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Flasher arrested in death incident

Darcy Rocha
 A woman was the victim of a peeping tom a few weeks ago while in a dressing room of a department store in Rockwall. In discussing the incident with my friends, someone mentioned that they had heard that the peeper was a flasher in Heath. As a woman and a mother, I felt that if something like this had occurred recently, then my fellow citizens needed to know the facts. I contacted Sgt. Trammell with the Heath Department of Public Safety and he informed there was a case reported involving a man who flashed a woman who was jogging. The incident occurred March 3 at the intersection of Spring Road and White Road. The flasher was identified by the police and arrested March 8.

"I had an encounter something like that, don't panic. Try to stay calm," Sgt. Trammell said. "I know it sounds funny, but just try to observe if you can any identifying features, facial features, hair, height. If they're in a vehicle, get a license plate number. Anything like that is helpful and report it to the police. Sometimes we do have a suspect that has a history of offenses, or we can look at people with a history of this in the past, and if the identifying features match up them we may be able to get a person identified by a photo line-up and get that person arrested."

Although this type of crime is rare here in Heath, it's still important to know what to do. If you find yourself in a similar incident, call the non-emergency line at 972-771-7721 if you feel you are not in any danger. If there's a reason you feel that you're in any immediate danger then call 9-1-1," says Trammell.



Rockwall-Heath High School Highsteppers who won solo awards at the March 3 Galveston Island Festival Contest are pictured with director Monica Lyon, at left. Shown are, from the left, junior Anna Digirolamo; senior and Highsteppers captain Rachel Smith; junior Maddie Mills; sophomore Tori Carney; senior Ashlee Lindemann; and second place junior varsity soloist Sarah Schneider.



The Rockwall-Heath Highsteppers Drill Team received team and solo honors in several categories at the Galveston Island Festival Contest on March 3. The team is shown above with its trophies and awards.

my attention by one of our readers that the particular patch of flowers I mentioned in my column last week is not bluebonnets, but rather the purple hyacinth. I apologize for the error. I looked at several different species of bluebonnets online during my research and thought I had identified these blue beauties correctly. I would like to share this from another reader. I'm very eager to see droves of bluebonnets that are sure to burst in bloom in Heath soon.

I want to thank you for the picture of the bluebonnets and Smirl Chapel Baptist Church. I can remember as a little girl my dad John of Heath, Texas, would get in his 1957 Chevrolet pickup truck and scatter bluebonnet seeds and sprinkle them throughout the area. He always went to look at bluebonnets along the roadside and bluebirds perched on the lines and fences. I'm sure there have been many others that have contributed to the beautification of bluebonnets in Rockwall County and I think it will always continue." ~ JoAnna (Vank) Wallace

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Royse City remembers Craig Bowers for love of family, students

Kathy Williams
 Craig Bowers, a "dog Christian" who knew his purpose was to serve God, died on Monday, March 19, 2012. Rev. Randy Felder said Royse City High School Assistant Principal Craig Bowers lived his life with no regrets and was passionate for his family and his students.

"It's appropriate that the mascot of Royse City High School is the dog," Felder said.

The Bowers community came together Monday night to celebrate the life of Craig Bowers who was killed last March 14 during a spring break ski trip with his family in Crested Butte, Colo.

A funeral service was conducted March 18 at Family Fellowship in Greenville, Texas, at the Memoryland Memorial Park.

Members of the RCHS staff, students, friends, RCISD Superintendent Dr. Brock and RCHS Principal David Dodd offered their favorite memories of Bowers and words of comfort to members of the Bowers family in attendance at the memorial.

Craig Bowers, 46, was born Dec. 31, 1975, in Greenville to Bobby and Elizabeth Bowers. He graduated from Greenville High School in 1994 and received a master's degree from Texas A&M Commerce. He was married to Diane Palmore on July 10, 1999, in Greenville.

Before coming to RCHS, Bowers worked as a junior English teacher and debate coach at Greenville High School.

In his spare time, Bowers enjoyed golfing with friends and family. He coached his son and daughter in YMCA youth sports.

Bowers was a member of Dixon Baptist Church in Greenville, where he served as youth minister during his college years.

Survivors include his wife; parents; son, Caden Matthew Bowers; daughter, Caroline Ruthann Bowers; brother, Kevin Bowers and wife, Trina; sister, Katie Bowers and Drew Holloway; mother-in-law, Debbie; late wife and husband, Russ, all of Greenville; father-in-law, Terry; late wife, Teresa, of Emory; sisters-in-law, Heather Priest and sister, Amber Miller and husband, Adam Miller; nieces, Baylee, Kenna, Lisa and Alyssa; nephews, Travis, Jacob, Keaton, Kamden and Stone all of Greenville; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Bowers preceded in death by his grandparents, Rev. James C. and Patsy Bowers; and his parents, Ray E. and Jennie Bowers.

Survivors also include Brandon Adams, Danny Black, Scott Coffman, Gary Hardin, Ray Hardin, Richard Pense, Jeremy Powell and David Scott. Organizational bearers were Kevin Bowers, Matt Palmore, Adam Miller, Cory Holloway, Corky Nance, Rick Espino, Dallas Bookout, Franky Bowers, Tom Shaw, Joel Stanford, Justin Waddle and Brit Brignon.

A fund has been set up for the Bowers children at American National Bank, located at 123 East I-30 in Royse City. Donations can be made to the Caroline Bowers Memorial Fund.

RHHS Highsteppers grab honors at Galveston contest

by Kathy Williams
 The Rockwall-Heath High School Highsteppers drill team wowed the crowd at the Galveston Island Festival Contest on March 3, winning awards in several categories. American Dance and Drill Team held the contest at the Moody Gardens Convention Center in Galveston.

The contest included officer, team and solo competition. The Highsteppers officers won Sweepstakes, Gussie Nell Award of Excellence, and Best Overall precision, technique, presentation, and choreography. The officers received judge's awards in all routines and were the Best in Class in the large team division.

The Highsteppers team earned a Sweepstakes and Gussie Nell Award of Excellence as well. They received judge's awards in all routines, and Best Overall precision, technique, presentation, and choreography.

The Highsteppers were the fifth highest scoring team out of the entire competition and won the highest GPA award.

Twelve Highsteppers competed in the solo competition that included 204 soloists for the weekend. Out of the 12 RHHS soloists, five placed in the large team category. They were junior Anna Digirolamo and senior Ashlee Lindemann who tied for fifth runner up, and senior Rachel Smith came in fourth runner up. Junior Madison Mills came in first runner up and sophomore Tori Carney won the large team solo category.

Highsteppers director, Monica Lyon, was named Outstanding Director at the contest as well.

The Highsteppers contest season has now come to an end and they are preparing for their Spring Show, "The Urban Rock Tour," on April 21.

An individual listing of awards won is:

Officers
 Sweepstakes; Gussie Nell Award; Best Overall precision; Best Overall technique; Best Overall presentation; Best Overall choreography; Best in Class; Judges Award in all routines, contemporary, jazz, lyrical, and hip hop.

Team
 Sweepstakes; Gussie Nell Award; Best of the Best, 5th; Best Overall precision; Best Overall technique; Best Overall presentation; Best Overall choreography; Best in Class, 1st runner up; Judges Awards in all routines, contemporary, pom, kick, and pom; Highest GPA award.

Soloist
 Anna Digirolamo, 5th; Ashlee Lindemann, 5th; Rachel Smith, 4th; Madison Mills, 1st; Tori Carney, Winner.

Outstanding Director, Monica Lyon



Pictured are the 2012-2013 Rockwall High School varsity cheerleaders. They are, at front, Nikki Frye, Kailea Coles, Madison Roof, Shelbi Crawford, Sarah Manning (head cheerleader), Brittany Bell (head cheerleader), Abigail Farmer, Shelby Briggs, Amber Britton (mascot), Chaise Edwards and Jade Cruz, and, at back, Jessica Crutchfield (sponsor), Sammie Crawford, Hannah Hartsfield, Megan Inglis, Katie White, Cathleen Conrad, Abbie Dickson, Molly Phillips, Riley Kelley and Alec Davis (mascot).



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Local DAR chapter presents annual awards

The annual Rock Wall Chapter DAR conducted its awards presentation March 4 in the home of Carolyn Duckworth, regent.

Two Rockwall Independent School District teachers – Barbara Starling Wood and Jan Stonestreet – were feted. Wood, an Ouida Springer Elementary

School teacher, was recognized for winning the essay contest when she was in the eighth grade in the Royse City Independent School District. Stonestreet, an Amy Parks Elementary teacher, was recognized for receiving the DAR's Community Service Award for creating and directing patriotic USO shows for the past 13 years.

Good Citizen Awards were presented to outstanding seniors who exemplify patriotism, leadership and scholarship. Recipients included Alyssa Kaitlyn Lang, Rockwall High; Amanda Alexandra Casco, Rockwall-Heath High School; Andrew Thomas Walston, Forney High; Carly Paige Davis, North Forney High; Matthew Ryan Stone, Royse City High School; Amy Nicole Wickett, Wylie High; Kalyann Marie Blasingame, Wylie East High; and Chloe Astrid Hochstein, Heritage Christian Academy.

The DAR Good Citizen Awards were presented by chapter member Margaret Davidson.

Additional American History

Awards were presented by Linda Smith, chapter member.

These awards were presented to outstanding junior-level exemplify scholastic achievement, leadership and patriotism included Tyler Eavenson, Rockwall High; Ashton Hierholzer, Heath High School; and Alex Chase, Royse City High School.

The Middle School Essay Award was presented to the outstanding student who exemplifies scholastic achievement, leadership and patriotism. This year's winning essay, "Remembering the War of 1812," was written by Chloe Astrid Hochstein, a student at Christian Academy.

The DAR is a nonprofit, non-political volunteer service dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing the country's future through better education. To learn more about the group, contact Carolyn Duckworth at 972-772-0752.

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Sun tanning, skin damage cancer – ugly truth

by Darcy Rocha

Tanning may have been a generation what cigarette smoking was to the generation before. Carcinogenic in sheep's clothing or in my case a beautiful package. And now I pay the price.

I remember the first time I tanned. I was in the tanning bed and I climbed in to a tanning bed. I was the ripe old age of 13. I had a tan line yet. I felt up. So began my tanning. Growing up under the gray skies of the Pacific Northwest, there were many justifications for the "healthy tan." I remember sales reps preaching the light as therapy for blues and an essential Vitamin D. But as an adult, I was a victim of their vanity. Now paying the price.

I was first diagnosed with a moderate form of melanoma (the worst kind of skin cancer) six months ago.

I'm only 35. I never felt like I was getting sunburns. And I haven't had a tan line in over 10 years.

The only reason I went to the tanning bed was because my cousin, who is a dermatologist, had treated for four different spots within the past two years. I hadn't had asked for it, but the doctor had not had been cautious because of my history, this small, insidious-looking little bugger may have been the end of me. Mind-blowing. Luckily it was found before it was able to spread.

I'm now the owner of a tanning bed. I have a scar, but for the most part, I'm not facing it again. This time new spots, all pre-malignant but serious nonetheless. So it will be from here on out. Regular visits to my dermatologist and biopsies. Others face much worse. I'm most grateful for the quality of healthcare provided by my insurance affords me. Everyone could have this in their mind.

Here's a brutal reality. Skin is on the rise, and in ages like never before. Anyone, of any skin color, can get melanoma. It's not clear how all melanomas develop, but we do know that exposure to UV rays plays a big role.

