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Rockwall Council has good news

Joanna Matejka, Rockwall city council member, received reassuring news from Auditor Lewis Crain at a meeting (4.20/10) regarding the city's financial health. Crain's report characterized the city as one of the more financially sound municipalities in the state, despite the recession. He noted that the city's reserve fund, which is maintained at 40 percent of the general fund, is a strong asset. Crain also commented on the city's ability to increase revenue through various means, including property taxes and utility fees, while maintaining a commitment to fiscal responsibility.

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Rockwall-Heath High School student Lauren Hartnett (on the stretcher) is transferred to an ambulance in front of the solemn and watchful eyes of peers during last week's Shattered Dreams Project event held on the south side of the RHHS campus. Heath Fire Department personnel participating in the event are (left to right) John Taylor and Kevin Clark.

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Mr. Campbell, Rockwall athletes were 'all my grandchildren'

Elmer Campbell, Rockwall's No. 1 fan, used to tell people, "When I go to the games, I'm ready to go." In Dill, the RHS girls' basketball coach said, "When he didn't see three playoff games, I knew he was really sick." Mr. Campbell was ready to go barely a month later. On Thursday, he went to meet his maker – and most likely his late wife, Loretta Campbell. Anyone who has gone to an RHS girls' sporting event saw Mr. Campbell, seated on his scooter at center court or behind the screen to home plate at the Elmer and Reesie Campbell Complex soft-field. The mourners at Mr. Campbell's funeral Saturday recalled, "The first time I started going to Lady Jacket games, I went up to him and said who's his granddaughter. He said, 'Every one of them. They're all my granddaughters.'" Mr. Campbell was going to RHS sporting events when his daughter, now a resident Loretta Cameron, played at football games with elementary school band as a fifth grader. Between 1950 and 1994, he saw one Yellowjackets game. The interscholastic girls' sports arrived on the scene, Mr. Campbell loved football and the other boys' sports received plenty of attention. He thought that someone should do the same for the girls. He never! He was a real true Jacket fan. He was really committed to all of our games in high school," said Shadie Acosta, in her third year as Rockwall's head softball coach. "He would go to all our games. I mean all our games, wherever we were. We have missed him since the beginning of this season. We

put together a poster and sent it to him in the hospital." McDill, the longest-tenured Lady Jackets coach, has the most stories from her nine years with the basketball team. She told some of them at Mr. Campbell's funeral. "In my first season, Rockwall started off real well. Then we had some injuries. He asked me, 'How are we doing?' I said, 'Mr. Campbell, this team is making my hair turn gray.' The next time I saw him, he had a Wal-Mart bag. In it was a bottle of Miss Clairol hair color. The last time I saw him in the hospital, we laughed and laughed when we remembered that story." Loretta and her daughter, Tina Jones of Grand Saline, spent many days and nights with their father and grandfather while he was hospitalized during his final weeks. Occasionally, Jimmy Day would stay at the hospital to give Mr. Campbell's relatives some time at home. Mr. Campbell referred to Day as his "adopted son." He accompanied the fan on many of his out-of-town trips. That was even after Day's daughter Haley had graduated as the Lady Jackets' career scoring leader and gone on to play at SMU, where she is a junior. Peyton Adamson surpassed Haley's record this year. They both were part of the 2006-07 undefeated 5A state champions, and part of another story about Mr. Campbell.

McDill said, "After the state championship game, at the party in our hotel, Haley and all of them spray-painted his hair orange, and spiked it up into a Mohawk. He was so proud of that."

He, at that time, he was still only 90, and kept young by his exposure to young people.

Orange hair was no big thing for Mr. Campbell, who was buried in an orange sports coat Loretta had given him.

McDill described a visit to his home.

"The living room was completely covered with Rockwall stuff – orange and white, basketball, volleyball and softball. His bed was in there, and at the side of the bed were a lot of orange T-shirts. The only one that wasn't orange was an SMU T-shirt he had for Haley."

Meredith Gordon was a senior classmate of Haley Day's on that championship team. She also spoke at the funeral, recalling that the players always knew Mr. Campbell would be there and would give an honest assessment after the game.

Her mother, Dixie Gordon, had organized a Jacket Backers fundraising drive to purchase a new handicapped-accessible van for Mr. Campbell for his 90th birthday. His old van was wearing out from the countless miles it had been driven to support RHS sports, in and out of season.

"He saw more of our games than I did," McDill said. "He was at every one of our games, and the JV and freshman games he could get to. He went to every one of our tournaments, whether they were in College Station, or this year in Belton. In the summer, we used to go to the OU team camp in Norman. He would stay at a hotel and go to every one of our games there."

Mr. Campbell also traveled to places the Lady Jackets never went. McDill's husband, The Rev. Paul McDill, officiated at the funeral at First Baptist Church. He told those who knew Mr. Campbell as a fan that he was also a devoted family man. He took care of his wife, who

was in a wheelchair for her last 35 years. One of her dreams was to visit all 50 states. He made sure that she achieved that goal – in that van, on a cruise to Alaska and on a plane to Hawaii to complete the tour.

Mr. Campbell had been close to Jessica Shaw, Rockwall's volleyball Most Valuable Player in 2003 and a two-time All-Region

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Rockwall County cities report \$1.024 million in sales tax revenues for February

The most recent report from Texas Comptroller Susan Combs shows a total of \$1,024,244.35 in sales tax revenues for the six cities in Rockwall County. The March sales tax report shows a .04% decrease from the same period in 2009. The year-to-date total of \$5,173,239.95 is a 2.23% decrease from 2009.

Rockwall County city totals are Rockwall (\$894,057.31), Royse City (\$79,858.85), Heath (\$36,314.93), Fate (\$9,038.51), Mobile City (\$4,516.79) and McLendon-Chisholm (\$457.96). (See the chart on Page 5 for more details.)

"For the second month in a row, the decline in sales tax collections continued to moderate," Combs said. "Following an eight-month stretch of double-digit declines, the pace of revenue losses is slowing. The oil and gas, construction, manufacturing, and retail industries registered lower sales tax revenue collections than one year earlier. We expect further declines in the near term followed by a return to sales tax revenue growth later this year."

Cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts will receive \$394.1 million in April sales tax allocations, a 3.9 percent decrease compared to April 2009. So far in 2010, monthly sales tax allocations to local governments lag 7.4 percent behind 2009.

On Friday, Comptroller Combs will send April sales tax allocations of \$265.7 million to Texas cities, down 3.6 percent compared to April 2009. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 7 percent lower than last year. Texas counties will receive sales tax payments of \$24.0 million, down 7.7 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 12.9 percent lower than last year.

In addition, 164 special purpose taxing districts are getting \$15.7 million in sales tax, down 1.8 percent compared to last April. Ten local transit systems will receive \$88.6 million in sales tax rebates, down 3.9 percent compared to a year ago. March state sales tax revenue and April payments made to local governments represent sales that occurred in February.



Elmer Campbell (center) was the center of attention during his 93rd birthday celebration last year.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



The Farmers Market in downtown Rockwall will open at 8 a.m. May 8 on Kaufman Street next to the historic courthouse. That date also will mark the kickoff for the San Jacinto Street Art Market, which will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on San Jacinto Street, across Rusk Street from the Farmers Market. Sideline the day's activities will be a 9:30 a.m. program and guided historic walking tours provided by members of the Rockwall County Historical Foundation.

Rockwall Farmers Market opens May 8 downtown

Downtown Rockwall's Farmers Market will open May 8, as will the San Jacinto Street Art Market.

The Farmers Market will open at 8 a.m. on Kaufman Street by the historic courthouse on the downtown square.

The art market will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on San Jacinto Street, across Rusk Street from the Farmers Market. Handcrafted, one-of-a-kind creations crafted by local and regional artists will be available.

Vocalist/guitarist Victor Andrada will perform, blending elements of blues, jazz, Latin and swing. Rounding out the day will be Rockwall's own Robert LaCroix

and his band, Mr. X.

At 9:30 a.m. on the courthouse lawn, the Rockwall County Historical Foundation will present a brief program, followed by guided walking tours. Tours will cover a quarter-mile, with 22 stops that will provide the history of many of the city's downtown buildings. Walking tour maps are available at rockwall-countyhistoricalfoundation.com/tours.htm.

On May 22, the city's Founder's Day will be observed. Vendors, food, live music and other children's activities will sideline the Farmers Market.

