Doris Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary got to visit the first grade store to spend "pretend money" that they'd earned. Students earned the money through good behavior, attendance, turning in reading logs and staying on task throughout the day. Pictured are Erica Hernandez, Anita Illickal and Emma Bernier. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Church Notes

Church plans healing conference

The International Order of St. Luke the Physician at Transformation Anglican Church in Rockwall will host a healing conference May 4. The Rev. Jack Sheffield, national director of OSL, will lead the conference. The conference will focus on personal healing and strengthening anointing of each participant. Cost, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch, is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. The event will take place at Heritage Christian Academy (1408 S. Goliad), where the church currently conducts services. Register online at transformationanglican.org. Participants may pay at the door, but lunch reservations must be made by May 7 by calling 972-524-9382.

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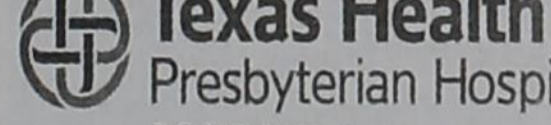
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Audit shows Royse City in 'good financial' shape

Mayor Jean Coppedge said the April 22 Royse City Council meeting was brief, lasting roughly 90 minutes. Mayor (Jerrell) Baley, of the Conway Company, presented the 2012-2013 financial audit. He shared with the council that the city was in "real good financial condition."

There were no speakers signed up to speak to the council on the participation section of the agenda.

The Consent Agenda, the council voted unanimously, 7-0, to amend Ordinance for the Boards, Commissions and Committees, Parks Recreational and Advisory Board.

In the business section of the agenda, the council voted against Mayor (Jerrell) Baley to sign the letter of intent regarding county-wide radio communications and dispatch center, drafted by Royse City; within the next 30 days Judge Hogan or Commissioner would brief the council regarding the Interoperability Radio

Network (IRN) and dispatch services, allowing for the letter of intent signed by the mayor returned to the county within the next 30 days." There was much discussion regarding the letter, and several council members said some things need to be changed and reworded.

According to Commissioner Dennis Bailey's address before the Royse City Council on March 25, unless 100 percent of the towns in Rockwall County voted for the project it would not be done.

The present Water Conversation Plan was passed 7-0 by the council. The city now is observing Stage 3 water restrictions, which means watering only twice a month. In about two to three weeks the council will create a new conservation plan.

A unanimous vote of 7-0 was given when a request from Royse City Youth Baseball and Softball Association for funding participation for scoreboards and two batting tunnels for the Walker Hawk Sports Complex.

City Manager Carl Alsbrook reminded everyone of the Car Show on Main Street on May 10. He also addressed the issue brought up at the

last meeting regarding the crowded parking on North Houston Street, especially among the islands in the middle of the street. Alsbrook told the council that he is getting an engineer to look at the situation and present some solutions such as removing the islands or possibly put No Parking signs in the congested areas.

All Royse City Council and staff members were present at the meeting.

The next city council meeting will be May 13 at the Police and Courts Building, 100 W. Main Street.

RHHS students attend SWOSU orientation

Two Rockwall-Heath High students were among the 202 high school seniors who attended the first session of the new student orientation program on the Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Weatherford campus, according to a university news release.

The local students who participated were Braylon Renaud Irving and Clay Stephen Wilkerson.

All of those who attended are enrolled for the 2014 fall semester, according to the release.

Five locals tapped for awards at SMU

Five local students recently received Multicultural Academic Achievement Awards from Southern Methodist University, according to a university news release.

Recipients, who received their awards at the 24th Annual SMU Multicultural Academic Achievement Ceremony, included:

- Elias Gonzales of Royse City, who received the Award of Achievement. To be recognized with the Award of Achievement, a student must have a grade-point average of 3.5 to 3.749.
- Amanda Beard of Rockwall, who received the Award of Excellence. To be recognized with the Award of Achievement, a student must have a grade-point average of 3.75 to 4.0.
- Mari Hailu of Rockwall, who received the Award of Excellence.
- Eugene Kim of Rockwall, who received the Award of Excellence.
- Patricia Janelle Villacin of Rockwall, who received the Award of Excellence.

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs recognizes the academic achievement of minority students who have achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or above.

Meet the Candidates Night event conducted in Fate

by Millie Jean Coppedge
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City of Fate Meet the Candidates Night was conducted April 22 at May Vernon Elementary School. The event was organized by Caryn Stoddart.

Many people at the forum were questioning how the event came about, as they were awaiting for everyone to arrive.

"I'm just a citizen here in Fate and am not connected in any way with anyone running for mayor or the council," Stoddart said. "I kept seeing so many signs going up everywhere and thought that if I didn't know any of the candidates running and had no way of knowing who to vote for, maybe there were other people who felt the same. I called Paula Walker, the principal at May Vernon Elementary School, and she told me to email the secretary of the superintendent of Royse City Schools and tell her my idea. I received an email back and was instructed to set it up to be held at the May Vernon School. Then I contacted the Texas A&M University at Commerce and asked if they had anyone with experience who could moderate the forum. Adam Haney from the Department of Political Science contacted me and we just went from there."

More than 100 people attended, anticipating getting more information on the candidates running for the positions of mayor and the Fate City Council.

On the forum were Bill Broderick and Lorne Megyesi running for mayor; Nikki Robinson for Place 1, Steven Skipworth and Lance Megyesi for Place 2; Jon Thatcher Place 3; Sheri Garber and Joe Burger Place 4; and Steven Herrmann, Place 6. Place 5 is not up for election as the councilman, Cameron Cowan, was elected in May 2013 for a two-year term.

The husband of councilwoman Michelle Butler read a statement from his wife as she could not be in attendance. He did not take part in the forum.

Haney gave instructions to the participants, informing them that each would have two minutes to give an opening statement. Then they would each respond to three questions, one given at a time, until all had answered each one.

The first question was, "What is your vision for Fate commercial and residential future?"

The second was, "What are 2 things the city is doing that you like and why?"

The third was, "What are 2 things that need improvement in Fate and why?"