"If you can see light, you need to protect yourself," Dr. Sanjay Bhambri, certified dermatologist at the Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center in Rockwall. "SPF does not protect you if you apply it once in the morning. It's not enough. Make sure you use sunscreen that provides UVB protection and apply it an hour before sun exposure. Re-apply it throughout the day."

I now follow a better routine for my own sun protection. I use SPF 50 first thing in the morning. I carry both a facial cream and spray with me in my purse. I re-apply every two hours. Dr. Bhambri recommends sunscreen for particular situations. I also am diligent about using sunscreen. I've saved my 3- and 5-year-olds.

Since sun damage is one of the leading causes of wrinkles, I consider this part of my anti-aging regimen. Think of the money you save by not succumbing to Botox. I'm also particularly excited about trying to bring wide-brimmed hats back into mainstream, everyday fashion.

"Our goal is to prevent skin cancers," said Bhambri. "Awareness is 100 percent our priority."

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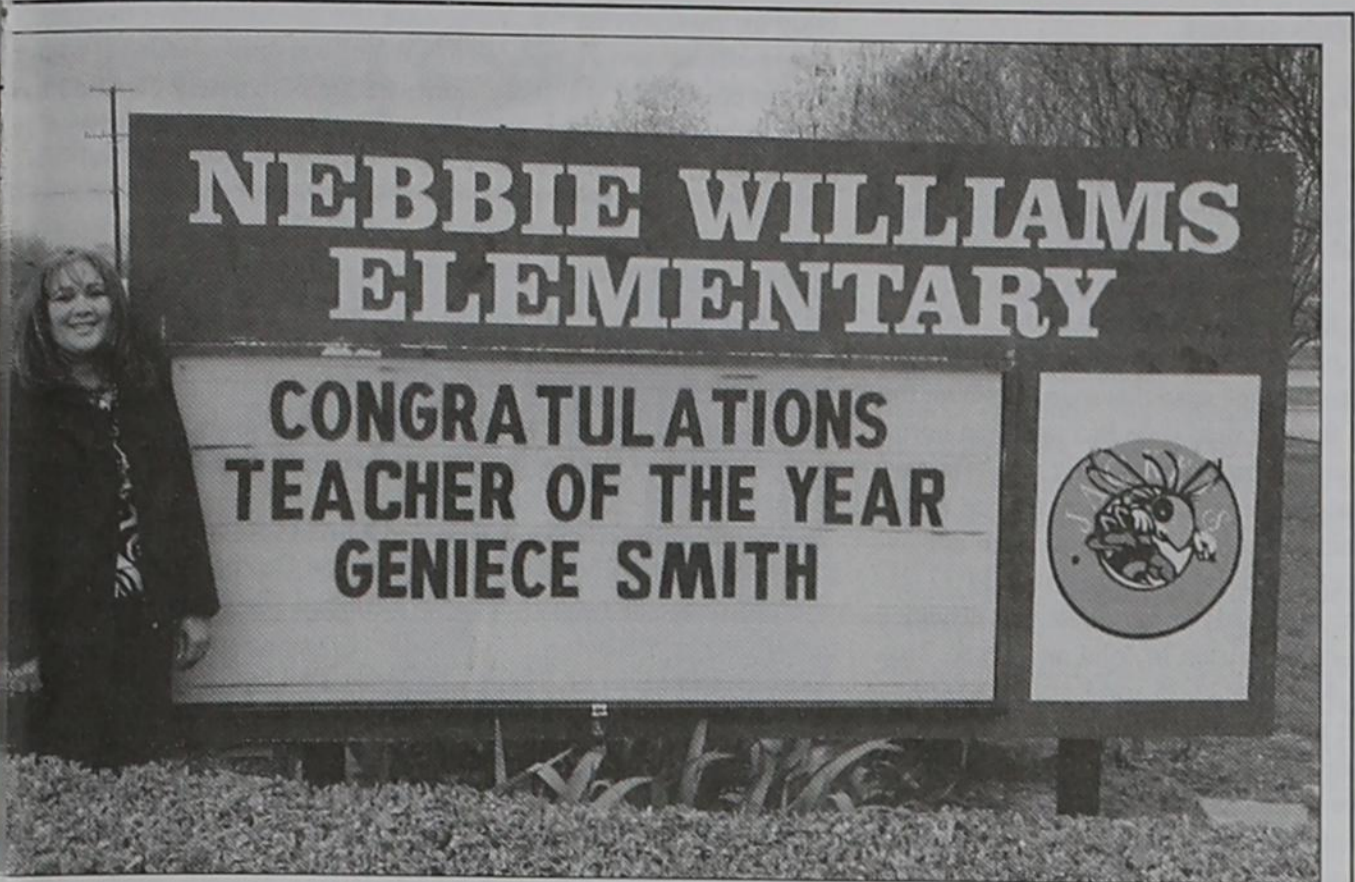
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Lucile Tate with her son Garvin Tate

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Nebbie Williams staff members recently selected Geniece Smith, shown above, as the Teacher of the Year for the 2011-2012 school year. Smith is the campus resource teacher who serves students in all levels. She has taught for 11 years and all of her teaching service has been at Nebbie Williams. In addition to her years of service to the school, she also has served on a variety of district committees that serve students within the Rockwall ISD.

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Statement issued by DA on flagpole situation

The Rockwall County Criminal District Attorney's office issued a news release March 14 regarding what was described as the "flagpole situation at the Rockwall County Courthouse."

The statement was brief and read as follows: "Because the Rockwall County District Attorney's Office advises the Commissioners Court on this and other matters, we are conflicted out of this case," reads the statement that bore the DA's name, Kenda Culpepper. "We have already reported to the Judicial Region Judge that we will need a special prosecutor appointed to review the evidence. That prosecutor will determine what, if

any, case should be filed." The statement closed by stating that the DA's office will have no further comment on "a pending investigation."



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ISD plans 2nd annual SSO Day March 24

Rockwall Independent School District has organized its 2nd annual Serving Others Day. This year's event, designed to promote service with students, parents and staff, will take place March 24. More than 1,500 participated in the event, crowding into the stadium to take part in the first community service event. Additionally,

Annual Rockwall Youth Fair

The 11th Annual Rockwall Youth Fair will get under way March 21 through March 24 at the Rockwall Independent School District Recreation Complex on Riding Club Road. The purpose of the event is to promote the education, constructive talents and leadership skills of the youth of the community by conducting clinics, demonstrations, shows and auction sales for youth and to cooperate with Rockwall County Extension Service, Rockwall 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters and other youth organizations of Rockwall Public Schools.

The Rockwall Youth Fair is the end result of the hard work of young gentlemen through their animal husbandry and ag mechanics producing leadership through responsibility, time management and economic accountability," said Ron Evans, Rockwall Youth Fair Board Chairman.

The fair will host the annual Agriculture Awareness Day on March 23, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Heritage Land Bank.

Approximately 918 Rockwall ISD third graders will engage in interactive sessions, ranging from learning about farm animals to the importance of agriculture in our everyday lives," said Suzy Carr, coordinator of the AG Awareness Day, in a news release about the event. "We are so excited to have this opportunity with our school children."

All 4-H and FFA students will lead tours of the animal project barn and share their experiences in raising livestock projects.

A highlight of the Rockwall Youth Fair is the Livestock Show and Market Sale. Young people from across the county in 4-H and FFA will demonstrate their skills and disciplines in breeding and market animals. The Market Sale consists of the following: Market Hogs, Market Goats and Market Poultry.

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

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

More than \$60,000 was given back to Rockwall youth as a result of the market auction.

Events of the Youth Fair include:

Livestock Show - March 23, 5 p.m. and March 24 8 a.m.

Market Sale/Market Animals - heifers, goats, hogs, lambs, broilers and turkeys

Breakfast Luncheon - Noon

Market Auction - March 24, 1 p.m.

60 site-based service projects were organized throughout the community, allowing older students to lend a helping hand.

This year's event will center on a "green" theme, offering ways for students to "leave their mark" by acting responsibly toward the environment, according to a RISD news release.

While many of the activities are geared toward student-service opportunities, the community is welcome to visit the stadium and learn about the event.

The event will kick off with a pancake breakfast at Utley Middle School's cafeteria from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. The breakfast will benefit Meals on Wheels, with tickets set at \$3 apiece. UMS is located just north of the football stadium at 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive.

A blood drive also will take place at the stadium throughout the day.

Students ranging from kindergarten through the sixth grade will have the opportunity to learn how to reduce, reuse and recycle through activities and learning at the stadium from 9 a.m. to noon. Activities planned include a canned food art project; a recycle relay; tree planting; and numerous other events.

Secondary students will partner with the Rockwall County Committee on Aging in support of home restoration and beautification for MOW families throughout the county.

Hospital offers junior healthcare volunteer program

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall is gearing up for its annual summer student healthcare volunteer program. This program provides learning opportunities in a variety of hospital-related service lines and is open to strong, outgoing students who are at least 16 years old.

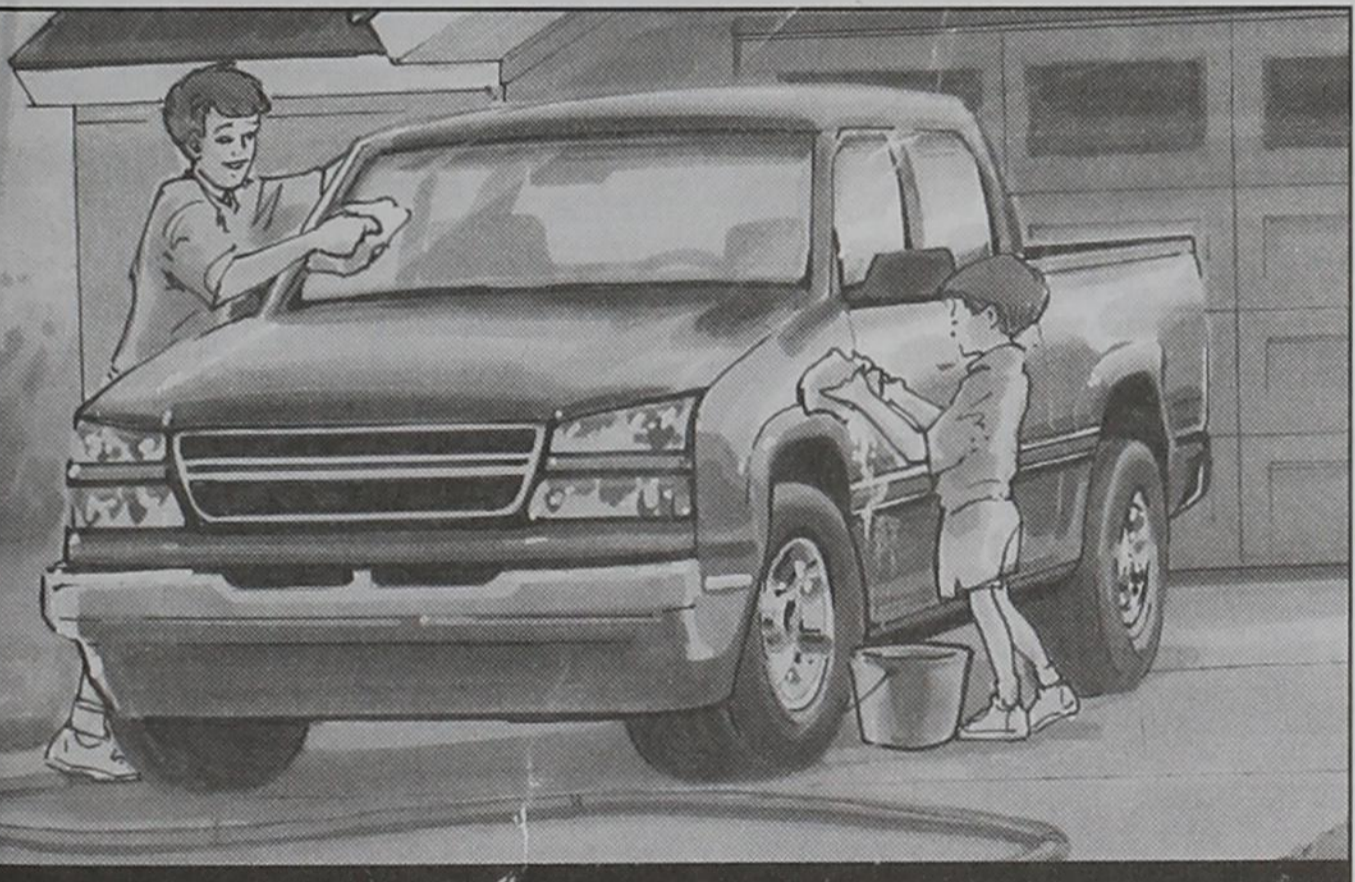
Applications are available at the front desk in the hospital lobby and must be submitted in completion by April 27. Interviews begin in May, and students selected for the program will be notified following completion of the interview process.