Old Town Shoppes and Main

Street will team up to host Sip & Stroll, a wine-tasting stroll through the Old Town Shoppes of Maps and information will be available at the Main Street booth at Founder's Day. Participating shops. Downtown restaurants will provide tastings and shops will offer light refreshments. Participants visiting each stall will be eligible to win a basket valued at more than \$100. Sip & Stroll will run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more details, visit mainstreet.rockwall.com. For information about the Market or other downtown events, call 972-772-6400.



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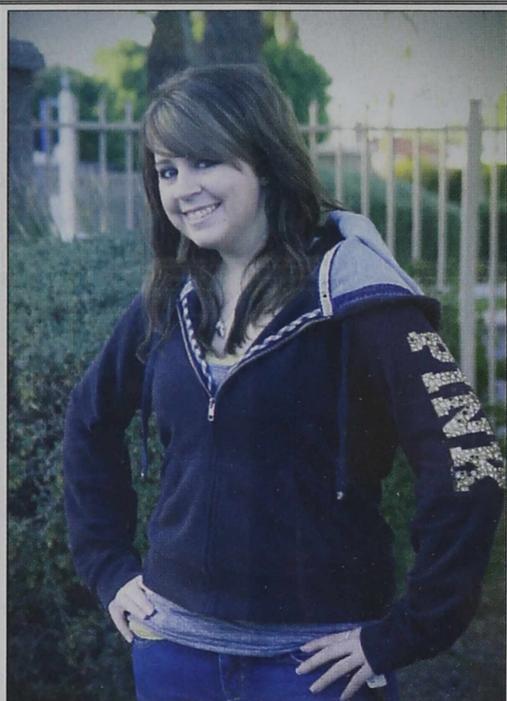


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Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall recently donated a check for \$10,000 to the Rockwall Women's League, along with a weight loss surgery valued at \$15,000 for a live auction item, for the league's annual ball conducted April 10. Pictured from the left are Alma Howard, Presbyterian member and RWL honorary member; Lisa Johnson, RWL ball chair; Vicki Alexander, RWL president; and Nikki Mutschler, director of marketing for Presbyterian Hospital. Photo courtesy of Presbyterian Hospital/Rockwall County News



Happy Birthday 18th Birthday
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Elmer Campbell

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Concert Choir member sang the national anthem every home volleyball and ketball game for four years. He told her he wanted her to attend his funeral.

Days before she would begin classes at the University of Texas, Miss Shaw was in an automobile accident on August 2004.

The most touching moment of Mr. Campbell's funeral was at the beginning. It opened with a videotape of Jessica Shaw singing the national anthem. Her father had no doubt that made her son's grandfather proud.

Donations can be made to the Elmer Campbell Scholarship Fund, Rockwall High School, ATTN: Elmer Campbell Backers, 901 Yellowjacket, Rockwall, TX 75087.

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Birth

Kimberleigh Chloe Turner

Kimberleigh Chloe Turner was born April 5, 2010 at 5:18 p.m., arriving three weeks earlier than expected.

She is the daughter of Latham and Chad Turner. Still at Dallas' Presbyterian NICU, she is progressing well. Her family and siblings, Lauren, Alec and Blake, anxiously await her homecoming.

Her loving grandparents, Glynda Turner of Royston, and Ann and Roger Jarboe of Kentucky and great-grandparents, Bessie Chapman of Rockwall County, Baby Chloe has several aunts, cousins and friends who love and cherish her.



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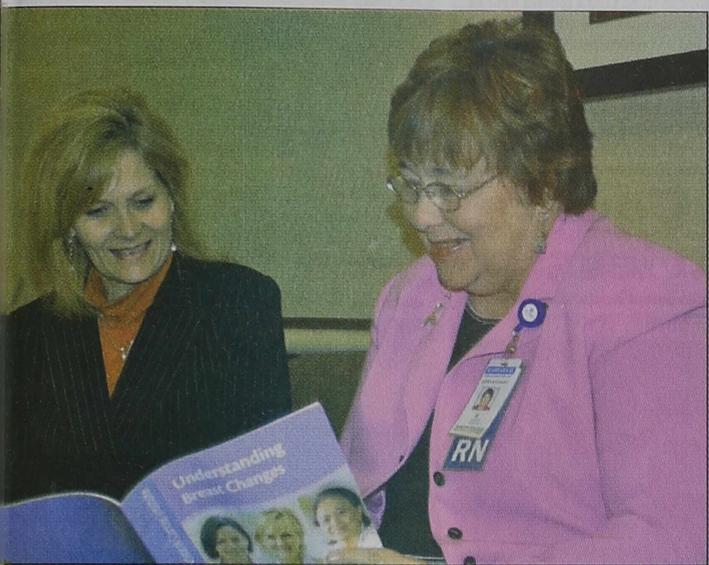
forced the postponed Rockwall County Foundation's vintage game, but organization hoping this week-end. Sunday start time with sunny skies and temperatures.

will take place at the Rockwall Independent School District's Baseball Complex on Yellow Jacket Lane.

- Planned activities include:
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 - A vintage band performing tunes from the era
 - A 1 p.m. game between

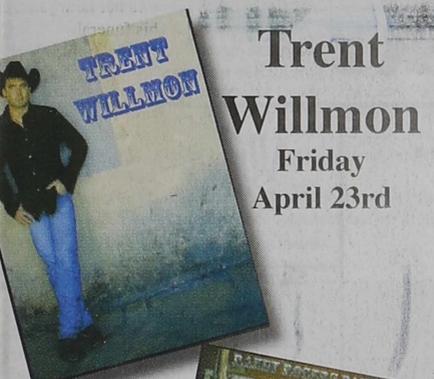
the Rockwall Boys Baseball Association's Lakemonsters against the players' fathers and coaches

- A concession stand, featuring homemade fried pies, popcorn and soft drinks
- Drawings for gift cards from area businesses. Tickets to the event will cost \$3 for children under 12 and \$5 for adults.



Barbara Quast, RN, pictured at right, has joined Lake Pointe Health Network as a breast health coordinator. With 25 years of nursing experience, it is Quast's role to support, educate and counsel women at high risk for developing breast cancer; coordinate health professionals providing care; assist with recovery and rehabilitation plans; provide community education on breast health and breast cancer; and facilitate community support programs. She is working with patient Karen Coughlin. For more information, contact Quast at 469-698-7824. Photo courtesy of Lake Pointe Health Network/Rockwall County News

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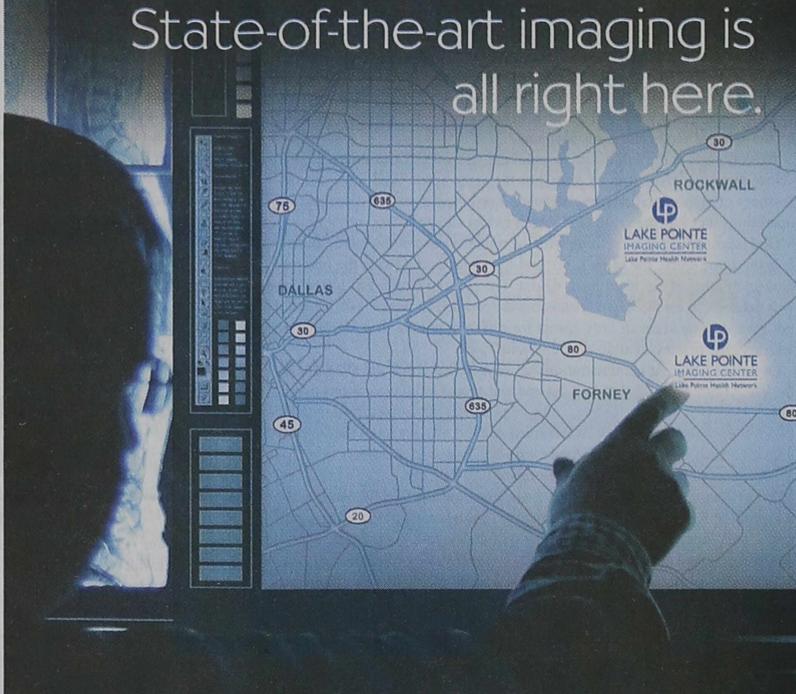
City Council ...

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 At the council's last meeting, staff expressed an expectation for a tough year next year.