City of Fate Meet the Candidates Night was conducted April 22. Participating in the forum were, from the left, Mayor Bill Broderick, candidate Lorne Megyesi, candidate Nikki Robinson, councilman Steve Skipworth, candidate Lance Megyesi, Mayor Pro-tem Sheri Garber, candidate Joe Burger and candidate Steve Herrmann. Addressing the audience is candidate Jon Thatcher.

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Fourth grade SAGE students from around the district participated in a challenge at the Aquatic Center. Working in teams, students used divergent thinking and creativity to build a device to get their teams across one side of the pool in the shortest amount of time. Students had to strategize about what materials to use and problem solve challenges once their structures were in the water. Pictured from the left are Samantha Lee, Chase Crayne, Jaden Dougal, Kyleigh Reagan, Rylie Chandler, Cady Johnson, Mackenzie Peterson, Jacob Farrell and Brandon Wills.

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Pictured above are the Cullins Lake-Pointe Elementary winners of the sixth grade Dr. Seuss writing contest. Pictured at front are Annabel Reyes, Laney Gutierrez, Katherine Mok and Olivia Cauley, and at back, Erin Killingsworth, Cheyenne Watkins, Chandler Miller, Amarachi Nwagau and Luke Hanson. Not pictured are Stefanie Maners and Teresa Hernandez.

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Newcomers & Friends enjoy spring fashion show

The Rockwall County Newcomers & Friends met in April for a spring fashion show provided by the Dress Rockwall.

Club members were featured as models. The show was narrated by Kathy Weintraub, vice president. Spring clothes included everything from casual to dressy chic.

The May 8 luncheon will be the final luncheon of the year and will serve as the annual Newcomers' Tea. It will include the installation of officers for the 2014-2015 year that begins in September. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at Occasions at Stone Creek in Royse City. The Momilies, a short program by the Rockwall Community Playhouse, will be presented; it celebrates moms' most well-known sayings.

Rockwall County Newcomers & Friends is open to all women in Rockwall County, whether new to the area or long-time residents.

For more information, visit newcomersrock.com.

Locals named to Phi Kappa Phi

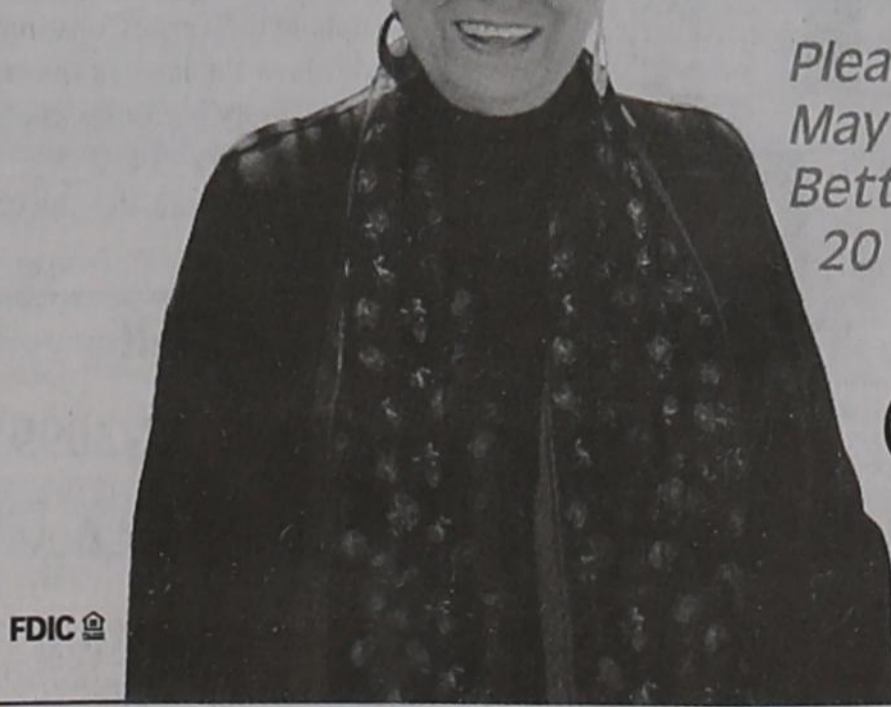
Local residents recently were initiated into the Honor Society Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines, according to a news release.

Members included Miranda Nelson of Heath, initiated into the Texas A&M University chapter; Rebecca McDonough of Rockwall, Texas A&M University chapter; Randi Morrison of Rockwall, Texas A&M University-Commerce chapter; Brian CdeBaca of Rockwall, Texas A&M University-Commerce chapter; Amanda Holt of Rockwall, Texas A&M University-Commerce chapter; Guilla Santos of Rockwall, Texas A&M University-Commerce chapter; and John Thompson of Royse City, initiated into the Texas A&M University-Commerce chapter.

Membership in the organization is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by the chapter. Only the top 10 percent of juniors and 7.5 percent of seniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as may faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

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WAS AMERICA FOUNDED AS A CHRISTIAN NATION

(History of our Forefathers) From American History Part 3

by Kenneth Shores
Rockwall, Texas

Note: Opinions expressed are my conclusion. There are several opinions I have found in my research, but the final opinion expressed is now the view that our Forefathers intended.

Now let us look back into America's history to help you decide if this country was and should still be a CHRISTIAN NATION!

To set the stage we must look at a brief history of our Forefathers who were the signers of the Declaration of Independence. There were 56 men who put their lives at risk to sign this document against England in order to break away as another country to be later called the United States of America. Of the 56 signers 54 were devoted Christians of different denominations with two designated as Deist (belief in the existence of a God on the evidence of reason and nature, with rejection of supernatural revelation) the free dictionary by Farlex

The 56 men who signed used the Bible and 54 believed that Jesus died to take the burden of our sins, then was resurrected to life and ascended to Heaven to again set with God our creator. John 3: 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Our forefathers knew to form a country where all of us would be able to each have free choice. No other country ever has achieved this goal. When our forefathers met they turned to the Bible and prayer asking God to direct them. They soon realized Government needed to be small and free from religion as stated in our first amendment (Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...). Without religion being part of government, people would not have government telling you how to believe in only one form of religion and we the people would have freedom of choice of how we chose to live. The only stipulation to anyone coming to live here is they must abide by our rules, laws and regulations as outlined by our Constitution, and then they can have the same freedom of choice as we have. Until then all countries were ruled with one leader that made your choice of how

you believed and lived.