The student volunteer program runs from June 21-July 31, with a mandatory orientation class on June 19.

At the completion of the program, student volunteers will receive a certificate for documentation of service hours provided.

Student volunteers will be assigned to work in patient care departments as well as in support services. Texas Health Rockwall will make every effort to honor a requested area but cannot guarantee placement in a specific location.

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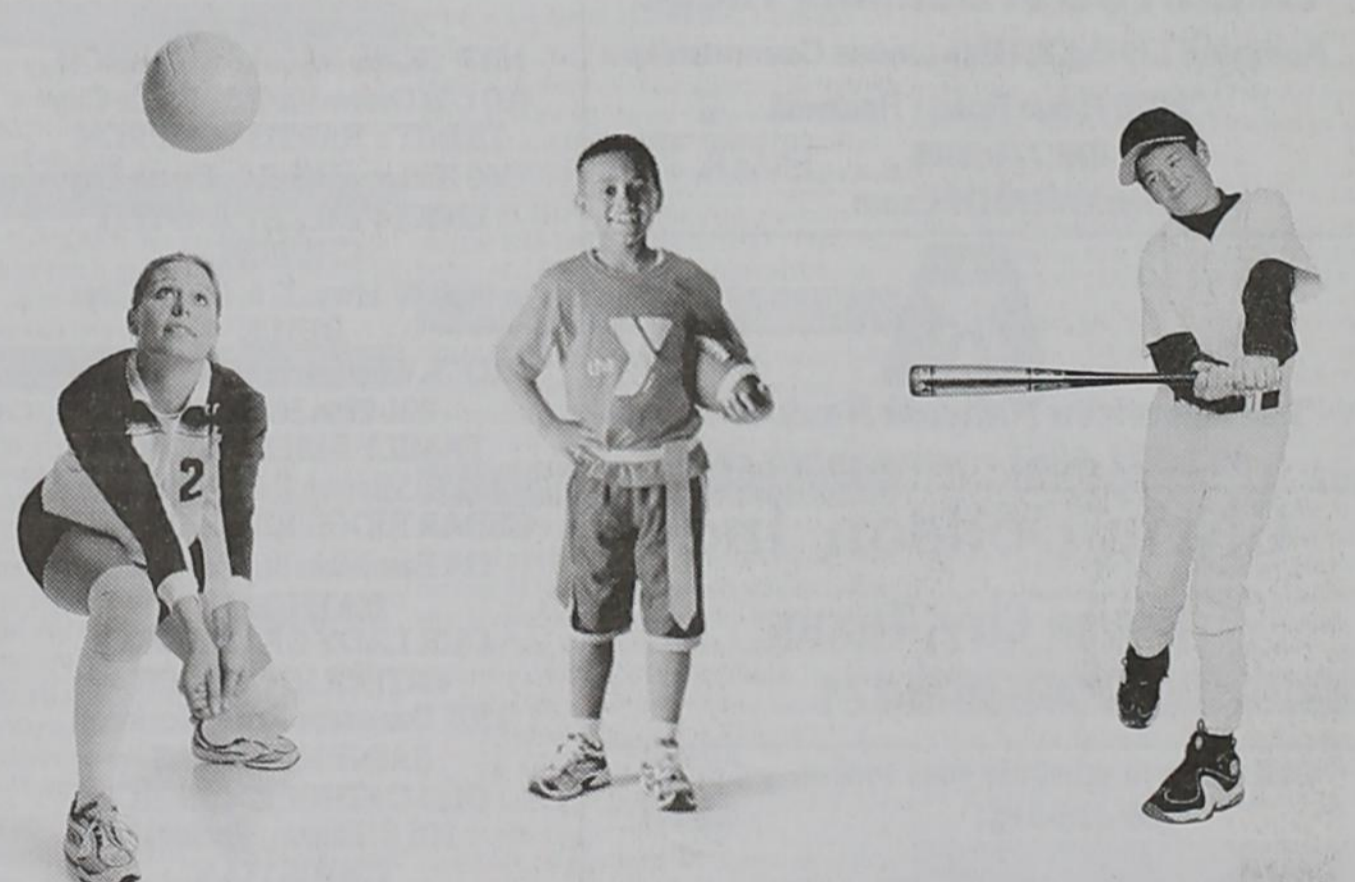


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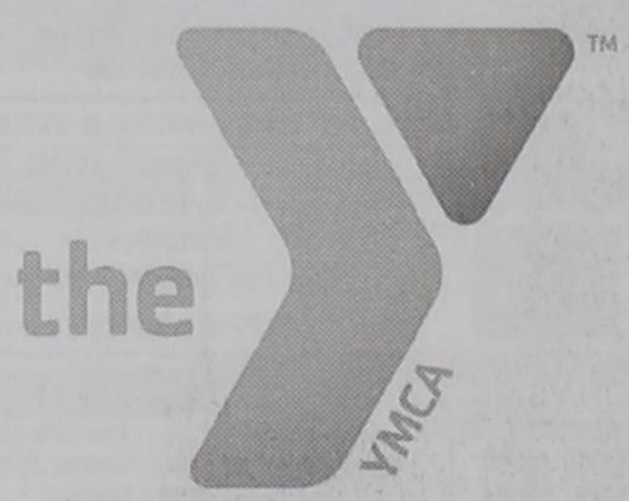
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Jesus Christ's last meal...teaches about the communion, and more

Before we continue with the records of Jesus' last meal with his disciples, a correction should be noted from last week's column. It was speculated that the disciples did not eat the passover meal in the room because they would have been hiding from the Jewish leaders or staying close to Jesus during his crucifixion. This is an example of private interpretation. There is no record of what all the disciples did following his death except that they ran away, or stayed close to him, and later hid in a room for fear of the Jewish leaders. This may or may not have been the same room.

Last week we stopped at the point after Jesus washed his disciples' feet and gave his first prophecy that one of them would betray him. Next we come to Luke 22:14-15, "And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, 'With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer. For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.'" What a touching moment this must have been. After washing the feet, they all reclined to eat, and Jesus told them how he

desired to eat the passover with them before he suffered.

He then prophesied that they would not eat together until everything is fulfilled in the kingdom of God. He may have been talking about the joining together of Jesus with his Bride as recorded in Revelation 21:1-2, or when he rules with certain saints during the thousand year reign as recorded in Revelation 19:4. There will be a day when they will be together again. Next we come to Matthew 26:21-25, "And as they did eat, he said, 'Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.' And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, 'Lord, is it I?' And he answered and said, 'He that dips his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me. The son of man goes as it is written of him; but woe unto that man by whom the son of man is betrayed! It had been good for that man if he had not been born.'" Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, 'Master, is it I?' He said unto him, 'You have said.'" Remember that earlier Jesus told them that he would be betrayed, and they pondered on it within themselves. This time each one asked him "Lord, is it I?" The same occurrence can be found in Mark 14:17-21. Sometime after his second mention of his betrayal, Jesus taught his disciples about the symbolism of his body and blood as related to food and drink. This record can be found in Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25 and Luke 22:17-20.

Having been recorded in three different gospels, God completely established the importance of this teaching. There should be no doubt that when Christians eat food it should be done in remembrance of Christ's body that was broken for complete healing, and when they drink with the meal, it should be done in remembrance of his blood that was spilled unto the forgiveness of sins.

We find this also in 1 Peter 2:24, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own

body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto right whose stripes you were healed." When we drink, let it be without having been filled with holy spirit, we are completely cleansed by the Lamb. When we eat, let it be without doubt that the name of Jesus is able to heal.

Low-cost shot clinic for pets set March

Rockwall Animal Services will host a low-cost shot clinic from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on March 24 at the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center, 1825 Airport Road. Representatives from Stonebridge Animal Hospital will provide vaccinations.

Rabies shots will be \$9 for a one-year shot and \$24 for a three-year shot. Other basic shots for dogs will be \$9 each.

All dogs and cats in the City of Rockwall must be vaccinated against Leptospirosis for dogs will be \$12 for one year and heartworm treatment will be \$20. FVRCP shots for cats will be \$12 for one year and \$18 for three years. Leukemia shots will be \$18.

Microchipping, an advanced pet identification and retrieval system, is available for \$20 while supplies last.

The City of Rockwall animal registrations also will be available at the clinic. For each spayed or neutered dog or cat the registration fee costs \$5 for dogs and \$15 for three years. The fee for dogs or cats that are not spayed or neutered for a one-year registration or \$30 for three years. For dogs and cats not spayed or neutered, the fee will be \$20/\$30.

Pet owners from outside the Rockwall City Limits are welcome to attend and pay for services.

All dogs must be on a leash and cats in a carrier to participate in the clinic. For more information, call Rockwall Animal Services at (972) 771-3131.

Wimpee delivers RCHF program

Longtime Rockwall County resident Jerry Wimpee, a former member of the Dallas Parks Department, delivered the recent Rockwall County Foundation's Brown Bag lecture, covering the story behind the construction of Lake Ray Hubbard.

The event drew a capacity crowd.

Next month's lecture will take place at noon April 13 at the historic Rockwall Courthouse on the third floor. The lecture will highlight many of the unique aspects of the museum, as well as information about the USS Rockwall.

Locals named to TSU Dean's List

Almost a dozen local residents were included on the Dean's List for the first semester at Texas State University in San Marcos.

Honorees included Natalia R. Rodriguez, Nicole E. Tremain and Corey J. Phillips of Heath; Cameron Lee Potts, Corey J. Miller, Lauren E. Kelsey A. Shlensky, Ryan M. Wallace, Natalie D. Welch and Cori McKinley of Rockwall; and Dannii Aileen Lopez-Rogina of Roysie City who is attending at a university news release.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.50 while carrying a class load of at least 12 semester hours.

Heath seeks applicants for boards, commissions

The City of Heath is currently accepting applications from its residents who might be interested in serving the community as a member of a city board or commission, according to a news release issued by the municipality.

The Heath City Council is seeking new appointments this summer for the City board and commission for Planning and Zoning, Parks, Events, Economic Development, Board of Adjustment and Board of Appeals.

The application is available at the city's website, healthtx.com, contact the city secretary, Sherry Galanides, at 972-771-6223 or galanides@healthtx.com.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Johnny Keith Coomer

Services for Johnny Keith Coomer, 71, of Nevada, Texas, were conducted at 2 p.m. March 17, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Grogan officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.