According to city manager Julie Couch, next year's revenues might be reduced by 1-2 percent.

"I'm not excited at all about next year," Couch said, but characterized the city as not doing as badly as many Texas cities.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
Spiritual Matters...1 Corinthians 12:4-6

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 Last week we studied God's word in 1 Corinthians 12:3 where it says that "no man speaking by the spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and that no man can say that Jesus is Lord but by the holy ghost." By allowing God's word to interpret itself we learned from chapter 14 that to speak by the spirit of God referred to speaking in tongues.

People have different beliefs about this subject. Some say that the devil can influence the languages spoken. Others believe that nobody who speaks in tongues can be influenced by the devil unto cursing our Lord Jesus Christ. If we want to know the right doctrine concerning spiritual matters, we only need to go to God's word and allow it to interpret itself, "no man speaking by the spirit of God calls Jesus accursed..."

We continue on the subject of spiritual matters with 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit. And there are diversities of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which works all in all."

God is emphasizing something with the repetitive use of the word "same." It is the same spirit, the same Lord, and the same God. God is the one true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The spirit of God is His gift which was poured out on the day of Pentecost as recorded in Acts 2:1-4. God did not give various kinds of holy spirits for different people. But He did give various gifts that are available by the same spirit.

God gave different administrations or ways to serve that are available by the same Lord Jesus Christ. And the one and same God gave various operations or workings that are able to work mightily for all people, in all who are filled with holy spirit. Think of the spirit of God as a package that is fully complete and available for anybody who believes with the heart that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead (Romans 10:9-10).

These verses make for a very good study. According to E.W. Bullinger's notes in the King James Companion Bible, the words "gifts," "administrations" and "operations" came from the earlier known Greek words charisma, diakonia and energema (respectively). The Greek word charisma (gifts) meant gifts of grace, favor or free gifts. The word diakonia (administrations) meant the service rendered by servants. The word energema (opera-

tions) referred to the thing worked, or the effect. For anybody who wants to study the various uses of each word, a good tool is Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible (King James). It is available in most Christian bookstores. It may also be found in used-book stores for a much lower price. An excellent website for Biblical studies is in crosswalk.com.

The word "charisma" is always translated gift(s). Go to Romans 6:23, "...the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." In 2 Corinthians 1:11 it is used as gifts freely given to Paul and his company. Ephesians 4:7 uses "charisma" in the context of ministries, "...and He gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ..." (Ephesians 4:11-12). In the previous scripture, the word "ministry" is translated from the Greek word "diakonia."

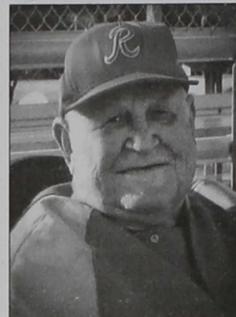
The word "energema" is used only in 1 Corinthians 12:6&10 where it refers to "working of miracles." But its verb form is used in 1 Thessalonians 2:13, "For this cause also we thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard of us, you received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God which effectually works in you that believe."

Search out and study the various uses of the above mentioned words used in 1 Corinthians 12:4-6. By God's grace we can shine God's radiant light in our minds and hearts concerning this area of scripture. It's all by the spirit of God. True servants of God are sent by God and not by people. All the gift ministries are spiritually by the spirit of God and ultimately from God. All operations of the spirit of God are ultimately by that one and same spirit. It's all in each believer. The same person who is ministering to someone may at another time be teaching or pastoring. Every Christian has the same and full measure of the spirit of God, in the name of our Lord Jesus.

Rockwall County Obituaries

Elmer T. Campbell

Services for Elmer T. Campbell, 94, of Rockwall were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 17, 2010, in the First Baptist Church, M.L. Jones



Chapel, in Rockwall with the Rev. Paul McDill officiating. Burial followed in the Rockwall Memorial Cemetery. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements. He died April 15. Born April 7, 1916, in Cleburne to

William Charles and Mabel Lillian (Reed) Campbell, he served Navy during World War II on the USS New Jersey and traveled at the end of the war. He made his living as a printer in the meat and was a Methodist and a member of the Lions Club. He loved was Rockwall's No. 1 fan. He followed Rockwall sports for 60 only missed one football game from 1950 to 1994. He was a member of the Quarter Century Jacket Backers and had a baseball field named and his wife, Reesie.

Survivors include his daughter, Loretta Cameron of Rockwall daughter, Tina Jones and her husband, Scott, of Grand Saline; a daughter, Ed Wheeler of Rockwall; his step-grandchildren, David L. and M. Wheeler; his great-grandchildren, Cody Akins and his wife, T. and Jeremy Jones and Seth Wilkerson; his step-great-grandchildren, Wheeler, Brandi Wheeler Green, Brandon K. Baker, Tobey J. Jason T. Evans; his great-great-grandchildren, Kenley Akins and Andy and Kollin Kizza; his step-great-great-grandchildren, David Green; an adopted son, Jimmy Day and his wife, Lisa, and their HOLLIE, Heather and Haley; and a sister, Ada Nolan of Riverside.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Reesie daughters Elane Wheeler and Rose Marie Campbell; a grand daughter, a great-grandson, Johnny Lewellen; and a brother, William "Jude" Campbell.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to the Elmer and Elmer Campbell Scholarship Fund, Rockwall High School Jacket Backers, 901 Yellowjacket, Rockwall, TX 75087.

William 'Jude' Cameron

Graveside services for William "Jude" Cameron, 14-month-old Christopher and Sarabeth (Blanck) Cameron, were conducted Thursday, April 22, 2010, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. The Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements. He died Saturday, April 17.

He was born Feb. 1, 2009. He was the great-grandson of Bill Jo Cameron and the great-great-nephew of Raymond and Elizabeth Cameron.

Survivors include his parents; his sister, Liberty Cameron; his parents, Dan and Suzanne Mosley and Susan Bailey, all of Rockwall; Mark Blanck of Garland; and his aunts and uncles, Curtis and Jennifer, Seth and Lacy Blanck, Bailey Blanck, Vickram and Victoria Meaghan Blanck, all of Rockwall.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the National Bank, Benefit Account for William Jude Cameron.

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Rockwall County City February Sales Tax Collections

County/City	Current Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	2010 Payments To Date	2009 Payments To Date	% Change
Rockwall							
Fate	1.500%	9,038.51	22,826.20	-60.40%	67,990.78	83,294.57	-18.37%
Heath	2.000%	36,314.93	34,748.04	4.50%	215,484.26	209,523.99	2.84%
McLendon Chisholm	1.000%	457.96	521.28	-12.14%	2,519.94	2,652.88	-5.01%
Mobile City	1.000%	4,516.79	4,470.50	1.03%	23,957.04	24,438.80	-1.97%
Rockwall	2.000%	894,057.31	889,508.77	0.51%	4,530,723.38	4,390,487.10	3.19%
Royse City	2.000%	79,858.85	72,662.82	9.90%	332,564.55	349,690.26	-4.89%
County Total		1,024,244.35	1,024,737.61	-0.04%	5,173,239.95	5,060,087.60	2.23%

Rockwall County Obituaries

(Continued from Page 4)

Patricia Ann Gomez



Patricia Ann Gomez, 67, of Rockwall, Texas, died of cancer on Saturday, April 17, 2010, at 2 p.m. at the Rockwall Memorial Hospital. She was born on March 10, 1943, in Rockwall, Texas, to the late J.J. Davis and Ethel May Davis. She was a graduate of Rockwall High School and attended grade school in Rockwall and was a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor. She attended Rockwall and Saint Edwards schools and was retired from the U.S. Naval Command.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Johnny Gomez; two sons and daughters, Mark Gomez of Dallas, Vince Gomez of Rockwall, Charlotte Gomez of Georgia and Tina Hunt of Arkansas; four grandchildren; and two nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Gomez.

Funeral services for Patricia Ann Gomez will be held on Monday, April 19, 2010, at 10 a.m. at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel, 1400 Rockwall Road, Rockwall, Texas. Burial will be at Mount Zion Cemetery in Rockwall, Texas. The family has suggested donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Rosie Longoria



Rosie Longoria, 82, of Rockwall, Texas, died of cancer on Saturday, April 17, 2010, at 11 p.m. at the Rockwall Memorial Hospital. She was born on March 10, 1928, in Rockwall, Texas, to the late J.J. Davis and Ethel May Davis. She was a graduate of Rockwall High School and attended grade school in Rockwall and was a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor. She attended Rockwall and Saint Edwards schools and was retired from the U.S. Naval Command.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Johnny Gomez; two sons and daughters, Mark Gomez of Dallas, Vince Gomez of Rockwall, Charlotte Gomez of Georgia and Tina Hunt of Arkansas; four grandchildren; and two nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Gomez.