God and the Bible were used to write how our government could make laws to keep peace and freedom of choice within our newly formed country, America. The foundation of rules and laws were established to allow each one of us to make our own choices as long as those choices did not infringe on anyone else in making their right to making choices.

The second amendment tells us we have the right to bear arms, but does not give us the right to shoot someone just because we feel like it. The Bible is used to swear in people taking positions within government and "under God (of the Bible)" used to affirm their oath of office. Our founding Fathers recognized a supreme being where man and earth came from as God of the Bible.

In all my research there is much about faith in God through opening sessions of government with an opening prayer, mostly spoken by the clergy. There are records of Bible Study and Non-denominational church services held in government facilities throughout the history of this nation.

Here a sampling of quotes from three of our Forefathers:

James Madison's viewpoint, "We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, but upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God" (WIJHNB, p. 71).

In 1778, George Washington wrote a letter to a fellow patriot in which he noted how he had seen God's hand at work, "The hand of Providence has been so conspicuous in all this, that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith, and more than wicked, that has not gratitude enough to acknowledge his obligations" (WIAWACNA, p.10).

Patrick Henry, a patriot of the Revolutionary period, said, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ!" (WIJHNB, p. 67).

How do those who deny that our nation had a Godly beginning ignore statements like this?

I believe our forefathers understood 1st John 5:14-15 This confidence we have in approaching God that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. (15) And if we know that He us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we ask of Him.

With God's leadership in forming a more perfect country, they were able to create guidelines to form our government to provide freedom of choice with limited interference. Greed and controlling interests have taken over through many past years, allowing those in power to take more and more control over our freedom of choice. We divert from God's way and do it man's way, Satan then becomes more in control as observed in other countries.

In conclusion, yes I believe this country was founded as a Christian Nation and if we want our freedom back, only we the people can make it happen through our actions together and prayer.

Whether or not America was founded as a Christian Nation continues to be debated. However, it can become a Christian Nation. There are no laws preventing the spread of the Gospel, nor anything that what atheists claim. We serve a mighty God; we must live as we believe Jesus' words when He said, "...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18 ESV).

When Christians get serious about serving God, spreading the Gospel and living it out in their lives, God's power will work in the hearts, minds, and lives of the people of our nation.

"...those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord." 1892 - The U.S. Supreme Court restates that America is a "Christian Nation."

If Christians will join together as our Forefathers did and God's help we again can restore America as a Christian Nation and a smaller more productive government.

How well do election candidates follow simple instructions

by Timothy W. Burnett

Local elections may be most important.

Counties, cities, school districts and other local government units have a direct impact on the people.

The same government units must make decisions that directly affect others in the local communities, including their neighbors, local friends, families and church families.

Local government units are given power from the State government to seize money from the people and businesses. To be blunt let's say, "rob from the people and businesses."

This understanding helps toward deciding what kind of people to vote for in elections.

When recruiting, most companies look at whether the people are able to follow simple instructions. It is reasonable to assume that anyone who has a history of not following simple instructions may continue to do so in the future.

Let's briefly look at whether the potential elected government officials follow simple instructions found in the Texas Constitution and the controlling statutes.

Because it is understood that all government officials are required to follow the laws, we will focus attention on actions in violation of the laws.

Recently, the City of Heath voted to punish people and businesses for not cleaning graffiti from the structures. By doing so, the city calls upon other government officers to force people to clean graffiti from structures. Which means that some people may be forced to stand before the municipal court and face punishment for not cleaning artwork from their structures.

If the building owners decide to not comply with the city and/or court orders, people in the local community (possibly a fellow church member) are called to arrest the non-compliant people.

In the end, the City ultimately cleans off the artwork without the building owner's permission and forces the owner to pay for all costs including court costs.

This says something about character and personality.

What kind of people seek to rule over other people?

Think about the vast number of controlling ordinances passed by all the city government units.

You might say, "well now, the basic right of property is not found in the Texas Constitution and statutes." Maybe so, but it was what our country and state was founded upon. Our opinion about being free people and the right to property will play heavily on how we vote.

Knox Box Security Breach mandate

Many cities are seeking to force businesses to surrender a business office key to the fire departments. All businesses that refuse to surrender keys fail the annual fire inspection.

At this time, the City of Rockwall has been attempting to coerce businesses into surrendering office keys and allowing the fire department to place them in a box located outside of their offices against the exterior building walls. The box is referred to as the "Knox Box."

Would the current city candidates vote for a similar ordinance?

Once again, it is about people seeking to control other people, and violating the people's right to be secure in their persons and property from seizure by the government.

Election process

Nearly all Texas counties and the Secretary of State sanction election code violations by the respective Election Administrators.

As the May 27 election approaches, let's consider that the elected Secretary of State, County Commissioners, Judges, Sheriffs and Constables have allowed election code violations to occur on an annual basis for many years.

Election Code Chapter 52 Ballot Form, Content and Preparation, Section 52.001 states, "(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the vote in an election is by official ballot. (b) If an official ballot is unavailable at a polling place, the presiding election judge shall provide a ballot designed in accordance with this chapter."

Chapter 52 reveals that every ballot in the general election is a physical paper document. Every vote must be on a ballot.

Chapter 65 reveals that all ballots in the general election must be hand-counted by counting officers. The chapter regulates the hand-counting process and requires a high degree of accountability and responsibility for all officers involved.

The statutes reveal the distinction between "canvassing of election results" and "tabulation of unofficial results."

Official election results involve the hand-counting of ballots and a canvassing process.

Unofficial results involve the use of tabulating machines and electronic voting machines.

The unofficial results are sent to certain government officers in Austin and to the media soon after the elections.

For many years, nearly all Texas counties have used the "tabulated unofficial results" for determining the official results.

Although the Election Administrators individually give Oaths of Office, swearing to uphold the Texas Constitution and follow the laws of the state, the County Commissioners and Secretary of State are accountable for the election process.