Mr. Coomer was born March 29, 1965, in Garland, Texas, to Carroll Coomer and Mary Coomer. He was a graduate of the University of North Texas.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Coomer; his sister, Carol Jean Coomer; his nephew, Johnathan Brooks Irving; and other relatives.

Don 'Dona' Natoma Gresham

Services for Don "Dona" Natoma Gresham will be conducted at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Grogan officiating. Pallbearers will be Franklin Sr., Tony Franklin, John Wooten II, Josh Ronald Burkett Jr. Burial will be in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.



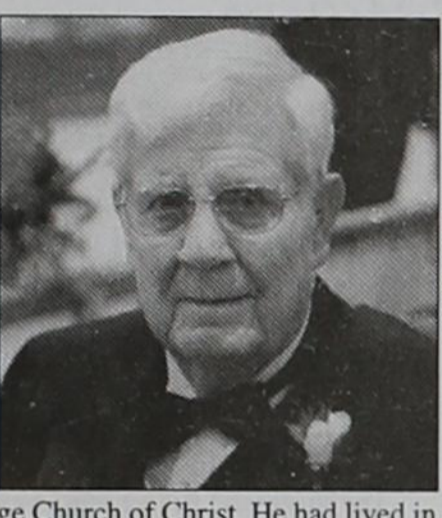
She was born March 27, 1924, in Heath, Texas (Sissle) Adcock, she grew up in Rockwall and returned in 1969 to live out the remainder of her life.

She was married to James Gresham and a member of the Heath Church of Christ. She is survived by her daughter, Linda Brown, and her husband, Gaylon, of Rockwall; her son, Kirk Gresham, and wife, Tara, of Rockwall; her grandchildren, Trent, Kara, Mackenzie and Lori Gresham; her great-grandchildren, Lani Brown; her brother, James Adcock; her sister, Jerry Adcock; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She preceded in death by her parents; her husband, W.A. "Bud" Gresham; her sister, Iris Evans, Irene Burrows and Shirley Dodd; and her brother, Earl Adcock.

James R. Haddock

Services for James R. Haddock, 87, of Rockwall, Texas, were conducted at 2 p.m. March 19, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Grogan officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.



He was born March 10, 1924, in Chicota, Texas, to James Haddock and Georgia (Schulz) Haddock, U.S. Air Force and was a member of the U.S. Air Force and was a member of the Eastridge Church of Christ. He had lived in Rockwall for 29 years.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Evelyn (Player) Haddock of Rockwall; his daughter, Vickie Haddock and Glenda Haddock, both of Rockwall; his son and his wife, Joe, of Frisco; his grandchildren, Haley Gillispie and her husband, Dr. Garrett Nelson, of Frisco and Jared Gillispie and his wife, Jennifer; and his great-grandchildren, Noah, Liam, Cullen and Vivian Nelson.

He preceded in death by his parents and one great-grandson, Graham Haddock.

Mitzi McCallum Rowan

Services for Mitzi McCallum Rowan, 84, of Rockwall, Texas, were conducted at 2 p.m. March 19, 2012, in the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall with the Rev. Bell officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.



She was born March 25, 1954, in Dallas to William McCallum Jr. and Ina Mae (Rusk) McCallum. She married Kenneth "Mark" McCallum on Nov. 18, 1972. She was a senior financial analyst at Williams and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall, Texas.

She is survived by her sons, Kenneth Rowan and his wife, Melony, Keven Rowan and his wife, Caysie, Cary Rowan and his wife, Ashley, and Casey Rowan, all of Rockwall; an honorary son, James Johnson of Georgetown; her sister, Patricia McCallum and her husband, Ron, of Garland; her grandchildren, Kenzie, Markie and their father-in-law, Floyd Rowan of Van.

She preceded in death by her husband on June 5, 2004, and her parents. She has suggested memorial contributions may be made to Vitas Health Care, 885 N. Stemmons Freeway, Ste. 700, South Tower, Dallas, TX 75247.

Philly tapped for Aggie Bar scholarship

The Aggie Bar Association has selected Jessica Phillips of Rockwall as the recipient of the current or former students to receive its \$1,000 annual scholarship to pursue their law school pursuits, according to a news release from the association.

Phillips and the other four recipients were honored at the 13th Annual Texas Bar Association Annual Conference at its banquet on March 3. Phillips is a member of the Class of 2012, is a second generation Aggie involved in the Rotaract, HOSTS (Helping One Student to Succeed), and Big Event Committee. Phillips graduated in December and is working at the Dallas office of Scheef and Stone, L.L.P. She plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law or Texas Tech University School of Law this fall.

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Leona Irene Springer

Services for Leona Irene Springer, 100, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. March 19, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Joe Pool officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.



She died March 15. Born Jan. 6, 1912, in Rockwall County to Franklin Alexander and Mary Ann (Estes) Dismore, she graduated from Rockwall High School and worked at the Byer-Rolnick Hat Factory. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her son, David Springer, and his wife, Linda, of Iowa Park; her daughter, Mary Ott, of Mesquite; her grandchildren, April Adams, J. Frank Springer and Lisa Laky; her great-grandchildren, Marshall and Jack Laughhead; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Frank Springer; and a granddaughter, Robin Springer.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210 or to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 841125, Dallas, TX 75284.

Rockwall County News Briefs

TOPS meets weekly in Royse City

The TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club, Texas 1278 in Royse City, meet at 9 a.m. each Thursday in the First United Methodist Church annex at 200 Plum St. in Royse City. Visitors are welcome (pre-teens, teens and adults, both male and female); the first meeting is free. TOPS is an affordable nonprofit weight-loss support and wellness education organization. For more information call Barbara Willess at 469-235-3566 or visit tops.org.

Habitat work to continue March 24
Roof work will continue March 24 at the Rockwall Habitat for Humanity site located at 304 E. Ross St. Plans also call for volunteers to finish the exterior sheathing and house wrap. Start time will be 8 a.m.

Work at park's KidZone set for March 24-25

The Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club, in conjunction with the City of Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will re-stain and oil equipment at the KidZone at Harry Myers Park beginning at 8:30 a.m. March 24 and at 1:30 p.m. March 25. Anyone interested in helping out or learning more about Rotary is invited to join in the project. Volunteers are needed. For more details contact Trenton Cornehl at 972-771-8424.

Church plans Spring Fling

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3003 Horizon Rd. (corner of Horizon and Ralph Hall Parkway), will host a Spring Fling from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. March 24. The event will be free and open to the public and will feature an Easter egg hunt, pony rides, bounce houses, cakewalk, cotton candy and other activities. For more details contact Pastor Matthias Dinger at 972-771-8118.

Inspirational speaker to address church

Fate area author and survivor Michael Robertson, who survived a tragic accident, will share his story of hope and inspiration during the 10 a.m. regular church service March 25 at The Lakes Church, 3025 E. I-30, Rockwall. Robertson is the author of the book "Refusing to Quit." Anyone interested in attending is invited to come and hear him speak; childcare will be provided. For more details, contact Pastor David Spiegel at 972-771-5100.

Ministerial Alliance to meet March 28

The Rockwall Ministerial Alliance will meet at noon March 28 in the Helping Hands conference room. Those planning on attending should bring a brown bag lunch; drinks and desserts will be provided. Guest speaker for the session will be Brad Davison of the Toyota Triathlon, set for the first Sunday in October. He will inform the group about plans and schedules related to this year's event. For more details call 972-771-5526.

Easter Egg Hunt set March 31 in Rockwall

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's 10th annual Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10 a.m. March 31 at Harry Myers Park. Field 1 will be for children up to the age of 2; Field 2 for children ages 5-6; Field 3 for children ages 3-4; and Field 4 for children ages 7-12. The event will be free to the public and will feature prize eggs, a bounce house, games and other activities.

Steve Blow to address FOL event
Steve Blow, a columnist with The Dallas Morning News, will address the Friends of the Library Lunch Basket event at 11 a.m. April 10 in the library's Community Room. Lunch will be catered by Zach; cost will be \$15, which will be payable at the door. Reservations are required by 5 p.m. April 3. To make a reservation, email cplagens65@aol.com or call 972-771-8976.

Arts & Crafts Fair slated

The Aspasians Spring Arts & Crafts Fair on the historic Downtown Rockwall Square will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 21. For more details visit spasians.com.

National Day of Prayer set

The National Day of Prayer event in Rockwall will begin at 7:30 a.m. May 3 at Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad St. The event provides an opportunity for public officials, business representatives, church leaders and members of the community to come together for worship and prayer.

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Sheriff's Department plans open house

The Rockwall County Sheriff's Department will host an open house for local residents May 5. Times will be announced at a later date. The purpose of the event is to allow local citizens to become acquainted with department personnel, equipment and facilities. Refreshments will be served.

Founders Day Festival set May 19

Rockwall's annual Founders Day Festival will begin at 10 a.m. May 19 on the downtown square. The daylong event will feature live entertainment, food and other family-friendly activities. Admission will be free. For more information visit rockwallfoundersday.com.

New U.S. citizens honored at Library event

Rockwall County Library's Reading for Adults tutors joined U.S. Representative Ralph Hall recently in offering congratulations to the area's newest U.S. citizens. Hall presented each new citizen with an American flag that had over the U.S. Capitol. New U.S. citizens are Cruz Valenzuela with her family Erick, Kevyn and Catherine Valenzuela; Vitoria Mitchell with her friend, Luz Monteiro; Olga Rivas de Menjivar with her family Katherine and Kevin Menjivar; Maria C. Diaz with her husband, Manuel, and her daughter, Jacqueline Diaz; Elizabeth and Edward Cantu accepting for Maria Isabel Cantu; Maria Nava; Maria Faliso; tutors Kathy Melston and Jane Jordan; and Gloria Bishop, program director. Also joining the list of new citizens are Manuel Henriquez and Firouzeh Banan.

The library's Reading for Adults program provides free classes for those wishing to become U.S. citizens, as well as classes to help individuals learn to speak, read and write English. Preparation classes for the GED exam also are offered. For more details contact Bishop at the library or call 972-204-7705.

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Multi family sale, little bit of everything. 312 James Dr., Heath. Fri & Sat, March 23, 24.

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Restored Classic Cars 1962 F100, 1953 4 Door, 1952 Victoria. Call 214-356-8067.

Legal Notices

City of Heath Notice of Special Election

To the registered voters of the City of Heath, Texas, notice is hereby given that the polling place located at Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas 75032 will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM on Sat.,

May 12, 2012 for voting in a Special Election to submit to the qualified voters of the City one proposition: "The legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only." Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive, Heath, on the following dates:

Mon., April 30 - Sat., May 5, 2012 from 8 AM until 5 PM
Mon., May 7 and Tues., May 8, 2012 from 7 AM until 7 PM
Applications for ballot by mail shall be requested from and mailed to Rockwall County Election Administrator Glenda Denton, 107 E. Kaufman, Rockwall, TX 75087 and must be received no later than the close of business on Fri., May 4, 2012.

City of Heath Notice of General Election

To the registered voters of the City of Heath, Texas, notice is hereby given that the polling place located at Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas 75032 will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM on Sat., May 12, 2012 for voting in a General Election to elect a Mayor and 2 Council Members for 2 year terms each, One for Place 3 and

- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, April 10, 2012** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Rockwall, Texas, and the Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, April 16, 2012** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following items:

P2012-006: Proposed Residential Replat – 430/432 Columbia Drive
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by John F. Dudek of Dudek Properties for approval of a residential replat of Lots 33 and 34, Block A, Chanders Landing Phase 2, City of Rockwall, Texas, being 0.28-acre tract zoned (PD-8) Planned Development district and located at 430 and 432 Columbia Drive, and take any action necessary.