Funeral services for Rosie Longoria will be held on Monday, April 19, 2010, at 10 a.m. at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel, 1400 Rockwall Road, Rockwall, Texas. Burial will be at Mount Zion Cemetery in Rockwall, Texas. The family has suggested donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Mary Lizzie Page

Mary Lizzie Page, 92, of Rockwall, Texas, died of cancer on Saturday, April 17, 2010, at 10 a.m. at the Rockwall Memorial Hospital. She was born on March 10, 1917, in Rockwall, Texas, to the late J.J. Davis and Ethel May Davis. She was a graduate of Rockwall High School and attended grade school in Rockwall and was a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor. She attended Rockwall and Saint Edwards schools and was retired from the U.S. Naval Command.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Johnny Gomez; two sons and daughters, Mark Gomez of Dallas, Vince Gomez of Rockwall, Charlotte Gomez of Georgia and Tina Hunt of Arkansas; four grandchildren; and two nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Gomez.

Funeral services for Mary Lizzie Page will be held on Monday, April 19, 2010, at 10 a.m. at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel, 1400 Rockwall Road, Rockwall, Texas. Burial will be at Mount Zion Cemetery in Rockwall, Texas. The family has suggested donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Frances 'Tincy' Stevens Vernon



Frances 'Tincy' Stevens Vernon, 72, of Rockwall, Texas, died of cancer on Saturday, April 17, 2010, at 1 p.m. at the Rockwall Memorial Hospital. She was born on March 10, 1937, in Rockwall, Texas, to the late J.J. Davis and Ethel May Davis. She was a graduate of Rockwall High School and attended grade school in Rockwall and was a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor. She attended Rockwall and Saint Edwards schools and was retired from the U.S. Naval Command.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Johnny Gomez; two sons and daughters, Mark Gomez of Dallas, Vince Gomez of Rockwall, Charlotte Gomez of Georgia and Tina Hunt of Arkansas; four grandchildren; and two nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Gomez.

Lorrie Windahl



Lorrie Windahl, 82, of Rockwall, Texas, died of cancer on Saturday, April 17, 2010, at 10 a.m. at the Rockwall Memorial Hospital. She was born on March 10, 1928, in Rockwall, Texas, to the late J.J. Davis and Ethel May Davis. She was a graduate of Rockwall High School and attended grade school in Rockwall and was a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor. She attended Rockwall and Saint Edwards schools and was retired from the U.S. Naval Command.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Johnny Gomez; two sons and daughters, Mark Gomez of Dallas, Vince Gomez of Rockwall, Charlotte Gomez of Georgia and Tina Hunt of Arkansas; four grandchildren; and two nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Gomez.

Rockwall-Heath 'Rocket Boys' qualify for nationals again

It wasn't easy. The Rockwall-Heath Rocket Club 2009 would have liked to have said it was easy to go two straight years in back-to-back qualifications for the national Team America Rocketry Competition. However, the boys would be the first to admit it was even more difficult to make the nation's top 100 this year.

First, the requirements for qualification to nationals are more difficult for the 2010 Nationals. Last year, the rules were to launch an egg to the altitude of 750 feet and have it return to earth via parachute within 45 seconds. This year's qualifications include an altitude to 825 feet within 45 seconds; however, the rocket cannot use a parachute but must return using only thin rectangular streamers.

Secondly, the boys struggled to design a rocket that would function after many launches while properly deploying the streamers. After much thought and experimentation, the boys designed, built and flew a rocket of incredible strength and solved most of the streamer problems.

Thirdly, the winter weather postponed many launches. High winds, freezing temperatures and record setting precipitation forced the team to make their qualification flight during the last weekend allowed. The extra rocket construction, the additional rocket engines and delays added up to an expensive and difficult endeavor.

"We always thought we would make nationals again," said Michael Geritsen. "What we didn't count on was how easy it came last year versus how

difficult it was to qualify this year. We feel very fortunate to make the top 100, but we are ready to make the top ten.



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MC receives P&Z input on State Hwy. 205 zoning

by Jo Anna Matejka
McLendon-Chisholm planning and zoning commission suggested the city return zoning of a strip along State Hwy. 205 to residential on one side and agricultural on the other at the April 13 city council meeting.

The council and the commission have been volleying various recommendations for about two years. The city has been trying to work out a vision of having a downtown district.

The strip, which runs from the cemetery to South of Klutts Road, has been zoned for general business, but with a depth of about 250 feet from the center of the highway, the council has been worried about usage.

Changing the zoning would force anyone who wanted to establish a business in that area to apply for a special-use permit. Existing businesses would not be affected.

Planning and zoning commissioners asked for further guidance and vision from the council, but received little feedback. With a transition in the mayor's office from Mike Donegon to Gary Moody on the horizon, the council seemed to be waiting to establish a new vision.

A motion brought by council Patrick Short to recommend the commission move forward with the public hearing process failed for lack of a second.

'Evening in Tuscany' to aid RHHS juniors

Parents of members of the Rockwall-Heath High School Class of 2011 will present "An Evening in Tuscany," a benefit for the class's senior-year activities, on May 22.

Festivities will include live entertainment, food, a drawing, silent auction, table tournaments and sunset garden tours.

To help sponsor or contribute to the event, contact Patricia Kirwan at patricia@thekirwans.net.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On March 15, 2010, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos Energy" or "the Company"), filed a Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM") filing to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders. This filing is applicable to all customers within all incorporated cities served by the Mid-Tex Division, with the exception of the City of Dallas. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is August 1, 2010. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,190,843 residential, 97,756 commercial, and 735 industrial and transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues for the affected incorporated areas of its Mid-Tex Division by \$56,826,830, or 6.04% percent, including gas costs, or 14.82% percent, excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code.

Based on the proposed rate design, the typical monthly bill for each customer class within the affected incorporated areas of the Mid-Tex Division will increase by the amount and percentage shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Increase with Gas Cost	Percentage Increase without Gas Cost
Residential	\$56.25*	\$60.00*	\$3.75	6.67%	16.95%
Commercial	\$213.36*	\$221.48*	\$8.12	3.81%	17.58%
Industrial	\$2164.76*	\$2277.05*	\$112.29	5.19%	20.90%
Transportation	\$635.97	\$748.27	\$112.30	17.66%	20.90%

Note: Bill impact ranges are subject to varying tax rates among the cities.

* Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$4.6303 per Mcf.

**The calculation of bill impacts assumes monthly consumption of 6 Mcf for residential, 30 Mcf for commercial and 300 MMBtu for industrial and transportation customers.

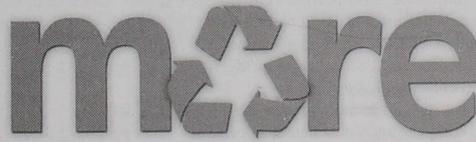
In addition to the rate revisions in Rate Schedules R, C, I, and T, the other proposed tariff change is an update to the factors included in Rider WNA.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Rate Review Mechanism, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos Energy's offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240 or on our Web site at www.atmosenergy.com/mtx-rrm. In addition, customers can contact their respective municipality for additional information regarding this rate request.

Este es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex Division de Atmos Energy Corporation (la Compañía) que la Compañía está solicitando un cambio en las tarifas del gas. Este cambio afecta a todos los clientes en las áreas incorporadas y servidas por Mid-Tex Division excepto la Ciudad de Dallas. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.

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 is edited for brevity, grammar and accuracy. Letters are considered libelous or an attack of an individual's character will be rejected, as well as those promoting political candidates. Letters must be signed and include a phone number or address for verification.