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Cities sanction dangerous and unlawful activities by police

All cities in Rockwall County call upon the respective police to reign over the local people daily. It can be seen often as "stop and enforce the Transportation Code."

More often than not, the "stops" are related to some sort of and/or licensing/registration/inspection violation.

Moreover, the municipal courts assist by attempting to revenues from the people.

The municipal courts follow fictional procedures, foreign law, to insure maximum efficiency in revenue collections.

The most effective court procedure frees the city from burdensome task of following the law where it pertains to statutory complaints.

The court is meant to be an unbiased party that sets up reviews cases, issues judgments and determines punishments where juries are waived.

Instead, the court repeatedly files complaints against accused based on citations submitted by law enforcement personnel. Court Clerks take turns attesting to the complaints by placing signatures on the Affiant line of each complaint. The complaints not include sworn affidavits by the complainants (law enforcement officers).

The elected city officials welcome it. Why not? It helps the overall population feel safer and speeds the collection of revenues to the city and state treasury.

The police have become extremely proud, to the extent that position respective cars at highly dangerous locations.

During certain times of the day and night, police cars might be sitting at certain turning lanes (with lights off during the night). They have also been seen sitting perpendicular to, and pointing toward interstate at entrance and exit points.

Worse, the officers park the cars in the space between the inters and the ramp that is used by travelers to avoid accidents with travelers.

It is done at the extremely dangerous risk of being struck on driver's side by oncoming travelers on the interstate.

Most importantly, it is in direct violation of the same set of they are enforcing.

Contrary to popular belief, all traffic laws fall within Transportation Code.

Ask this question, how many people traveling in the cities engaged in the business of Transportation?

The narrow scope of the Transportation Code is in fact transportation. The U.S. Transportation Code and Black's Law Dictionary provide the legal definition of the term "transportation." Yet the police attempt to enforce the code upon all travelers as if they are engaged in transportation.

The law enforcement personnel follow the lead and blind approval of the elected officials.

All cities, county commissioners, sheriff and constables welcome the mal-enforcement of the Transportation Code upon all travelers.

Be an informed electorate and Grand Jury

TWC's over-expanding enforcement of the Unemployment Compensation Act is in direct violation of:

Texas Constitution Article 1, Section 16

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The act of forcing any business and natural person to purchase any kind of insurance for others, who render services, constitutes "impairing obligation of contracts."

One exception are Federal Instrumentalities engaged in statutory "employment" on the soil of Texas.

See Tx. Labor Code Section 201.101 & 26 U.S.C. 3306 (c) (g) and (j)(1 & 2).

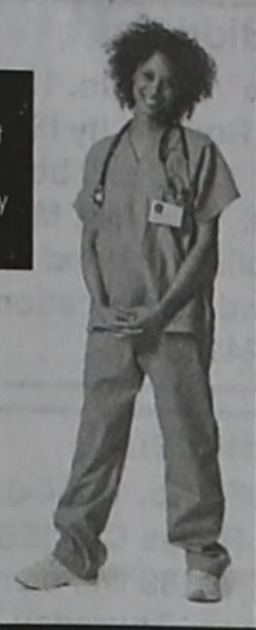
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The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND APPLICION FOR INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRUSUANT TO SECTION 401.003 OF THE TEXAS ESTATES CODE in this estate on April 16, 2014, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs of BRENNEN CHASE TEEL, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate. Said application may be heard and acted on by said Court at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 A.M. on the first Monday following the expiration of ten days from date of

publication of this citation, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 403, in Rockwall, Texas. All persons interested in said estate are cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written contest or answer to this application should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention or response in writing with the County Clerk of Rockwall County, Texas on or before the above noted date and time. If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at the office of the Rockwall County Clerk in Rockwall, Texas, this 16th Day of April, 2014. Shelli Miller, County Clerk Rockwall County, Texas By: Sandy Montanez, Deputy

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for the City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, Case No. 14-06-0263P. The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

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Beginning, May 01, 2014, Prime Proposers may obtain Proposal Documents from Reographics Consultants, 325 North Saint Paul, Suite 275, Dallas, Texas 75201, 214-540-3957. Prime Proposers will be supplied one (1) full set of documents at no expense. Each set consists of one (1) set of drawings and one (1) set of specifications. **Additional sets requested by the Prime Proposers may be obtained but will be at the sole expense of the Prime Proposer paid directly to the reproduction company.** Partial sets of Proposal Documents will not be available. The additional complete sets may be obtained by request through the Architect.

Proposal documents should be submitted in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Rockwall Independent School District, Director of Purchasing and marked with the CSP number and "ROCKWALL HEATH HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT ADDITIOIN PROJECT" as well as the name of respondent. Proposals will be received until 10:00 AM (local time) on May 20, 2014 at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087 at which time said responses will be publicly opened but not read. Proposals received after 10:00 AM (local time) TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014 will be rejected.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Rockwall County Commissioners Court invites on-line bids to purchase surplus equipment/furnishings/vehicles/books, etc. Equipment/Furnishings to be sold include but is not limited to the following: miscellaneous scrap materials, computers and computer related equipment. Vehicles to be sold include the following: '01 Chevy Impala, '03 Ford Taurus (2), '07 Ford Crown Victoria, '09 Ford Crown Victoria (2). All equipment/furnishings/vehicles, etc. will be sold "AS IS" with no warranty written or implied.

Additional information may be obtained from the Rockwall County Auditor's office located at 1111 Yellow Jacket Lane, Ste 202, Rockwall, Texas 75087 or by calling Allana Mitchell at (972) 204-6050. The above items will be available for inspection by appointment only. To make an appointment, please call Allana Mitchell in the County Auditor's office at (972)204-6050.

Bidding will take place via the internet by logging on to www.govdeals.com. New bidders must register online to bid. Search by zip code 75087, then click on Rockwall County, TX. Bids must be submitted on or before Friday, May 16, 2014 at the specific times designated on the Govdeals website.

Rockwall County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT
 Rockwall County, Texas
 Lisa Constant Wylie
 Rockwall County Auditor

- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, May 13, 2014** and the Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, May 19, 2014** to consider the following item(s). Both hearings will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas.