P2012-007: Proposed Residential Replat – 321/323 Harborview Drive
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Billy Self for approval of a residential replat of Lots 8 and 9, Block B, Harbor Landing Phase 2, City of Rockwall, Texas, being 0.4-acre tract zoned (PD-8) Planned Development No. 8 district and located at 323 and 325 Harborview Drive, and take any action necessary.

Z2012-004: Proposed Zoning Change – 1310 Ridge Road
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by DW Bobst of JBR2, for approval of a change from (SF-10) Single-Family Residential district to a (PD) Planned Development district, specifically located at 1310 Ridge Road and within the Scenic Overlay District containing 1.72-acres of land being Lots 1 & 2, Block B, Eagle Point Estates, City of Rockwall, Texas, and take any action necessary.

Z2012-005: Proposed Specific Use Permit – 1540 IH-30 E
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Wayne Mershawn of Mershawn Architects for approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for a "New Car Dealership" within (LI) Light Industrial district and the (IH-30 OV) IH-30 Overlay District, being Lot 1, Block 2 and Lot 1, Block 2 of the Rockwall Recreational Addition, containing 7.16-acres of land specifically located at 1540 IH-30 E, City of Rockwall, 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 can be found on all current Zoning cases on the City website: <http://www.rockwall.com/Planning/ZoningChanges.asp>

One for Place 5. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive, Heath, on the following dates:

Mon., April 30 - Sat., May 5, 2012 from 8 AM until 5 PM
Mon., May 7 and Tues., May 8, 2012 from 7 AM until 7 PM
Applications for ballot by mail shall be requested from and mailed to Rockwall County Election Administrator Glenda Denton, 107 E. Kaufman, Rockwall, TX 75087 and must be received no later than the close of business on Fri., May 4, 2012.

City of ROCKWALL Notice to Bidders

Sealed bids addressed to the City of ROCKWALL Purchasing Agent will be received at the Purchasing Office, 385 S. Goliad, ROCKWALL, TX 75087 until 2:00 p.m. April 20, 2012 for the following project:

1) Replacement of Lighting at City Buildings
Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at 2:00 p.m., April 20, 2012

in the City Hall Council Chambers, 385 S. Goliad, ROCKWALL, TX 75087.

Bidders must submit with their bids a Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the maximum amount bid, payable without recourse to the City of ROCKWALL from a reliable Surety Company as guarantee that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bond and guarantee forms provided within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of award.

The successful Bidder must furnish performance and payment bonds each in the amount of one-hundred percent (100%) of the contract price from an approved Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas, to act as Surety and be acceptable according to the latest list of companies holding certificates of authority from the Secretary of Treasury of the United States, or other Surety or Sureties acceptable to the City.

A mandatory pre bid meeting will be held at 5:30 pm on April 4, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Attendance is required for all Bidders as work site visits will be conducted at that time. Bid document is available at the Purchasing Office located in City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, ROCKWALL, TX 75087 and on the City's web site www.rockwall.com. For additional information you may contact the Purchasing Office at 972-771-7700.

The right is reserved by the City of ROCKWALL as the interest of the City may require rejection of any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received and reserves the right to consider the most advantageous bid thereof.

CAUSE NO. PR 12-19 ESTATE OF VICKI LYNN MIKEL DECEASED

IN COUNTY COURT AT LAW IN AND FOR ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

Notice is hereby given that on March 14, 2012, Letters Testamentary as Independent Executor upon the Estate of VICKI LYNN MIKEL, Deceased, were issued to JAMES C. THOMPSON, who resides at 3009 Cross Timbers Road, Burleson, Texas 76028, by the Honorable Probate Court of Rockwall County, Texas, in Cause No. PR 12-19, pending upon the Probate Docket of the Court.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is now being administered are hereby required to present same to the Executor's attorneys, NORMAN & NORMAN P.C., at the address shown below, within the time prescribed by law.

BY: ROB B. Schmid
1 State Bar No. 24013934
NORMAN & NORMAN P.C.
Attorneys
3200 RIVERFRONT DRIVE SUITE 100
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76107
Phone: 817-335-5000
ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTOR

Legal Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT LASER PRINTER MAINTENANCE RFP 12-3-30-131

Proposals received until 2:00 PM March 30, 2012
The Rockwall Independent School District is receiving sealed proposals for laser printer maintenance and supplies. The District anticipates award at the April 16th board meeting. Proposals should be in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Director

of Purchasing and marked proposal number and name. All proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on March 30, 2012 at the Administration Building located at 1050 Street, Rockwall TX 75087. Late proposals will not be opened but not read.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids/proposals that are irregular, incomplete, or informalities in any bid process.

STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLIC THE STATE OF TEXAS 439th DISTRICT COURT ROCKWALL COUNTY TEXAS

CAUSE NO: 1-11-12 TO: HEIDI DARLANI HILARY ELLIOT, WIFE OF HEIDI DARLANI THEY MAYBE FOUND

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before ten o'clock AM, Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of this Citation, on Monday, the 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 2012, at 10:00 AM, before the Honorable 439th District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, 200, Rockwall, Texas, a default judgment may be taken against you.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before ten o'clock AM, Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of this Citation, on Monday, the 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 2012, at 10:00 AM, before the Honorable 439th District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, 200, Rockwall, Texas, a default judgment may be taken against you.

THE STATE OF TEXAS Code would require that the Plaintiff's Original Petition be filed in said Court of Rockwall County, Texas, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, 200, Rockwall, Texas, a default judgment may be taken against you.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: CLOSURE

The officer executing this Citation shall promptly serve the same on the defendant, and return to the Plaintiff, a copy of the Citation, together with a copy of the return of the officer.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT AT Office, this 23rd day of March, 2012.

KAY MCDANIEL, District Clerk of Rockwall County, Texas

1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, 200

Rockwall, Texas 75087

By: Karen Petty, Deputy District Clerk

107 E. BOURN AVE., ROCKWALL, TEXAS, (Newspaper) Issued at the request of Joseph M. Vacek

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, The Vault Self Storage located at 1280 E. Ralph Hall Parkway, Rockwall, Texas 75032 will hold a public auction of property to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 10:00 AM, April 5, 2012, at The Vault Self Storage, 1280 E. Ralph Hall Parkway, Rockwall, Texas. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash only. All successful bidders will remove the contents immediately and leave unit clean. A refundable cleanup deposit will be required. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property includes contents of spaces of the following tenant:

Dr. John Schneider: Christmas decorations, lawn equipment, furniture, household goods & misc.

Sarah S. Robinson: Toys, furniture, small appliances, household goods & misc.

Nehru C. Robinson: Exercise equipment, lawn furniture, clothing, bikes, household goods & misc.

Nehru C. Robinson: Exercise equipment, furniture, household goods & misc.

Eddie S. Vest: Furniture & misc.

Travis D. Buffington: Furniture, household goods & misc.

Janice D. Madden: Clothing, small appliances, household goods & misc.

Contact The Vault Self Storage, 1280 E. Ralph Hall Parkway, Rockwall, Texas 75032, (972) 771-1105.

NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF TEXAS § BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE
ROCKWALL COUNTY §

and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court or County Court At Law of Rockwall County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff or Constable of said County, I have on March 5, 2012, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in April, 2012, the same being the 3rd day of said month, at the Front Steps of the Courthouse of the said County, in the City of Rockwall, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10:00 AM, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Rockwall and the State of Texas, to-wit:

2	3-09-130 02/26/10	4735-0000-0158-00-02 MARCH 05, 2012	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JAMES L FLORES	REDWOOD ON THE LAKE MHC, SPACE 158, MH SERIAL # CBH010489TX, TITLE # 01242970, LABEL # HWC0311573	\$33,440.00
3	3-09-144 10/15/09	3385-0000-0002-00-00 MARCH 05, 2012	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. ILDEFONSO FUENTES	CHISHOLM TRAILS #1, LOT 2, IMP ONLY, LABEL # RAD1027274	\$25,440.00
4	3-10-17 10/26/11	5021-0000-0015-00-0R MARCH 05, 2012	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MARCOS MORALES	1.282 acres, more or less, out of Lot 15, Smith Acres, an addition to Rockwall County, Texas, as described in Volume 4471, Page 200, Official Public Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (5021-0000-0015-00-0R)	\$29,910.00
5	3-11-8 10/26/11	0134-0000-0007-01-0R MARCH 05, 2012	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. T. DEVLON CORPORATION, ET AL	3.2931 acres, more or less, situated in the John Lockhart Survey, Abstract 134, Rockwall County, Texas, as described in deed dated May 14, 1997, from GAR Enterprises, Inc. to T. Devlon Corporation, in Volume 1233, Page 27, Deed Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (0134-0000-0007-01-0R)	\$495,500.00

(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Rockwall County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Rockwall, Texas, 3-5-12

Sheriff Harold Eavenson
Rockwall County, Texas

By Jia Otto
Deputy

Notes:

The Minimum Bid is the lesser of the amount awarded in the judgment plus interest and costs or the adjudged value. However, the Minimum Bid for a person owning an interest in the property or for a person who is a party to the suit (other than a taxing unit), is the aggregate amount of the judgments against the property plus all costs of suit and sale. ALL SALE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SINCE THE DATE OF THE JUDGMENT. For more information, contact your attorney or LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP., attorney for plaintiffs, at (903) 872-3096

Opinions

Who are the "Sam Houstons" of our time?

Wiley W. Burnett

Governor Rick Perry passed up a golden opportunity to put Texas on a path to freedom from the feds recently. I saw Governor Perry on the news complaining about the federal government cutting off \$3 billion (sure about the total amount) of funding to Texas because the feds need to pay money in support of abortion clinics.

What to the legislature and governor on that one ... however, why?

The federal government has enslaved Texans and the state government has federally funded programs, administered by Texas government. Our state government has become an instrument of slavery on the federal government by administering federally mandated programs.

Truthfully, this system of slavery to the federal money machine has Texas government at all levels: cities, counties, schools, prisons, etc. (the list goes on and on) ... all fighting for a spot on the federal money machine.

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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

Email: rcn.news@yahoo.com

Mail to P.O. Box 819, Rockwall, Texas 75087

Keeping vigil over Veterans Memorial

I received a very lengthy letter and my son told me not to write it because people would be angry about all that county stuff. He is right, but not knowing about all the details of the whole crux of the problem. Another person told me it was too long and people wouldn't read it. Again, he may be right but this letter could provide information that has a very strong bearing on the controversy.

Many years of planning and no small number of setbacks, the dreams of our men and women of the county saw a memorial dedicated to their service at that dedication. From what I saw, it was not only the service women that were walking around with pride but, also a lot of family and friends. I also saw just plain citizens of Rockwall County displaying that

pride. There are three flags that are a part of the memorial -- an American flag, a POW/MIA flag and a Texas flag. The American flag was in the middle and the Texas flag and POW/MIA flags were on either side. The Texas flag and POW/MIA flags were on poles 10 feet shorter than the American flag. Through the years of planning and construction to both public and private groups, everyone seemed to think the design of the memorial was well done and a fitting tribute.

The euphoria and excitement had died down, one county commissioner (unilaterally) to have the center flagpole shortened five feet to comply with the Flag Presentation Code. On Feb. 29, 2012, I was at a Commissioners meeting. At that meeting, I thought I was in a crowd that was about to be addressed by Commissioner Jerry Wimpee. The problem was that he had altered the flagpole to the same height as the other two flagpoles. Speakers were at the U.S. Flag Codes says the American flag should be flown higher than the other flags and the U.S. Codes supersedes the Texas Code.