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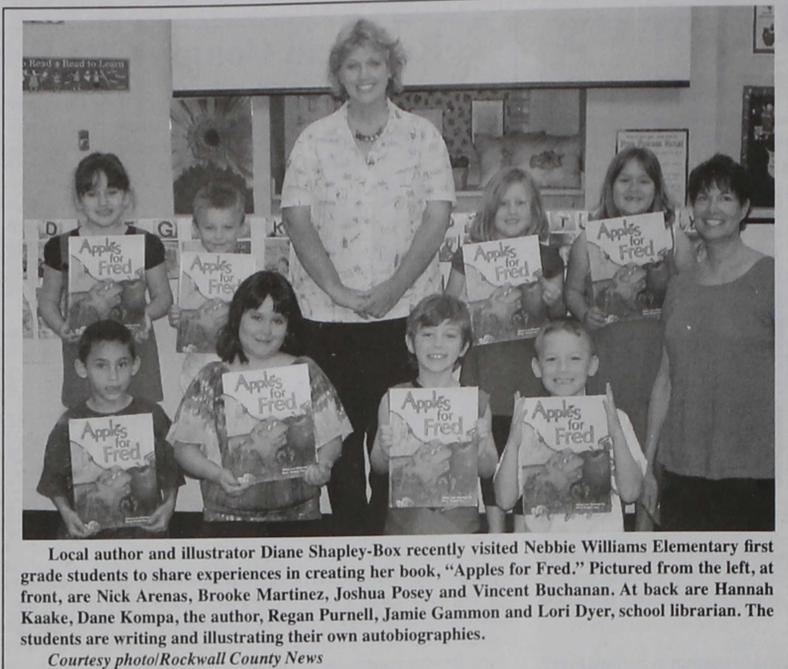
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- ★ **Fertile Economic Environment:**
Rockwall needs to be more welcoming to businesses, not greet them with hostility.
- ★ **Frugality in Government:**
Large multi-million dollar projects must be reconsidered, especially during the current economic downturn.
- ★ **Common Sense Policy:**
Codes and Ordinances targeting or favoring small groups or individuals is unacceptable.
- ★ **Bureaucracy Control, Not Citizen Control:**
A bureaucracy exists to control citizens, council should protect us from that invasion on our liberty.



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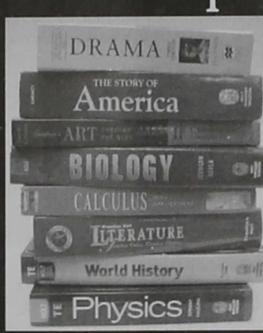
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Local author and illustrator Diane Shapley-Box recently visited Nebbie Williams Elementary first grade students to share experiences in creating her book, "Apples for Fred." Pictured from the left, at front, are Nick Arenas, Brooke Martinez, Joshua Posey and Vincent Buchanan. At back are Hannah Kaake, Dane Kompa, the author, Regan Purnell, Jamie Gammon and Lori Dyer, school librarian. The students are writing and illustrating their own autobiographies.
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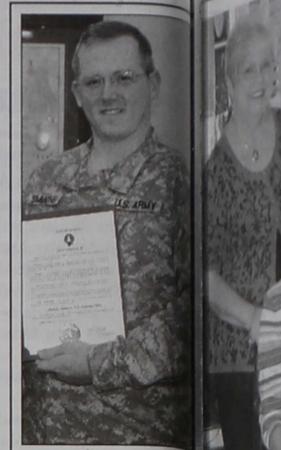


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U.S. Army Specialist Zackary Ryan Simmons, 25, was recognized April 6 for his service in Iraq and Germany. The son of Mike and Simmons of Heath, Zack Simmons graduated Rockwall High in 2003 and joined the military in 2005. Local individuals who have a friend or family member who has returned from active duty are asked to contact Kim Dobbbs, assistant city manager for Rockwall, at 972-771-7772 or kdobbbs@heathtx.com for Heath City Council recognition.
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Opinions

Why We Don't Compromise

by Jacob G. Hornberger

A few years after the founding of The Future of Freedom Foundation some 20 years ago, a donor who had been giving us \$1,000 a year telephoned me and asked me to write an op-ed in favor of school vouchers and send it to newspapers in his state. I told him that we could never do such a thing. FFF's mission, I reminded him, was to present an uncompromising case for libertarianism, which included an end to all government involvement in education. He bluntly told me that if I would not write such an op-ed, he would cease his support of FFF. He never donated to us again.

Over the years, we have had friends and supporters beseech us to modify our positions to make them more palatable and acceptable to people. Why not call for reform, privatization, or gradual phase-out of such major welfare-state programs as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid rather than for their immediate repeal? Why not call for reductions in income-tax rates rather than for the repeal of income taxation and the abolition of the IRS?

Why not call for increased levels of legal immigration rather than for opening the borders to the free movements of goods and people? Why not call for reductions in the number of overseas troops rather than for their complete and immediate withdrawal from all foreign countries?

Why not call for reductions in foreign aid rather than for an end to it? Why not call for school vouchers or tuition tax credits rather than for a complete separation of school and state? Why not call for limited regulation rather than for enterprise totally freed from government control? Why not call for legalization of marijuana rather than for all drugs?

The obvious question arises: Why do we do it? Why do we maintain a strict, no-compromise presentation of libertarian principles here at The Future of Freedom Foundation?

There are three primary reasons that our stance here at FFF continues to be based on an uncompromising perspective.

First, when a person concludes that a particular action is morally wrong, it seems to me that there is only one position that he can rightly take: to end it immediately or to call for its immediate end. Any continuation of the action, even with the intent of gradually bringing it to an end, continues an action that is morally wrong.

Suppose a 75-year-old woman has been embezzling from her employer for 20 years. One day she is caught. She says, "I've become dependent on the money, and I can't make it in life without it. Would it be okay to gradually phase out my embezzlement over a period of time?"

Most people would exclaim, "Unacceptable!" because they recognize that the money rightfully belongs to her employer. The woman, no matter how much she needs the money, has no right to take her employer's money against his will.

She can ask him to help her out on a voluntary basis, but he has the right to say either yes or no. Moreover, others have the right to help her with their money, but no right to force her employer to continue funding her.

This principle applies just as forcefully when government enters the

picture. The fundamental immorality of an action is not converted into something moral simply because the government is now performing it. Since it's morally wrong for one person to take another person's money against his will, it is equally wrong for the government to take a person's money against his will in order to give it to someone else.

Consider our embezzlement example. Suppose our little old lady goes to the government and asks it to tax her employer an amount equal to what she was embezzling and to give the money to her. Would anything change in a moral sense? Of course not. Taking what doesn't belong to you remains morally wrong whether you're doing it yourself or having someone else do it for you.

That is why you have never seen FFF supporting any proposal that reforms, modifies, tinkers with, or continues any regulatory or welfare-state program whatsoever, including Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, public schooling, corporate grants, foreign aid, the drug war, and the like. On moral grounds, we have always called for their complete and immediate repeal.

The second reason for our uncompromising stance is that we have a complete faith in freedom, free people, and free markets. We have no doubt that freedom works. People have a remarkable resiliency, a trait that best manifests itself in an environment of freedom.

Reform plans convey doubts about freedom. They say to people that complete and sudden freedom can't really be trusted - that government force is needed to manage the transition from a controlled society to a free society. Of course, that just feeds into the mindset of people who have become dependent on the welfare state - people who cannot imagine that they could ever survive without their dole.

One of the most horrific consequences of the welfare state has been the damage that it has done to the traits of self-reliance, independence, and can-do that once characterized the American people. The welfare state has succeeded in producing frightened, helpless people with a dependency on the government.

Yet such a mindset is reversible, and the best method for reversing it is complete and immediate freedom, entailing an immediate termination of the welfare-state doles.

Some people would say, "But that would be cruel. We should instead reform the program or phase it out over a period of time to give people a chance to adjust."

But doesn't that simply continue the dependency (and the immorality)? Doesn't it also communicate doubts to people regarding the efficacy of freedom?

When slavery was brought to a sudden end in the United States, every one of the slaves was thrown into the insecurity and uncertainty that freedom entails. Having been dependent on their owners for generations for the essentials of life, they had absolutely no experience providing for themselves in the free and open marketplace.

Undoubtedly there were those who had argued that it would be cruel to free the slaves so suddenly. "We should ameliorate their condition but phase out the system gradually," they may have argued. "Otherwise, the newly freed slaves won't be able to survive."

But others, including me, would have argued, "Complete and sudden freedom is the only moral position to take. Plans to improve their condition and schemes designed to gradually bring their slavery to an end only continue the immorality."