Z2014-011: Proposed Zoning Change – 1002 Ridge Road

Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Dewayne Cain, on behalf of the Cain Family Revocable Trust, for the approval of a zoning change from a Single Family 10 (SF-10) District to Planned Development District 53 (PD-53) for Residential-Office (RO) District uses and to amend the boundaries of Planned Development District 53 (PD-53) [Ordinance No. 02-33] for a 0.651-acre parcel of land identified as Lot 3, Block A, Lee Rhoades Subdivision, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, addressed as 1002 Ridge Road, and take any action necessary.

Z2014-012: Proposed Specific Use Permit – IH-30

Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Master Plan, on behalf of Rockwall SH-205 Venture, LLC, for the approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow a mini-warehouse facility on a 2.857-acre tract of land, zoned Commercial (C) District, being a portion of a larger 5.549-acre tract of land identified as a part of Tract 2 of the J. Cadle Survey, Abstract No. 65, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, generally located south of the intersection of the IH-30 frontage road and Townsend Drive, and take any action necessary.

Z2014-013: Proposed Zoning Change – Boydston Avenue

Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Dean Cathey, on behalf of ASCDT Investments, LLC, for the approval of a zoning change from a Zero Lot Line (ZL-5) District to a Planned Development District for single-family attached uses for a 1.25-acre subdivision of land identified as Lots 4, 5, 6 & 7 of the Integrity Addition Phase 2, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, addressed as 617, 619, 621 & 623 Boydston Avenue, and take any action necessary.

Z2014-014: Proposed Specific Use Permit – SEC IH-30 and John King

Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Brad Fenton of Fenton Motor Group, on behalf of Cambridge Companies Inc., for approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for a new car dealership being a 4.08-acre tract of land located in the J. LOCKHART SURVEY, Abstract No.134, being a portion of that certain tract of land described in deed to the Cambridge Companies, Inc. as recorded in Volume 101, Page 795 of the Deed Records of Rockwall County, Texas and zoned Commercial (C) District, situated within the IH-30 Overlay (IH-30 OV) District and the 205 By-Pass Corridor Overlay (205 BY-OV) District and generally located on the southeast corner of John King Boulevard and IH-30, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, and take any action necessary.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning staff at (972) 771-7745 with any questions. Additional information on all current development cases can be found on the City's website: <http://www.rockwall.com/Planning/PlanningDevCases.asp>

Area News Briefs

Alzheimer's Association plans Hope for Tomorrow

The Alzheimer's Association Greater Dallas will host a multicultural symposium to reach African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, Asian-Americans and their physicians from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 3 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 300 Reunion Dr., Dallas. Through keynote speakers, breakout sessions and panels, participants will have the opportunity learn about the disease as it relates to the community. Speakers will cover everything from diagnosis to impact on patients and families. Speakers will include world-class researchers, physicians and experts. For more details visit alz.org or call 1-800-272-3900.

Audie Murphy Days to honor the military

To honor and remember the nation's military heroes, Audie Murphy Days' Salute to the Military will kick off May 16 in Greenville. The two-day event will be free and open to the public and hosted by the Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum. This year's event will include speakers such as retired Chief Warrant Officer 2 Elizabeth McCormick, a Black Hawk helicopter pilot; Air Force CMSgt. Thomas Peterson, who flew more than 250 combat support sorties with how more than 5,000 flying hours; and Ollie Ledbetter, a boyhood friend of Murphy's. Also scheduled is a demonstration by Patriot PAWS and entertainment by the Heritage Brass Band. Murphy was a native son of Hunt County, a war hero, Hollywood film star and accomplished songwriter. For more details visit amacmuseum.com.

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Sealed bid for "Phone System", RFP No. 13-14-03, addressed to Angel McCrary, Roysse City ISD, 810 Old Greenville Rd, Roysse City, TX 75189 will be received at the above address until 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at which time they will be publicly opened and names only read aloud. Bid forms and specification may be obtained by calling (972)636-2413

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Application has been made for a Mixed Beverage Restaurant Permit and Food and Beverage Certificate for Joe & David Tacos Ltd Db a Oscar Delta At 108 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas Said application made to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code. AZ8 LLC, GP David O. Balli, Mem/Pres Jose L. Obregon, Mem/VP

Notice of Test of Automatic Tabulating Equipment

Notice is hereby given that the Automatic Tabulating Equipment that will be used in the Runoff Election held on May 27, 2014 will be tested on May 7, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at 107 Kaufman St., Rockwall, Texas to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast in offices and all measures.

Issued this the 28th day of April, 2014

Glenda Denton
 Elections Administrator
 Rockwall County

Aviso de la prueba del equipo de tabulación automático

El aviso por este medio se da para informar que el equipo de tabulación automatico que sera utilizado en eleccion runoff en el dia 27 de mayo, 2014 sera puesto a prueba en el dia 7 de mayo, 2014 a las 9:00 a.m. en el domicilio 107 E. Kaufman St., Rockwall, Texas para comprobar que el equipo contara precisamente los votos emitidos/entregados para todas las oficinas y para todas las medidas.

Publicó esto el 28th dia de abril, 2014

Glenda Denton
 Administrador de las elecciones
 Condado de Rockwall

Rockwall County Entertainment

Keep the Cup Tea, Fashion Show slated

The Friends of the Museum will host a Keep the Cup Tea & Fashion Show from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13 at the First United Methodist Church on Main Street in Roysse City. Tickets cost \$10 each and are available at the Roysse City Hardware Store or the Zaner Robinson Historical Museum; participants get to keep the tea. Favors and door prizes will be given away. The event will benefit the museum, which is located at 115 S. St.

First Concert by the Lake set May 8

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host its first Concert by the Lake event of 2014 on May 8. Performing an Elvis tribute will be James L. Wages. Live concerts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at The Harbor and will run through July 24. For a full schedule of performers visit rockwall.com/parks

Melody to lead Brown Bag Lecture event

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission will present a Brown Bag Lecture Series event from noon to 1 p.m. May 9 at the historic courthouse in downtown Rockwall. The topic will be One American Soldier, with Jo Nell Melody sharing the story of her father-in-law who served in WWII and was captured in France. Admission will be free and open to the public. For more details contact Jo Nell at 214-926-6466.