The speakers were wrong on both counts. That is not what the U.S. Codes say. What it says is "If the American flag is flown with another flag, it should be on a pole of equal height, and if not higher, at least equal in height. The Texas Flag Codes says the flag should be flown at a height equal the U.S. flag and higher than all other flags, except other state flags."

Wouldn't you bet that 98 percent of the people in that room would say they are proud of the men and 60 percent would say they voted for Rick Perry because "Yeah, he's a states-righter." In that case, Wimpee would have the support of the man in the room.

One man got up and said he had pictures of the Smith County Courthouse and another picture in Austin of the Travis County Courthouse where the American flag was on a higher pole. Why would he go 100 miles east for a picture and 200 miles south for a picture when he could go 50 miles in any direction -- Dallas, Collin, Hunt, Kaufman, Ellis or Tarrant counties -- and find three flagpoles of equal height? He really does not even need to go that far. He can go two blocks south of the old courthouse and find three flags of equal height in front of Rockwall City Hall.

I've heard statements that Wimpee is going to be fined. I have even heard declarative statements that he is going to jail. Some are even calling for his arrest.

There really is no conflict between the two codes; however, if there is, in this case, the Texas Code would prevail because the Rockwall County Courthouse is a state building. People do not understand that the county is not a governing body. What the Texas Code is specific about is, that all state buildings fly the Texas flag on a pole in front of the building and if not on a pole, on the face of the building itself. The memorial does not satisfy this requirement.

The government structure is spelled out in the Texas Constitution, which spells out the functional agents of the state. Thus, counties, unlike cities, are not their actions to areas of responsibility specifically spelled out in laws passed by the Legislature. Counties have no Powers of Escheat - the right of the state that gives the state titular ownership of a property when its owner dies without a will or any ascertainable heirs - or Police Powers - the right of the state under which property is regulated to protect public safety, health, morals and general welfare. These are just two issues that show you just how much power the county has.

Counties have requested, lobbied and fought for more governance ability for themselves, and only in the last few years has the state allowed the counties to have more power in the form of land use to protect its citizens. This argument shows just how little members of the court, especially the county judge, know about Texas government and its organization. If they did, this problem would never have gotten this far.

The heart of each county government is the commissioner's court. Each county has four precinct commissioners and a county judge who serve on the court. Although this body conducts the general business of the county and handles financial matters, the Texas Constitution established a strong system of checks and balances by creating other elective offices in each county. The independently elective offices found in the counties are county court at large judges, county and district clerks, county treasurers, sheriffs, tax collectors, justices of the peace and constables. As a part of the checks and balances system, counties have an auditor appointed by the district courts. The county here is the county is a part of state government so the State Flag Code would take precedence. Therefore, if the memorial is not part of the county government, Commissioner Wimpee did not vandalize government property. If it is part of government, he just brought the display into line with the state code.

The next thing that has caused an uproar is that Jerry Wimpee spent taxpayer money. From the time Henderson County was created as a county in 1856, and Rockwall was a part of it, county funds were divided between the commissioners to administer business in their own people. Each commissioner had his own road equipment and hired their own employees. Starting in the early 1900s people began to come to their senses and realized that it was more cost effective to have a countywide road and bridge department. Some counties even went to a tax system just for this program, others made the program a part of the county budget. Setting up a county road and bridge system did not drain the county of all their funds. They were still left with some discretionary

money. There seems to be such an irreconcilable difference on the court and the people also the court asked the district attorney's office to have an independent third-party investigate the case. This is good, but now all you hear until the Texas Rangers report comes in, like it is the second coming. Guess what the report says, the items listed above are going to have to be addressed.

A hundred and sixty dollars is certainly an amount that would fall within the category of discretionary funds. Just put the damn \$760 on the consent to pay the bill, get this issue out of the news and get on with life. It's not Wimpee who went out and built a courthouse without everybody's permission.

And what comes with that spigot of federal money? Rules and regulations that remove almost all local control wherever that money lands.

Most (if not all) Texas government agencies are controlled by federal regulations ... and the state has literally become an enforcement arm of the federal government. The Comptroller, Texas Workforce Commission, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (and the list goes on and on) all serve as collection agents for the federal government in one form or another.

Governor Perry could be the "San Houston" hero of our time. Sadly, he let it slip away. As the leader of this great state, he should stand against this federalization of Texas. And it's not complicated at all ... "Just say No!" to federal money. No more taking orders from Washington ... cast off the bondage of our enslaved condition that the federal money machine has created.

Perhaps one of our state representatives or senators will take the lead ... refuse to accept any federal money for any reason. Shut down state agencies that serve as collection agents for the federal mafia.

Who and where are the "Sam Houstons" of our time?

If you don't get this issue resolved and try an impeachment proceeding, or make some attempt to assess a fine, it would go viral and be in the national news. The nation's eyes are already on Texas because Rick Perry has made us look like a bunch of boobs for putting him in office. This would just add to that perception. I know Jerry Wimpee and I know that his thought process did not digest the information above before he decided to lower the flagpole. I am even more sure he did not consider what the consequences may be from his actions. I have no idea what prompted him to do what he did or why he did it. However, in this case he is lucky. It just proves the adage that "even a blind hog can occasionally find an acorn."

If it ever comes to a spitting contest, you are going find that Wimpee did not commit a punishable offense. But in my mind he did commit a crime in that he trampled on five years of hard work and volunteer time, plus the dreams of Lee Gilbert and his planning committee. Lee has carried the torch for more than five years, at times by himself. There were times when the flame was so dim, that you had to get a flashlight to see if the torch was still lit. Now, Man, that is dedication. I am now hearing that the county is going to erect a single pole in front of the courthouse to fly just the Texas flag. That tells me two things, one is that someone finally read the Texas Flag Code, and two is that probably Jerry Wimpee didn't commit a heinous crime after all.

If the Rockwall County Veteran's Memorial is ever to become a sacred place, that I hope it will be, it is going to have to be removed from any governmental influence. A way to do that is to create a Rockwall County Veteran's Memorial Foundation. The foundation could be registered as a non-profit, tax-exempt foundation. The foundation would purchase the small plot of ground that the memorial currently occupies and make it a freestanding entity. Anyone, veteran or not, could be a member of the foundation for a small one-time fee of say \$10 or more. The foundation would purchase the site of the memorial from the county. The foundation would continue to raise money to be put in a trust fund. Hopefully, the trust would grow to a size that the memorial could be maintained, and maybe make presentations to school children and other interested groups. The goal would be to build a trust fund large enough that the trust itself would provide enough income for operation and not have to spend the base funds.

This letter is totally the opinions and ideas of Lowell Moon Sr. only, and was not influenced by anyone else. May peace and harmony prevail.

Lowell Moon Sr., Rockwall

Bigger deficit, weaker dollar, higher prices

On November 20, 2004, after it was declared George W. Bush was reelected President, Ron Paul spoke before the House of Representatives in which he noted an interesting comment made by "One Merrill Lynch money manager (who) responded to the election by saying, Bush getting reelected means a bigger deficit, a weaker dollar, and higher gold prices. Another broker added, Four more years of Bush is a gift to the gold markets--more war, more deficits, more division. "and voila", it was so!

Lo how many weeks now has the news media been ardously promoting their support for presidential candidates of like political persuasion (which has already been exposed by their past tenures in public office.) One more time the American 'sheepie' are being given the choice of voting for the 'lesser of two evils'.

In Ron Paul's own words, maybe it is time for us to "remember the Soviet system was not destroyed from without by military confrontation: it succumbed to the laws of economics that dictated communism's failure, and it was unable to finance its empire."

Mrs Jacqueline Frank Strickland, Rockwall

Basic Economics 101

This morning a panel on the TV news had some weird and unusual thoughts on the current oil supply situation in the U.S. Cost of supplies of any product depends on the available amount to the market. This is basic Economics 101.

The U.S. currently imports about 50 percent of our needs in this country. The oil is brought to this country in tanker ships. These ships get the most of the oil from the Middle East, Africa and South America. Our money goes to those countries who really hate the U.S. and they do whatever the can to hurt the U.S. These oil suppliers are a very serious threat to the U.S.

The U.S. could supply our own oil needs if the current Washington administration would wake up to our needs and to keep this money in this country instead of sending this cash overseas to people who hate us. The foreigners use this money to hurt us at every opportunity, just listen to the daily news.

We have a huge new reservoir in the Gulf of Mexico that could be tapped instantly. We need the Keystone Pipeline from Canada to be built ASAP. We could drill new potential oil zones in the Gulf, offshore Baltimore, the fishing banks offshore from New England, offshore California, ANWR in Alaska, development of the Dakota fields and the Mahogany Formation in Colorado. These new supplies would certainly drive the oil prices down very quickly.

The next serious need is to build new oil refineries. Current regulations (red tape) prevent developers from building new ones. Here again the current Washington administration is blocking our needs. The Washington administration is trying to get the green supplies up and running. Green power supplies are a long way off in becoming a viable supply of energy. These green suppliers have not solved the technology problems to supply us with currently needed energy levels. In the meantime, the foreigners are getting our money in huge quantities.

The citizens of this country need a new set of people in the executive branch and the legislative branch in Washington, D.C.

Art Hendon

Not Bluebonnets

Front page 1, Volume #26, Issue #11, dated March 16, 2012, photo by Darcy Rocha incorrectly identifies the flowers in the photo as bluebonnets. However, they are actually Muscari botryoides (grape hyacinths) that are common in many of the cemeteries and where homes once stood in the area. They grow from a small onion-shaped brown bulb and are very prolific.

These, along with a very small daffodil, were the flowers of choice in a day when less attention was given to flowers in the landscape and for their ability to adapt to the extreme Texas climate.

Thank you.

Gill Henson, Rockwall

Terry Park issues

One day last week Channel 5-TV sent a crew down to Terry Park to report on the collapsing of a portion of the seawall.

One person at the park who was interviewed by the reporter said that he was very fearful that his child, and others, could easily fall into the water at the site that was blocked off only by orange plastic "fencing." Another person interviewed was a local woman walking her dog. She brought up the issue of a \$70,000 study that was proposed at a Feb. 21 Heath City Council meeting. Visibly angry, she stated that a huge amount like \$70,000 could be put to better use fixing the seawall instead of studying it.

At this juncture, the seawall damage that was originally barely 25 feet long is now very much larger due to the abundance of rain we have had in the last few weeks which only exacerbated the problem.

As more seawall collapses the price to repair it goes up. Meanwhile, the city has hired a costly Dallas law firm to look into possible original construction liabilities. Heath citizens need to ask questions as to how our valuable tax dollars are being spent.

We need to follow the money and watch where and to whom it is going.

Joan Ream

Relay for Life "Paint the town Purple" event

We would like to invite you to participate in the Paint The Town Purple event of the Relay For Life of Rockwall County.

Paint The Town Purple is an activity of the American Cancer Society that promotes cancer awareness and gives individuals, teams and communities an opportunity to fight back against cancer. This awareness day encourages businesses, churches, schools and community members to wear purple and display purple decorations in order to publicize the missions, programs and fundraising events of the American Cancer Society. Purple represents every type of cancer and is the official color of Relay For Life.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature fundraiser, with over 5,000 events nationwide. Monies raised during Relay For Life help the organization fund research, advocacy, educational materials and free patient services to cancer survivors. The Relay For Life of Rockwall County, planned and executed by an all volunteer committee, is scheduled for April 27 and 28 at the Cain Elementary School in Heath.