Freedom might well prove to be difficult, but they will prosper. Don't permit your concern for the plight of the slaves to be an excuse to continue their slavery; instead offer to assist them in fact need help after they are freed."

The same principle applies to all aspects of the welfare-state under which Americans have lived for generations. If former recipients could adjust to a life of freedom, so would former recipients of Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, corporate grants, military largesse, and other forms of welfare.

Once freed from dependency on the government, people can quickly adjust, sustaining themselves either through labor or through the voluntary charity of others. Moreover, freeing people from burdensome taxes that fund those programs would immediately expand the private sector, thereby expanding jobs and charity.

The third reason for our uncompromising approach is that it is the only way to serve as a place for people to go who wish to learn the truth about the burning issues of the day.

If we, as a libertarian educational foundation, were advancing things as Social Security reform plans, health-care IRAs, income reductions, school vouchers, regulatory reform, controlled borders, drug war, the war on terrorism, undeclared wars of aggression, troop levels overseas, torture, assassination, the war on terrorism, violations of civil liberties, there would exist the distinct danger that people might conclude that libertarianism encompasses statist proposals. But of course, it does not.

We must never give up hope of achieving freedom in our lifetime, and we must never be willing to settle for reforming or improving the modern-day serfdom under which we suffer. The achievement of freedom in the short term is entirely possible, and we might be closer to our goal than we can ever imagine.

It is more important than ever that we maintain strict adherence to libertarian principles. By doing so, we increase the chances of bringing the heritage of liberty of our ancestors and leading the world to the highest reaches of freedom ever seen by man.

Jacob Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation. Send him email.

The Constitution of most of our states (and of the United States) assert that all power is inherent in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves; that is their right and duty to be at times armed and that they are entitled to freedom of person, freedom of religion, freedom of property and freedom of press.
 Thomas Jefferson

Awards presented by Rockwall County Historical Foundation

The April Brown Bag lecture presented by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation included the presentation of four preservation awards, including an individual achievement award to Ray Holt for his research and dedication to the organization.

- Awards for houses went to the following:
- Preservation Award/Multi-Story – John and Kathy Donahoe, 925 N. Goliad, built in 1913 by the Cade family;
 - Authentic Restoration Award – Robert and Rita Norbury, 408 Munson, built in 1919, original owner P.G. Isbell;
 - Adaptive Reuse Award – 105 Olive St., built by the O.L. Steeger family in 1920, now BIN 303 Restaurant owned by Mat and Breean Nugent;
 - Merit/Heritage Award – Katie Hudson, 501 Munson, built in 1901 for Robert Frasier.

Annie Cornelius delivered the program on "The Almost True History of Roysse City." She started with an original poem in which she'd written about change – how some people like it and other don't. Her presentation left lecture participants laughing.

The foundation will host its vintage baseball game Sunday across from Rockwall High School on Yellow Jacket Lane. Activities begin at noon. Tickets will cost \$3 for children under 12 and \$5 for adults.

The next Brown Bag lecture will be at noon May 14 at the Historic Courthouse. Topic will be "Local Rockwall Fashion Through the Years."

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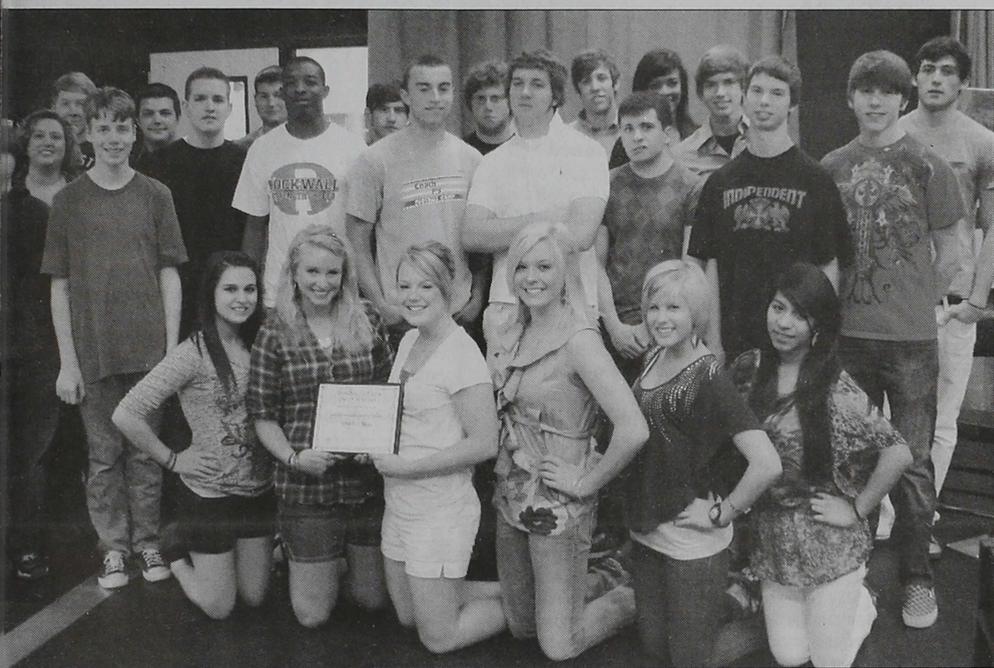
Artistic director Michele McDonald and advisory board members Vicki Jolley and Toni Humes met April 17 to begin planning the 25th anniversary year for Hubbard Chamber Music. For more than 20 years HCMS has produced a concert series in the Rockwall area utilizing Dallas Symphony musicians and guests. In recent years the focus has been on the Young Artists Solo and Chamber Music Competition, which brings young musicians – both local and international – together to participate in three days of performances. The event is traditionally conducted in February. Plans are for the 2011 event to be at the Heath United Methodist Church. For more details visit hubbardchambermusic.com or call McDonald at 972-772-7692.

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Ray Holt was one of five award recipients at the April Brown Bag lecture presented by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation. He received an individual achievement award for his research and dedication to the organization. Pictured with Holt is Annie Cornelius, who delivered the April program on "The Almost True History of Roysse City."

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The Rockwall High School Media Technology class earned Distinguished Merit in all but one category of the Interscholastic League Press Conference/UIL rating. Students submitted a Jan. 29 Studio 9 News broadcast in the 10-15 Minute Newscast category, and it was evaluated for verbal, video and audio communications, talent and overall rating. Distinguished Merit is the highest rating a broadcast can receive at the state level. In audio, the one category the class did not receive Distinguished Merit, it received an Achievement rating. Pictured from the left are Dejana Neskovic, Sara Clark, Priscilla Stepp, Catherine Dorsey, Rumer Phillips, Anna Hernandez, Nick Heiner, Jennifer Faunce, Sam Howell, Hunter Gerhart, Darius Lafayette, Alan Reed, CJ Bricker, Steven Martinez, Jake O'Neill, Matt Lang Alex Trammell, James Trammell, Jason Cowan, Mike Potiska, Ryan Reynolds, Cameron Riera, Brittney Kindred, Cameron Cook and Matt Bonfante.

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Rockwall High School Band Spring Craft Fair

May 1, inside Rockwall High School. The craft fair will display wares from 50 plus vendors from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We also have a few empty spots available for vendors. Please contact Liz Tarter for more information:

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Open enrollment now under way at Fulton

Fulton School, a college preparatory school open to children in grades 3 through 12th grade, they will host spring open enrollment the week of April 26-30. The theme is "An Even Brighter Future for Every Child."

Open enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year will run through the open enrollment period. Parents are encouraged to attend a private campus tour, meet with staff and bring their children to be a part of the Day to Gain first-hand experience as a Fulton student, visit Fulton School booths at the Spring Fair on April 24 and attend the Fulton Preview Day from 10 a.m. to noon May 15.

Fulton Preview Day will feature a campus tour highlighting the staff and curriculum, presentations from parents and students, a meeting with the head of the school and a student-to-student Q&A session centered around fun activities.

"The Fulton School is a little-

known gem right here in Rockwall County," said Matthew Burgy, the school's principal. "We're striving to raise awareness throughout the community of all our school has to offer."