Tickets on sale for 'Forever Plaid'

Tickets for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's upcoming show, "Forever Plaid," are now available. "deliciously goofy" play focuses on four young men killed in a 1950s car crash on their way to the concert; now they've been revived for the posthumous chance to fulfill their dreams and perform the way they would have never way. Performances are set for May 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25; Friday and Saturday shows at 8 p.m., Sunday shows at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online; discounts will be given for bulk purchases.

Golden Debs to present 'Elements'

The Roysse City High School Golden Debs will present "Elements," a dance presentation, at 7 p.m. on May 15 at the RCHS auditorium. Advanced tickets cost \$5 if purchased before May 1 from any Golden Deb team member. After that date tickets will cost \$7 at the door. Ticket sales will begin at 6:30 p.m. prior to the performance.

Buster Brown Band to perform

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host a soul variety show performed by the Buster Brown Band at the Concert by the Lake event on May 15. Live concerts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at The Harbor and will run through July 24. For a full schedule of performers visit rockwall.com/parks

Rockwall Founders Day set May 17

The Rockwall Founders Day Festival, celebrating the city's 160th birthday, will run from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on May 17 at Harry Myers Park. A Kid Zone with bounce houses and games will be offered, as will food booths and craft and business vendors. Live music will be featured from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., with the Charlie Daniels Band as the headline performer.

Churches to host Spring Concert

Choirs from Rockwall, Heath, Roysse City and Huntsville will team up to celebrate the 30th season of the Rockwall Civic Chorus, with featured performances of Dr. Robert Ray's "Gospel Mass," at 7 p.m. May 17 at the United Methodist Church of Heath, 140 Smirl Drive, and at 4 p.m. May 18 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1400 Horizon, Rockwall. Admission to performances will be free and open to the public.

Electrify Your Strings May 22 at Utley

Electric violinist Mark Wood will present Electrify Your Strings beginning at 7 p.m. May 22 at the Performing Arts Center, 1201 T.L. Townsend, on the Utley Middle School campus. Wood, an original member of the multiplatinum-selling Trans-Siberian Orchestra, will perform with students as part of the program. Performances will include original material, as well as music by Led Zeppelin, The Beatles and other artists. Tickets cost \$5 and are available at showclix.com/event/ElectrifyYourStringsUTLEY. The event will be open to the public; all proceeds will benefit the school's music program.

Dave Matthews tribute planned

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host a Dave Matthews tribute show performed by the Buster Brown Band at the Concert by the Lake event on May 22. Live concerts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at The Harbor and will run through July 24. For a full schedule of performers visit rockwall.com/parks

Family Fun Fridays begin May 23

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host the first of its Family Fun Fridays at the Park at Hickory Ridge, 1910 Walnut Ridge. Activities and games will begin at 6 p.m., with the film, "Despicable Me 2," to begin at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snowcones and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

Funk, R&B variety show slated

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host a funk and R&B variety show performed by the Buster Brown Band at the Concert by the Lake event on May 29. Live concerts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at The Harbor and will run through July 24. For a full schedule of performers visit rockwall.com/parks

HCA's French extending 2 titles, hoping for 3 more

By Lay Bump
 Christian Academy senior Wyatt French, the reigning state champion in the high jump and pole vault, leads a team of five Rockwall County athletes competing in this week's State Championships.

French, an aspiring college decathlete, will compete in five events Saturday at Baylor University's Hart-Patterson Track Complex. He also qualified for state in the long jump, 110-meter hurdles and 400-meter dash.

French is one of seven HCA athletes competing. The Fulton School qualified for the TAPPS 1A State Championships, also at Baylor.

Christian junior Molli Howard will represent the Lady Eagles in four events – the long jump, triple jump and 100- and 300-meter dashes. Tommy Tannehill is scheduled for three events – the 300-meter dash, the 4X100-meter and 4X200 relays with Dylan Wells, James McCoy and Colin Westmoreland.

Also competing from HCA will be Zach Brashears in the shot put. Todd Treadway qualified in four events, including three relays, at the TAPPS 1A North Regional April 22 at McMurry University in Waco. Treadway placed third in the triple jump at 39 feet, 5 inches.

His Fulton teammate, Brenner Newman, won the 300 hurdles in 42.52 seconds and placed second in the 110 hurdles (17.02) and ran the anchor leg of the relay team. Their time was 3 minutes, 41.83 seconds. Treadway teamed with Leverett (also in three events), Tyler Adams and Levi Barnard to finish third in the 4X200 relay (1:37.96) and fourth in the 4X100 (46.84).

French placed fourth for Fulton were Zach Johnson in the shot put (36-2 1/4) and Jasmine Norman in the girls' discus (77-2).

The final events are scheduled for Friday, with the running events

HCA's Webb throws and no-hitter

By Lay Bump
 Christian Academy's Webb pitched her second no-hitter this season to lead Heritage Christian Academy to a 20-0 victory over Greenville Christian School Saturday April 22.

Webb struck out six GCS Lady Eagles and walked two. The victory helped HCA finish TAPPS District 3-2A play with a 6-2 record, 7-6 overall, moving into the playoff game against Pasadena First Baptist Christian Academy (15-3-1) that was scheduled for Tuesday evening.

Heritage Christian's Lady Eagles scored all 20 of their runs in the first two innings.

Webb pitched three hits and three runs batted in on a double in the first inning and a two-run singled in the second.

Webb helped herself by driving in runs in the first two innings with a double and a single.

Brittany Fauley singled to drive in a first-inning run, and sent two home with her second-inning single. Sarah Ross doubled to drive in a run in the first. In the second, Emily Barton and Brenna

Lady Falcons take third in state golf

By Lay Bump
 The Fulton School's first-year girls' golf team finished third in the TAPPS A State Championships Monday and Tuesday at Hidden Oaks Golf Club in Granbury.

All the Lady Falcons improved their score for the second 18-hole round Tuesday.