We hope you join us during Paint The Town Purple presentation on April 13 on the steps of the old county courthouse downtown on the square in Rockwall at 4 p.m. Congressman Ralph Hall, Mayor David Sweet and many others will share their thoughts as we strive to educate our community about the importance of screenings, early detection and what we can do today to reduce our risk of cancer. Paint The Town Purple supports the American Cancer Society's mission of saving lives and creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays -- by helping people stay well, by helping people get well and by finding cures for cancer.

There are a variety of ways you can support your community and participate in this cancer awareness day:

- Purple Out: Encourage your employees to wear purple to show support of the American Cancer Society and Relay For Life of Rockwall County. Color your window, storefront or entryway with purple decorations. T-shirts and bracelets are also available on request.

- Display: Relay For Life event posters and informational brochures for your customers.

- Participation: Start or join a Relay For Life team today. Being part of Relay For Life as a team provides a wonderful sense of pride for your employees and shows your dedication to fight this terrible disease together. Cancer Fears the Walker.

- Sponsorship: Show you are committed to being a leader in the community Sponsorship, in many forms, helps you create a positive image for your company provides valuable networking opportunities and shows that you are committed to a cause that affects so many people in our community. The Sponsorship levels are \$10.00 - Diamond, \$5000 - Platinum, \$2,500 - Gold, \$500 - Silver and \$250 - Bronze. Or simply donate purple items such as ribbons, balloons, signs, banners and your time to help promote purple and the awareness of Cancer and how to fight it.

Thank you for your support in the fight against cancer.

Terri Haws Davis, Event Chair

Rockwall County Sports Notes

Scholarship golf event planned for March 24

The East Trinity Masonic Scholarship Golf Classic will take place March 24 at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club. Entry fee for this Florida scramble is \$100 per golfer or \$375 per team. Show time is 11:30 a.m., tee time is 1 p.m. Corporate banner and hole sponsorships remain available. All proceeds from the event will benefit the East Trinity Masonic Scholarship Fund. For more details call Justin Holland at 214-717-0252 or Chris Knox at 214-478-9802.

Dine with the Hawks varsity baseball squad

The Hawks varsity baseball team is inviting fans and their families to come out to meet and eat with the players on selected Wednesdays during the 2012 season. The first outing will begin at 7 p.m. March 28 at a local restaurant. Contact amyboswell@gmail.com for location information.

2nd Annual Springer Stampede slated

The 2nd Annual Springer Stampede 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk will take place March 31. Walk-up registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. or participants may register online at active.com (keyword Springer). Races will begin at 8:30 a.m. Carnival games will operate as a sideline to the event from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Activities will take place at Ouida Springer Elementary, 3025 Limestone Hill Lane (Across from RISE). For more details call 972-772-7160. Proceeds from the event will benefit the school through the provision of programs and supplies.

YMCA youth sports registration under way

Sign-ups for summer sports at the Rockwall County YMCA are now open and will run through March 31. This year's offerings include baseball, T-ball and softball, ages 4-14; flag football, ages 6-12; and volleyball for those in grades 3-6. Late registration will run April 1-15, ending when all teams are full. Registration fees are reduced for those who register in March, and returning players who register prior to April 1 are guaranteed to return to the same team. Registration fees are posted on the YMCA website at rockwallymca.org or quickscores.com/rockwall.

Lion's Dash set March 31

Providence Academy, a Christian transitioning university-model school, will host its second annual Lion's Dash 5K Race and Fun Run on March 31. The event is for runners as well as all members of the family. A bounce house, food, face painting, vendors, music and door prizes are planned. The event will benefit students at the academy. For more details email rhunt@providencelions.org or visit providencelions.org. To register for the event visit active.com.

Heart of Heath 5k Run set April 7

The Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk will take place April 7, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive. Online registration may be completed at heathtx.com or in person at City Hall. Early registration fee is \$20; after April 5 the cost will be \$25. Youth registration will be \$10 in advance and at the race.

Little Kickers Soccer scheduled

Little Kickers soccer for children ages 3.5 to 6 years of age will run from 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays April 16-May 21 at the Harry Myers Park Ball Fields. Participants will learn soccer skills in a fun interactive team environment. Registration fee is \$45 or \$29 for Rockwall residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Little Sluggers T-ball season set

The Little Sluggers T-ball season will run from 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays April 17-May 22 at the Harry Myers Park Ball Fields. Participants ages 3.5 to 6 years of age will be split into team where they will learn the fundamental skills of throwing, fielding, hitting and base running. Registration is \$45 or \$29 for Rockwall residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Little Dribblers season planned

Youngsters ages 3.5 to 6 can learn to dribble, pass and shoot through the Little Dribblers upcoming season. Activities and games will take place from 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursdays April 19-May 24 at The Park at Hickory Ridge. Cost is \$45 or \$29 for Rockwall residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Vintage baseball game set April 22

An exhibition game of vintage baseball is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. April 11 at the RISD Campbell Spring Sports Complex, 900 Yellow Jacket Lane. The Rockwall Retros will square off against the Rockwall Classics in this game played by 1860s rules. Concessions will include peanuts, Cracker Jacks, hot dogs and soft drinks. Tickets cost \$5, and all proceeds will benefit the Rockwall County Historical Foundation. For tickets or more details call 972-722-1507 or visit rockwallcountyhistoricalfoundation.com.

Golf tourney set May 19

Texas Health Presbyterian will host its 4th Annual Golf Tournament on May 19 at The Tribute at The Colony. A 1:30 p.m. shotgun start is planned.

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Benjamin Rush

Public utility pleads most forcibly for the general distribution of the Holy Scriptures. Without the Bible, in vain do we increase penal laws and draw entrenchments around our institutions.

James McHenry (Signer of the Constitution; Secretary of War)

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William Samuel Johnson (Signer of the Constitution; President of Columbia College)

Rockwall County Sports

Tie at Lovejoy locks Rockwall-Heath into 2nd place

by Lary Bump

Even though Rockwall-Heath didn't win either of its final two regular-season matches, girls' soccer head coach Marco Duran saw progress.

Entering the week, the Lady Hawks had a one-point lead over Rockwall for first place in District 21-4A. A 3-0 loss at RHS Friday, March 16, and Tuesday's 1-1 tie at Lovejoy sealed Rockwall-Heath's fate as the district's second-place team.

The greatest improvement Tuesday came after the Lady Leopards scored less than 2 minutes into the game. Kensey Berry blasted a shot from about 25 yards out over RHHS goalkeeper Ashton Hierholzer into the top of the net.

The Lady Hawks tied the game during the 15th minute. After that, nothing for either side.

"That was key," Duran said. "In the

Rockwall game, after we gave up the first goal, we kind of quit. We came back."

In fact, RHHS controlled most of the first half, when it had three shots on goal to Lovejoy's four, but with far more chances.

In the second half, the Lady Leopards severely limited Rockwall-Heath's chances while putting three more shots on Hierholzer, who saved them all.

Duran said, "They made adjustments. They put a midfielder back on (Bailey) Bacon. She had all kinds of chances in the first half. We say any offense we have goes through Bacon."

An exception was the Lady Hawks' goal at Lovejoy. Brittany Buchanan sent a long pass ahead of Cori Kelly. She shot across the goal mouth past the keeper and into the left corner of the net.

"That was a great ball and a good finish by Cori. She's one of those kids who's always doing enough to get it done," Duran said.

RHHS had come into the match figuring it had nothing to gain or lose. The Lady Hawks had clinched at least second place, but knew that a Rockwall victory over winless Quinlan Ford would give the Lady Jackets the district championship. As it happened, a wet field postponed Rockwall's game but RHHS' tie was enough for the Lady Jackets to clinch the title.

Lovejoy, however, needed a win to increase its chances of catching Wylie East for third place.

Duran said, "They had a lot to play for. This gave us a chance to see what a playoff team looks like."

The Lady Hawks saw another playoff team at Rockwall. They held RHS scoreless in the first half, but three quick second-half goals brought a loss.

In that game, Rockwall-Heath also lost middle defender Taryn Wheeler, who suffered a sprained left knee in an on-field collision. She did not play at Lovejoy. Duran said Wheeler is likely to miss at least the Bi-District playoff round, which begins Friday, March 30.

That would be RHHS' next match, unless Duran schedules a warmup game. If that doesn't happen, he said, "We'll get some kids healed from injuries and work on little things we don't have time to work on when we're playing games."



Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks' Senior Cori Kelly (16) battles for the ball against Rockwall Jackets' Senior Shelby Soldat (9) Friday March 16 at the Rockwall field.
Photo by Michele Hierholzer/Rockwall County News

Grandstaff, Thomas share Newcomer of the Year

Rockwall's two freshman starters shared District 10-4A boys' basketball Newcomer of the Year recognition for 2011-12.

Guard Austin Grandstaff led the Yellowjackets (21-11) with 15 points and 5.3 assists per game. The 6-foot-8 Elijah Thomas was RHS' leading rebounder (7.7 per game) and shot-blocker (2.0) as a force inside on offense and defense.

Joining them on the All-District 10-4A first team was 6-6 senior Wes Davis. Also Rockwall's football quarterback, Davis has signed a letter of intent to play on the gridiron at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor.

RHS senior guards Jared Ragland and Avery Knutson were named to the All-District second team. Ragland led the Jackets in steals and 3-point shots made. Knutson, one of the team's top defenders, usually drew the assignment of guarding opponents' best backcourt threats.

Jackets climbed to 2nd in state baseball poll

Rockwall's stay as the state's second-ranked 4A team by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association could be a short one.

The Yellowjackets were 12-1 when the latest poll came out. After that, they won two games but lost 1-0 Wednesday, March 14, to Austin Lake Travis.

In addition, RHS faced a challenge in their own district from Rockwall-Heath, which had been ranked second in the THSBCA preseason poll. Both teams were 3-0 in District 10-4A going into their matchup scheduled Tuesday at RHHS. Rain postponed that game, and made the field unplayable so it was moved to Wednesday at Rockwall's Campbell Complex.

The Jackets still were 14-2 after allowing just three runs in their first three games after the poll came out.

Pitching has been a key for Rockwall, which has allowed more than five runs only in a 9-8 loss to 5A Plano West, has shut out three opponents and was yielding just 2.4 runs per game.

Brewer Money and Josh DeLoach each had 4-0 pitching records, and Logan Terrivilliger was 3-0.

Said RHS head coach Jeff Payne, "We are deep on the mound with many returning arms. They've thrown strikes, and the defense behind them has been great."

In the game against Lake Travis at Dell Diamond – the home of the Round Rock Express, the Texas Rangers' top farm team – Jackets left-hander Chris Colavecchi lost a pitchers' duel to Philip Orr.

Payne said, "Colavecchi threw well vs. Lake Travis. They threw a good lefty at us as well. We left many on base and couldn't get a big hit at the right time."
Lake Travis (9-6) outthit Rockwall 5-3. Two of those hits were doubles by Money.

"Our hitting has been streaky, like it is for everybody," Payne said. Still, through 16 games, the Jackets were averaging 7.6 runs per game and had failed to score at least four runs just twice.

Senior Steve Bean, who has signed to play at the University of Texas, was leading RHS with three home runs, 22 runs batted in and a .535 batting average.

Right behind him was another UT commit, Spencer Edwards, averaging .431 with a team-high 12 stolen bases.

Rockwall's other victories during the week after the poll ranked them second were over Wylie 4-0 and on Friday, March 16, over McKinney 7-2. In that game, DeLoach allowed just four hits. RHS' 10 hits included a home run by Bean and doubles by Terrivilliger and Money.

Payne couldn't be concerned only with Rockwall-Heath in 10-4A. He said, "It's a tough, tough district. Anybody can beat you. We can't overlook any team."