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Rockwall County News Briefs

Class on floral arranging is today

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

LRH Texas Exes event set today

University of Texas fans, friends and alumni are invited to the Lake Ray Hubbard Texas Exes' fifth annual Scholarship Dinner and Auction at 7 p.m. today at the Z Lounge at Shenaniganz, Rockwall. The event will feature live and silent auctions. Proceeds will be used to fund scholarships for Rockwall County students attending UT in the fall. To RSVP or for details contact Paige Parks at 214-686-3137 or paigeparks@hotmail.com.

PCCS to offer 'Willy Wonka' musical

Tickets to the Poetry Community Christian School's "Willy Wonka Jr." musical, which will be offered at 7 p.m. today and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, are available by calling Quatona Blake at 972-563-7227 or e-mailing pccsevents@poetrychristian.org.

MC Spring Fest set Saturday

McLendon-Chisholm's Spring Fest will run from noon until dark Saturday. The event will include children's games, live music, cow-patty bingo, live and silent auctions, a bounce house, vendors' booths and a dessert contest. The Rockwall Lions Club steak dinner is set for 4:30 p.m. Vendors may contact Debby at 972-524-2077.

Wii Afternoon planned for Saturday

Wii Afternoon for teens will run from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the Rockwall County Library's first floor meeting room.

Aspians Arts, Crafts Fair set Saturday

The Aspians Spring Arts and Crafts Fair, set Saturday in the Historic Downtown Rockwall Square, will feature jewelry, gifts, fashion, food, children's games and other activities. Booth rental proceeds will fund scholarships for RHS and RHHS graduating seniors. For vendor information call 214-712-0212 or visit aspians.com.

'Celebrating God's Creation' is Saturday

The Heath First United Methodist Church will host "Celebrating God's Creation" from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday on the church grounds, 140 Smirl Drive. The event will include a used book sale, plant sale, organic foods, gardening tips, charting of carbon footprints, tips on saving energy, wind energy, solar energy, a garage sale and a raffle drawing for a composter. A Blessing of the Animals ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. A petting zoo also is planned. Proceeds will benefit church mission activities. For details call Kerrie at 972-771-6732.

Kite-flying event set Saturday

The Rowlett Exchange Club will host its second annual KiteFest Saturday at Elgin Robertson Park, I-30 and Dalrock Road. Everyone is invited to participate by flying kits and watching demonstrations by professional kite flyers. Admission will be free.

'Senior' Prom set Saturday at The Center

A 'Senior' Prom for individuals ages 50 and older will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday at The Center on Washington Street. Music from the Sinatra era to country to disco will be included. Cost will be \$5 for Rockwall residents, \$8 for non-residents. Sponsor is the city's Youth Advisory Council. Call 972-772-6406 for details.

Teen Pop-in-and-Study set Tuesday

The Rockwall County Library's Pop-in-and-Study event for teens will run from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Tuesday in the first floor meeting room. Teens are encouraged to bring their homework; the library will provide the popcorn.

HH plans Business After Hours

Rockwall Helping Hands will host a Business After Hours networking event from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at 950 Williams St. Hors d'oeuvres, beverages and networking will be offered, along with tours of the Helping Hands facility and its garden. Call 972-771-HELP, ext. 222 for more information.

Republican Women reschedule meeting

The Rockwall County Republican Women's Club's April 22 scholarship meeting has been rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29. Visit rcrw.org for more details.

Feral Friends plans Adoption Weekend

Feral Friends will host an Adoption Weekend April 30 through May 2. Kittens will be ready for adoption at the PetSmart locations in Rowlett and Richardson. Donations of kitten supplies will be accepted for kittens being cared for by the organization.

RHS band plans Spring Craft Fair

The RHS Band will host a Spring Craft Fair May 1 inside Rockwall High. The fair will display wares from more than 50 vendors from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A few vendors' spots remain available. For more details contact Liz Tarter, 972-772-1846.

Wilder to address conservatives

The Rockwall Coffee Conservatives will welcome nationally syndicated radio host Scott Wilder to The Well, 103 E. Main St. in Roysse City, at 10:30 a.m. May 1. The program will be free and open to individuals of all ages. For more information call 214-793-2923.

May 2 open house set for PAC

The RISD will host an open house to showcase the new Rockwall High Performing Arts Center located on the Utley Middle School campus, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 2. Performances from RHS students, feeder schools and community groups are planned as part of the free event. A reception will follow. For further details call 972-771-0605.

Hair to address May 5 RCC gathering

Bill Hair of My Computer Guy will be the speaker at the May 5 meeting of the Rockwall Computer Council. The meeting will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Center, Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington St. and is open to anyone interested in the use of computers. For more details call Jim Baird, 972-771-8529.

Mayors' Prayer Breakfast set May 6

Rockwall County's mayors will host the fourth annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast on May 6 at The Center at City Place, 108 W. Washington St. Doors to the nondenominational event will open at 7:30 a.m.; activities, including a free continental breakfast, will begin at 8 a.m. Tim Barton of Wallbuilders will be the guest speaker.

Rachel's Rally, Million Meals events planned

The third annual Rachel's Rally event, coordinated by the Rockwall ISD, will begin at 7 p.m. May 6 at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium. In conjunction with the rally, the RISD is partnering with Kids Against Hunger to package more than one million meals to be donated to area food shelters and Haitian earthquake relief. The community is invited to participate in either or both efforts. For more information call 972-771-0605 or visit rockwallisd.com.

Tri-County Choral Concert slated

The Tri-County Choral Society's 2010 Spring Concert, "It's Broadway, Baby!" is set for 6:30 p.m. May 7 at the Roysse City Middle School. Tickets will cost \$6 at the door. For more details call Annie Cornelius at 972-816-9626 or visit tri-countychoralsociety.art.officelive.com.

May 11 FOL meeting scheduled

The final Friends of the Library meeting will begin at 11 a.m. May 11 in the home of Barbara Allan. New officers will be installed and the Hartman and Celia Hays awards will be presented. Kathleen Broze will cater lunch. Reservations are required and must be made by 5 p.m. May 7 -- 972-771-8976 or cplagens65@aol.com.

RHHS Senior Prom, After Prom planned

The RHHS Senior Prom is set for 8 p.m. to midnight May 8 at Southfork Ranch. Tickets cost \$150 for students who've not paid class dues. For details contact Cathy at 972-771-7669 or 972-979-8086. The drug-free After Prom at Shenaniganz will run from 12:15 a.m. to 5 a.m. Tax-deductible donations are needed. Call Nora, 972-358-0412, or Elizabeth, 214-906-9608, or mail checks to RHHS, Attn: Julie Durst, 801 Laurence Drive, Heath, TX 75032.

FOL Mad Hatter Luncheon set

The Friends of the Library Mad Hatter Luncheon will begin at noon May 11 at the Roysse City Melody Room at City Hall. A silent auction and program are planned. Cost will be \$20 per person. Call 972-635-2772 for more details.

Brown Bag Series to focus on fashion

The final lecture in the Rockwall County Historical Foundation's Brown Bag Series prior to the summer break will be at noon May 14 and will focus on local fashion trends through the years. Photos, artifacts and live models will round out the presentation. The free, family friendly program will be in the Historic Courthouse on the square.

Older Americans celebration slated

The Rockwall County Committee on Aging will host an Older Americans celebration at 1 p.m. May 14 at the Rockwall County Library. Each May, Rockwall County organizations, the five mayors and city governments and individuals nominate outstanding seniors to receive awards. The ceremony will feature Congressman Ralph Hall, who will present awards. For more details call 972-771-9514.

Leadership Rockwall graduation set

The Leadership Rockwall Class of 2010 will have graduation ceremonies from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 19 at the Hilton Bella Harbor. Dan Bartlett, former counselor to President George W. Bush and a 1989 RHS graduate, will be the guest speaker. To make reservations call the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce at 972-771-5733 or e-mail info@rockwallchamber.org.

Founders Day Festival set May 22

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

'Keep the Cup Tea,' fashion show planned

Friends of the Museum will present Keep the Cup Tea and Fashion Show from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. May 22. Cost will be \$8 per person, including the tea cup. Call Annie Cornelius at 972-816-9626 or visit roysecitymuseum.com for more details.

'Evening in Tuscany' to benefit RHHS juniors

Parents of RHHS Class of 2011 members will present "An Evening in Tuscany," a benefit for the class's senior activities, on May 22. Festivities will include live entertainment, food, a drawing, silent auction, table tournaments and sunset garden tours. To be a sponsor or contributor, e-mail Patricia Kirwan at patricia@thekirwans.net.