Meredith Pollock came closest among the Fulton golfers to one of the medal-winning scores. She shot 133 and 131 for a 36-hole total of 264, good for 15th place. Jasmine Norman and Megan Bokoski tied for 14th with identical rounds of 134 and 133 for 267. Taya Codwell placed 16th at 270, and Riley Reid was 22nd with 147-144—291. Wichita Falls Wichita Christian School won the state championship at 246—937, paced by first-place medalist Savannah Snyder. Her score of 79—154 was 52 strokes better than the runner-up.

Waxahatchie Preparatory Academy placed second among the seven schools entered with 480-486—966. The Lady Falcons finished at 541-547—1088.

Fulton did not have a full boys' team at the championship meet. James Morgan placed the three Falcons in 20th place with 100-115—215. Colin Leavelle improved by 12 strokes on Tuesday to tie for 35th among 59

golfers from 14 schools at 125-113—238, and Hayden Leverett finished 36th with 121-128—249.

Waco Hill of runner-up Longview Trinity School of Texas was the individual winner with 81-90—171, five shots ahead of the second-place medalist. Fort Worth Covenant Classical School took the team title with 387-393—780.

Hinton takes wild card berth to State Track Meet

By Ron Garrett
 Rockwall Lady Jacket track standout Kaylee Hinton earned a wild card berth to the UIL State Track Meet with her third-place finish in Longview (4:52.25) at the Regional Meet last weekend Waco. The wild card berth earned her the best third-place finisher out of the four regions in Texas. The State Meet will be held at the Mike A. Myers Track Complex in Austin May 10.

Twenty athletes represented Rockwall in Waco last week, and all but two finished.

Hinton also placed fourth in Pole Vault (10-6) tenth in 100 Meter Hurdles and 12th in 200 Meter Dash. Rockwall's Sarah Schneider took 11th in girls pole vaulting (10-0), while Garrett Dennard placed ninth (3-0) and Clark Norris came in 12th (12-6). The Yellowjacket boys and girls pole vaulters swept the top two places the previous week in the regional meet.

Head coach Lawrence Johnson took 6th place in triple jump (44-11.5), and sophomore Noah placed 11th in shot put (35-5.5).



Senior boys soccer player Ryan Danahy (left) and junior volleyball and field standout Kaylee Hinton (right) have been named the April Jacket Backer Athletes of the Month. Kaylee will represent RHS at the State track meet this weekend. Ryan will play a vital role in the District Championship and Bi-District Championship, scoring 5 goals over the month of March. Photo by Eric Eldridge/Rockwall County News



Several Rockwall Independent School District teachers participated in the recent Color Run in Dallas to help support cancer research. Pictured from the left are Kirsten Golden, Hali Bauman, Kristie Leavell, Kristi Groves, Dawn Bishop, Patti Gudino, Jane Bruning, Kathy Lunday and Tina Hoepfner. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Five of the seven Roysse City ISD Destination Imagination teams will move on to the global-level contest following a successful competition at the April 12 state contest. Moving on are two community-service teams, Flying with Fluffy and the Thoughtful Thinking Things from Roysse City High and Cherry Intermediate; the technical team from Roysse City Middle School, the SuperStar Bulldogs; a structure team from Herndon, The OKs; and the Nerds, a scientific team from Fort Elementary. The purpose of DI is to "inspire and equip students to become the next generation of innovators and leaders." Globals are set for May 21-24 in Knoxville, Tenn.

Shown above are (back row left to right) Cade Baridon, Karina Revilla, Ethan Margot, Brendan O'Connor, Ian Carrion, Faith Kitchens, Amanda Blanton, Caleb Fay, Chris Biffar, Jonathan Beardon, Johnny Biffar, Kaleigh Jackson, Jayla Wilson, Aly Dusek, Hannah Lara, Josh Herod, Jonathan Pense, (middle row) Claire Bennett, Grace Gaffney, Madison Hendricks, Brenna Merrilat, Prestynn Pogue, Mary Edwards, Kolby Erwin, Celeste Conlin, Kaley Francis, Allie Grace Singleton, Alicia Weeks, Olivia Hodges, (front row) Lou Lou Howell, Sarah Nolan, Brandon Mooney, Jonathan Bardin, Jack Edwards, Parker Pogue, Connor Padgett, Meghan Nolan, Jenna Kirby, Gus Margot, Joli Ducharme, Rowdy Burne, and Parker Hutton. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Heath, Rockwall gymnasts come away big at State

by Ryan Garrett

The Jacket and Hawk gymnasts competed in the State meet last week, taking 17 top-ten finishes in both the girls and boys competitions. As a team, the Rockwall boys placed 4th, the Heath boys and girls teams took 7th, and the Lady Jackets placed 8th of the 12 teams competing.

Lady Hawk Carolyn Sherwin took 2nd all-around, 1st on beam, 4th on floor, 5th on vault and tied for 10th on uneven bars. Rockwall's Tori Hedges placed 10th in floor.

Heath's Sherwin and Katelyn Beckett were named to the Girl's National Team.

The Yellowjacket boys took eight individual top-ten finishes. Michael Weidman placed 3rd on parallel bars, 6th on floor and 7th all-around. Jarod Delgleize took 5th on pommel horse, Bryce Singer 3rd on high bars and 6th on rings, and Caleb Myers placed 9th on rings and 10th on parallel bars.

Weidman was awarded the Emil College Scholarship, given to a senior gymnast for "character and dedication to high school gymnastics." Rockwall boys coach Cameron Sweny was named the Texas State Men's Coach of the Year.

Rockwall-Heath's Cameron Calloway placed 8th on rings and all-around and Brian Moore finished 8th on vault.

Rockwall, Heath softball take Bi-District titles

by Ryan Garrett

The Rockwall and Heath softball teams claimed the title of Bi District Champions last weekend to advance to the Area playoff Friday night. RHS will face Plano East in a one-game playoff, 7:30 at Wylie East High School, and Rockwall-Heath goes up against Plano West at Wylie High School at 7:30.

The Lady Jackets defeated Garland Naaman Forest 20-1, and the Lady Hawks beat Sachse in a two-game series Friday night and Saturday morning.