Fulton School adds baseball team, 1st game against Waco Vanguard

In a year of milestones for The Fulton School athletics, the Falcons were set for another Thursday evening.

During 2011-12, Fulton won its first district titles in football and basketball, and moved the deepest into the playoffs in its history.

The latest milestone on the schedule was the Falcons' first varsity baseball game ever, at Waco Vanguard Prep. Athletic director Josh Johnson said that because

Lady Jackets defeat RHHS, take district title

by Lary Bump

Something was missing from the Rockwall girls' soccer team's Senior Night celebration Friday, March 16.

It was halftime of the Lady Jackets' home game. They needed a victory over Rockwall-Heath to move into first place ahead of RHHS in District 21-4A. But neither team had scored.

RHS changed that situation quickly in the second half. During its fifth minute, Rockwall's Niki McKnight sat in front of the Lady Hawks' goal to Kendyl Pirkey, who put in an easy shot for a 1-0 lead.

The Lady Jackets scored twice more, both on assists by McKnight, for a 3-0 victory that left them with records of 17-3-1 overall and 9-1 in the district.

They clinched first place Tuesday night even though rain postponed their match at Quinlan Ford until Wednesday. That's because Rockwall-Heath finished its season Tuesday with a 1-1 tie at Lovejoy. That left RHHS with an 8-2-2 district record and 26. RHS already has 27 points.

Rockwall head coach Melissa Garcia explained the slow start against RHHS. "In the first half, we were still so emotional about Senior Night. It took us 40 minutes to calm down.

"I didn't have to say much at halftime. They have gotten to the point where they just talk among themselves about how to fix it."

The biggest fix was to one of the Lady Jackets' greatest strengths, their corner kicks.

"The timing was better," Garcia said. "Berkley (Talley) had two goals on headers off corner kicks in our last game (an 8-0 victory at Royse City March 13)."

Hawks' Holliman in state powerlifting meet

Senior Jake Holliman, one of four Rockwall-Heath powerlifters to advance to the Regional Championships at Everman, placed fourth there and will compete Saturday in the State Championships in Abilene.

Holliman, who established a Hawks record this season with a 585-pound squat,

will compete in the heavyweight class. He was the center on RHHS' football and has signed a letter of intent to play that sport at William Jewell University in Missouri.

While spending most of the first half in the Lady Hawks' end of the field, he had four corner kicks but was unable to score. On its three second-half kicks, Rockwall scored twice.

The first of those came just 3 minutes after Pirkey's goal, when McKnight's kick from the left corner in to Avery Talley for a 2-0 lead. Another 9 minutes later, Bethany Schomin headed in McKnight's corner kick for the game score.

Schomin's third goal this season represented the senior class. She's one of four seniors among the 17 varsity players – with Shelby Soldat, Kayla Smith and Abby Grand-Liendard.

McKnight, a junior, leads RHS with 10 goals and 13 assists. Another dozen Jackets have scored between two and five goals. Freshman Talley's goal was his third this season; junior Pirkey scored for the first time this season after moving over from the basketball team.

The big second half finished a game that Rockwall dominated statistically. Rockwall-Heath. The Lady Jackets led 7-3 in corner kicks and had 10 shots to 7 for the Lady Hawks. RHS goalkeeper Miranda Larkin stopped all seven at her.

Garcia said, "It will always be a good game against Rockwall-Heath. How we do always depends on which team shows up. We're at the point now before every game our players have got to know how big it is."

The Lady Jackets are scheduled to finish their regular season Friday at The playoffs would begin the following weekend.

Warriors takes consolation title at Lutheran

Wildness cost Rockwall Christian Academy its first game at last weekend's Dallas Lutheran Woodbat Tournament, but the Warriors came back to win the consolation championship.

RCA's pitchers allowed only one hit, Zach Snider's double, but lost 3-2 to Frisco Legacy Christian at Dallas Lutheran. All three of Legacy's runs scored on wild pitches, and the Warriors gave up 11 walks.

"John Edwards gave up no hits in that game, but it was worst I've seen him as far as throwing strikes," said RCA head coach Caleb Palmer.

Edwards had struck out 12 batters when Rockwall Christian won the only district game it has played this season, 17-1 over Dallas The Covenant School.

Two other scheduled district games, plus a non-district contest, have been rained

out. Tuesday's game at Greenville Christian School was postponed until Saturday at 1 p.m.

Palmer said he was trying to schedule additional games, even as the second of doubleheaders with district contests, to give RCA's pitchers enough work.

"We have six pitchers. We've pitched well and played good defense."

He said the Warriors have even played well on offense. Against Legacy, pounded three doubles. Palmer singled out freshmen Austin Dean and Ben Rodriguez III for their hitting against Covenant.

Crowley defeats Lady Eagles

Heritage Christian Academy lost its opening softball game to Crowley Nazarene Christian Academy 11-1 on March 6.

HCA fell behind 3-0 in the top of the first inning, then cut the deficit to 3-1 in the bottom of that inning. However, that was all the scoring for the Lady Eagles. They managed just three hits, but allowed seven hits and six walks and contributed to errors to NCA's offensive output.

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Rockwall County Sports Schedules

The Fulton School Falcons
Saturday, March 24 – Track and field: at Arlington High Point Meet, Central Junior High School, Euless
Friday, March 30 – Track and field: at Pantego Christian Watson Relays, Old Birdville Stadium, Haltom City, 3 p.m.

Heritage Christian Academy Eagles
Monday, March 26 – Baseball: at Greenville Christian School, 4:30 p.m.

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors
Saturday, March 24 – Baseball: at Greenville Christian School, 1 p.m.
Monday, March 26 – Baseball: at Dallas Fairhill School, 4:30 p.m.

Rockwall High School Yellowjackets
Friday, March 23 – Varsity boys' golf: home for Rockwall and Rockwall-Heath Ben Parks Invitational, Waterview Golf Club, 8 a.m.
Varsity girls' golf: at Midlothian Tournament, Mansfield National Golf Club, 8 a.m.
Freshman boys' golf: at Wylie East, Waterview Golf Club, 8 a.m.
Baseball: home vs. Wylie East, JV Orange 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Softball: at McKinney North, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Boys' soccer: home vs. Wylie, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
Girls' soccer: at Wylie, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Varsity tennis: at Galveston Tournament
Track and field: at Allen Eagle Relays, Allen Track Stadium
Saturday, March 24 – Varsity boys' golf: home for Rockwall and Rockwall-Heath Ben Parks Invitational, Waterview Golf Club, 8 a.m.
Varsity girls' golf: at Midlothian Tournament, Mansfield National Golf Club, 8 a.m.
JV White baseball: home vs. Dallas Jesuit Preparatory High School, 1 p.m.
Varsity tennis: at Galveston Tournament
Varsity boys' track and field: at Jesuit Shiner Relays, Dallas Jesuit Preparatory High School
Monday, March 26 – JV2 tennis: at Duncanville Tournament
Tuesday, March 27 – JV girls' golf: at Richardson Pearce Tournament, Canyon Creek Country Club, 8:30 p.m.
JV White baseball: home vs. McKinney North, 4:30 p.m.
Baseball: at McKinney North, JV Orange 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Softball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Boys' soccer: at Red Oak, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, March 28 – Varsity tennis: at Dallas Bishop Lynch, Dallas Athletic Club, 4 p.m.

Thursday, March 29 – JV softball: at Celina JV Tournament
Friday, March 30 – Varsity softball: at Highland Park, 4 p.m.
Baseball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, JV Orange 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
JV White baseball: at Lake Highlands, 6 p.m.
Varsity track and field: at Potect Pirate Relays, Hanby Stadium, Mesquite
Varsity track and field: at Texas Relays, University of Texas, Austin
Saturday, March 31 – JV softball: at Celina JV Tournament
Varsity track and field: at Texas Relays, University of Texas, Austin

Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks
Friday, March 23 – Black boys' golf: home for Rockwall and Rockwall-Heath Ben Parks Invitational, Waterview Golf Club, 8 a.m.
Varsity girls' golf: at Mansfield Tournament, TangleRidge Golf Club, 8:30 a.m.
Baseball: at Wylie, JV Black 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
JV girls' soccer: home vs. Flower Mound Marcus, 5:30 p.m.
Varsity softball: home vs. Highland Park, 6 p.m.
Saturday, March 24 – Black boys' golf: home for Rockwall and Rockwall-Heath Ben Parks Invitational, Waterview Golf Club, 8 a.m.
Varsity girls' golf: at Mansfield Tournament, Mansfield National Golf Club, 8 a.m.
JV Red baseball: at Dallas Bishop Lynch, 2 games, noon
Girls' track and field: at Highland Park Tracy Wills Relays, Germany Park, 9 a.m.
Powerlifting: at State Championships, Abilene
Tuesday, March 27 – Varsity girls' golf: at Richardson Tournament, Canyon Creek Country Club, 8:30 a.m.
Baseball: home vs. Highland Park, JV Black 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
JV Red baseball: at Highland Park, 4:30 p.m.
Softball: at Wylie East, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Thursday, March 29 – Black boys' golf: at Richardson, Sherrill Park Golf Course
Boys' and girls' track and field: at Red Oak Relays
Girls' track and field: at Texas Relays, University of Texas, Austin
Friday, March 30 – JV Red baseball: home vs. McKinney North, 4:30 p.m.
JV Black baseball: at McKinney North, 4:30 p.m.
Softball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, Faculty Appreciation Night, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Girls' track and field: at Texas Relays, University of Texas, Austin
Varsity baseball: at Wylie East, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 31 – JV Red baseball: home vs. Plano Jasper, 2 games, noon
Girls' track and field: at Texas Relays, University of Texas, Austin

Royse City Bulldogs
Friday, March 23 – Baseball: home vs. Sherman, JV1 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Softball: home vs. Sherman, JV1 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Boys' soccer: home vs. Lovejoy, Senior Night, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Girls' soccer: at Lovejoy, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
JV 2 baseball: at Sherman, 6 p.m.
Varsity girls' tennis: home for Royse City Tournament
Saturday, March 24 – Baseball: home vs. Wills Point, JV2 9 a.m., JV1 11 a.m. and varsity 1:30 p.m.
JV2 softball: home vs. Lovejoy, 10 a.m.
JV1 softball: at Prairiland Tournament
Tuesday, March 27 – Baseball: at Greenville, JV1 5 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Softball: at Greenville, JV1 5 p.m. and varsity 6:30 p.m.
JV2 baseball: home vs. Greenville, 6 p.m.
Varsity girls' golf: at Richardson Pearce Invitational, Canyon Creek Country Club

Prosper
Thursday, March 29 – Varsity boys' tennis: home vs. Prosper
Track and field: at Hawk Relays, Red Oak
Track and field: at Texas Relays, University of Texas, Austin
Friday, March 30 – Baseball: home vs. Mount Pleasant, JV1 5 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Softball: home vs. Mount Pleasant, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 6:30 p.m.
JV2 baseball: at Mount Pleasant, 6 p.m.
Varsity girls' tennis: home vs. Prosper
Track and field: at Texas Relays, University of Texas, Austin
JV boys' and girls' golf: home for District Championships, Stone River Golf Club

Allen
Saturday, March 31 – JV2 softball: at Lovejoy, noon
Track and field: at Texas Relays, University of Texas, Austin

Cain Middle School Mustangs
Thursday, March 29 – Track and field: at District Championships, Allen

Utley Middle School Wolves
Thursday, March 29 – Track and field: at District Championships, Allen

Williams Middle School Wildcats
Thursday, March 29 – Track and field: at District Championships, Allen

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