Rockwall, the District 12-5A Co-Champs, met the Lady Rangers Friday in Wylie and dominated with a 17-run fourth and six strikeouts by pitcher Emily Cowan. The Lady Jackets had a total of 14 extra base hits, including home runs by Kindal Sauter and Peyton Mills.

It took just two games in the best-of-three series for the Heath Lady Hawks to clinch the Bi District title against Sachse.

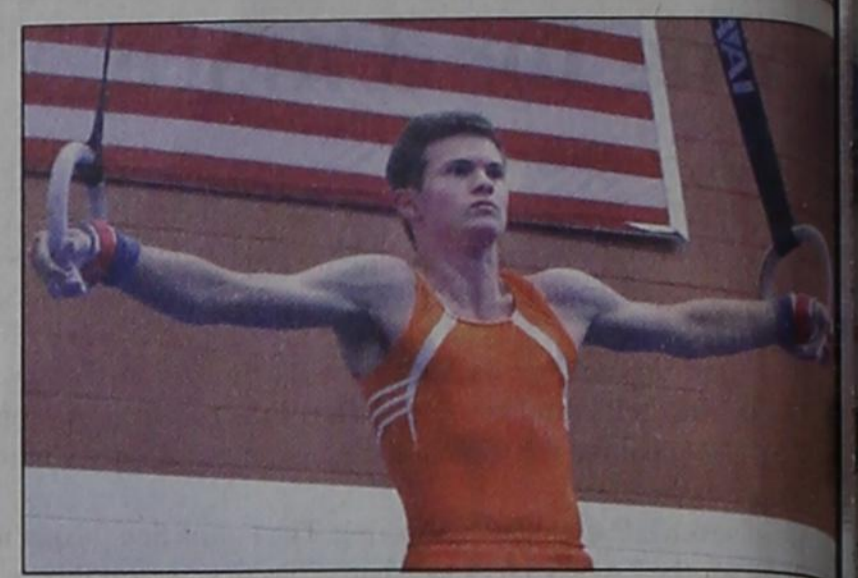
Heath outhit the Mustangs Friday at home in a 10-3 victory. The two teams met again Saturday at Sachse High School, and the Lady Hawks took control early off a single by Cami Duffey in the second, and a single RBI by Katie Webster in the fourth.

The Mustangs scored in the fourth with a double by pitcher Payton Shugart, but Heath's Lauren Archuleta responded with a leadoff home run over the left wall in the fifth for a 3-1 lead. Heath scored three in the sixth, two in the seventh, and spoiled a late Mustang rally for the 8-3 victory.

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Senior Carolyn Sherwin of Rockwall-Heath High School soars to 1st place in the balance beam routine with a score of 19.35 during the State Gymnastics meet in Alvin, Texas. Watching on is assistant coach Kristin Jayne (right).
Photo by John Weidman/Rockwall County News



Rockwall High School Senior Michael Weidman placed All Around during last weekend's State Gymnastics meet in Alvin, Texas. Weidman was also awarded the Emil Milan College Scholarship given to a Senior gymnast for "Character and Dedication to High School Gymnastics"
Photo by John Weidman/Rockwall County News

Heath perfect in district, Hawks & Jackets begin playoffs

by Ryan Garrett

The Rockwall-Heath Hawks capped off district play in a 7-4 win over Tyler Lee with help from Trey Millender on Senior Night, perfect 12-0 record in District 12-5A.

The game was never in doubt after the second as Ryne Randle led a two-run single to start the scoring. Millender went 3-3 at the plate in the third and fifth innings, and doubling in the sixth, while Ivey allowed just four runs over seven innings with six strikeouts and seven hits.

The District Champions are No. 7 in the latest 5A State rankings, will begin their playoff run in a three-game series against the Garland Owls 7:30 tonight at Garland High School, with game two on Friday at RHHS. A third game will be played Saturday if needed.

The Owls reached the playoffs for the first time since the 1972 season. The Rockwall Yellowjackets will begin playoffs against the Naaman Forest Rangers in a best-of-three series tonight and Friday at 7 p.m. Saturday at 1 p.m. if needed. All three games will be played at Wylie High School.

In their final two games of the regular season, the second-place Hawks gave two overwhelming performances. A six-run first, aided by Lutzel's fourth-inning grand slam put the game away as RHS downed Mesquite Skeeters 11-1 at home April 22. RHS then shut out Longview 10-0 Friday night.

MOW benefit tourney set May 30

The 5th Annual Golf Tournament is set for 11 a.m. May 30 at Buffalo Creek Golf Course. Lunch will be provided when golfers are on the course. The tourney will feature a Buy a Drive hole, a Las Vegas hole and a one-in-one contest - prize is a golf cart. Cash prizes will go to the top teams, as well as the top male and female golfers, closest to the longest drive. Live entertainment also will be featured. Entry fee is \$10 per golfer, which will feed approximately three seniors in the community for a week. To register, visit rockwallmealsonwheels.org.

Tennis Calcutta set May 2-3

The Chandlers Landing Tennis Calcutta will be May 2-3, providing competition and a chance to generate funds for the CLT Court 6 repairs. The format will be the same as last year - dinner, silent auction and partner draw on May 2, with the competition and payout on May 3. Silent auction items will include U.S. Open tickets, Rangers tickets, a home security system, a limited number of lifetime CLT memberships and many other items. Contact Kelli Kersey at 469-417-9175 or Dana Johnson at 214-505-2575 for registration or more information.

Play for Hay golf tourney set

The Play for Hay 5th Annual Golf Tournament benefitting Throwaway Ponies will begin with a 1 p.m. shotgun start May 4 at the Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall. Sign-in and practice will begin at noon. Prizes will be offered; the green fee, lunch, golf cart and practice are included in the tax-deductible registration fee. To register visit throwawayponies.org.

A&M scholarship golf tourney scheduled

The 27th Annual Rockwall County A&M Club Scholarship Golf Tournament will take place May 16 at Buffalo Creek Golf Club in Rockwall. A 1 p.m. shotgun start is planned. Putting and chipping contests will be conducted prior to the start. Entry fee includes 18holes of golf, cart rental, driving range, lunch, dinner, keg beer, sodas, water and gifts.

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