Internet safety workshop

A free class on Internet safety will be offered from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. May 28 at the Roysse City Methodist Church, 305 N. Josephine St., Roysse City. Anyone who uses the Internet, ages 8 through adult, is welcomed to attend. RSVP to Ami Brandow, abrandow@marykay.com or call 972-636-9419. Space will be limited.

Rest Haven plans Memorial Day event

Rest Have Memorial Park, 2500 State Hwy. 66 East, Rockwall, will conduct its 36th Annual Memorial Day Celebration at 10 a.m. May 31. For more information, contact Sharon Connor at 972-771-8641.

RC thost car, craft show

The 3rd Annual Roysse City Main Event Car & Craft Show is set for June 5 in historic downtown Roysse City. Registration will run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., with the show running from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Awards will be distributed at 7 p.m.,



The Rockwall ISD Education Foundation recent donated and novelty items to the Rockwall County YMCA for use in Healthy Kids Day observance on April 17. Items also will be used for other activities offered to elementary school-aged children during the spring and summer months. Pictured are, at left, Virginia Reinhardt, YMCA membership coordinator, and Cindy Benefield, Education Foundation staff member. For more information visit risdeducationfoundation.com. Photo courtesy RISD Education Foundation/Rockwall County News



Pictured are Virginia Reinhardt Elementary fifth grade students Evan Tolle, Keeley Parvin and Donovan Griffin with their model created for the Come to my Restaurant project. Students used an interest survey to create model restaurants that would cater to customers ages 9 to 12, then created commercials tailored to attract pre-teen attention. The project was designed to strengthen reading, writing and thinking skills. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Friends of the Library president Darlene Bealmear, left, and program vice president Kathleen Broze are pictured with Steve Dallas Morning News columnist and speaker for the organization May lunch basket meeting. The meeting, which was underwritten by Lakeside National Bank, American National Bank and ONCO Electric Delivery, sold out prior to deadline. The final FOL meeting will be at 11 a.m. May 11 at Barbara Allan's home. Reservations for the event, which will be catered by Broze, must be made by 5 p.m. May 7 by calling 972-771-8976 or e-mail cplagens65@aol.com. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Students of Marianne Miller's second grade class at Heritage Christian Academy recently donated more than 430 books to the Rockwall County Library. The class delivered the books as part of a field trip, and the library provided a tour, scavenger hunt, story time and bookmark-making craft project. Pictured from left are Tyra Winters, Payton Scalf, Alexander Neff and Cole Walker. Miller is pictured in the background. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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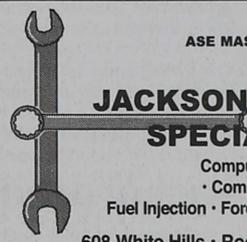
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The Ordinance, in its entirety, is available for review in the City Secretary's office at 105 E. Fate Main Place, Fate, Texas.

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ORDINANCE NO. O-1139
ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR RECALCULATING SEWER RATES WHEN A PROPERTY OWNER HAS EXPERIENCED A WATER LEAK ON HIS PROPERTY DURING THE WINTER AVERAGING MONTHS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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Jean Dwinell, TRMC, City Secretary, City of Fate
ORDINANCE NO. O-1141
APPROVING THE "FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT" SHOWN IN EXHIBIT "A" WITH SERVICE PROVIDER IESI, EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION, HAULING AND DISPOSAL OR RECYCLING MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS IN THE CITY OF FATE, TEXAS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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ORDINANCE NO. O-1143
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-1131 APPROVING AND ADOPTING AMENDED RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS OF THE MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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Jean Dwinell, TRMC, City Secretary, City of Fate

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ROCKWALL
VS.
THE UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF CHILD: RAE ALEXANDRIA WILLIAMS, WHEREVER HE MAY BE FOUND

AUS. NO. 1-07-995

HEARINGS:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk no issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you are served this citation, a default judgment may be taken against you. The PETITION TO MODIFY PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP, was filed in the 382nd District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, on APRIL 09, 2010, against THE UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF CHILD: RAE ALEXANDRIA WILLIAMS, Numbered 07-995, and entitled IN THE INTEREST OF RAE ALEXANDRIA WILLIAMS A CHILD. The date and place of birth of the child (children) who is (are) the subject of this suit: RAE ALEXANDRIA WILLIAMS, DOB: 03/30/2003.

The Court has the authority in this suit to render an order in the child's (children's) interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's (children) adoption.

Given and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Rockwall, Texas, this 12th day of April, 2010.

KAY MCDANIEL, District Clerk
Rockwall County Government Center
1101 Ridge Rd., Ste. 209
Rockwall, Texas 75087

By: *PEGGY J. SHEPPARD*
PEGGY J. SHEPPARD, Deputy

Texas Department of Transportation

Notice of Availability - Final Tier One Environmental Impact Statement

pursuant to Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, §2.5(e)(8)(B), the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is advising the public of the availability of the approved Tier One Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed Trans-Texas Corridor 35 (TTC-35) (the Oklahoma to Mexico/Gulf Coast) corridor program. TTC-35 was originally envisioned as a multi-modal transportation corridor that could be up to 1,200 feet wide (at full build-out) with separate lanes for passenger vehicles (in each direction) and trucks (two in each direction), six rail lines (separate lines in each direction for high-speed rail, commuter rail, and freight rail), and a 200-foot wide utility corridor. It was proposed to extend from the Texas-Oklahoma state line, north of the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) metropolitan area, through Central Texas, and to the Texas-Mexico border near the City of Laredo, generally paralleling Interstate I-35 throughout its length.

The TTC-35 environmental study process was initiated using a two-phased or "tiered" approach. Tier one of the environmental process evaluates 13 alternatives, including a No Action Alternative and 12 Reasonable Corridor Alternatives (RCAs). The 12 RCAs are four to 18 miles in width and between 486 and 501 miles long. If the Tier One decision results in the selection of a corridor alternative for TTC-35, the selected corridor would become the study area for Tier Two environmental processes. If, however, TxDOT selects the recommended alternative (as described below) in the TTC-35 Tier One Record of Decision (ROD), a study area for a TTC-35 facility(ies) would not be chosen and the TTC-35 project would be studied through separate and independent planning and environmental processes and associated public involvement activities.

The No Action Alternative is being recommended as the Preferred Alternative in the TTC-35 Tier One FEIS. This recommendation is based on technical comments received during the TTC-35 Tier One Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), as well as TxDOT's decision to drop the multimodal "one-size-fits-all" Trans-Texas Corridor approach to addressing transportation challenges in the I-35 corridor.

The TTC-35 Tier One FEIS is available for public review at TxDOT district and area offices, public meetings in the study area, and online at www.keeptexasmoving.com. Visit the website for a complete list of locations to view the FEIS. Copies (paper or CD) of the FEIS can be obtained for the actual cost of reproduction. To order a copy call toll-free at (877) 872-6789.

Comments regarding the TTC-35 Tier One FEIS should be submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation, Mr. Ed Pensock, P.O. Box 14707, Austin, Texas 78761-4707, or via e-mail at ed.pensock@keeptexasmoving.com. Comments must be received by or postmarked by May 24, 2010. Comments received or postmarked by this date that were not addressed in the TTC-35 Tier One FEIS will be addressed in the Tier One Record of Decision.

For more information in español. Llamada gratis: 1-877-872-6789.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Rockwall Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, Texas to consider the following item as:

Case # BOA-2010-4-V

Hold a public hearing to consider approval of a request from Monty and Marilyn Kroll, for a variance from the final plat to reduce the north side build-line along Lockhart drive from 15-feet to 8 -feet on Lot 19, Block N, LOFLAND FARMS PHASE 2, City of Rockwall, Texas located at 2140 Garrison Drive.

For more information concerning this case, contact the Building Inspections Department at (972) 771-7709.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Request for Sealed Competitive Proposal

DIESEL AND UNLEADED FUEL
RFP 10-5-4-113

Proposals received until 2:00 PM May 4, 2010

The Rockwall Independent School District is receiving sealed competitive proposals for the above mentioned products. Proposal packages may be requested by email to jharris@rockwallisd.org or by phone to Jody Harris - 469-698-7019. The District anticipates award at the May 17th board meeting. Proposal forms should be in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Director of Purchasing and marked with the proposal number and name. Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM on May 4, 2010 at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087 at which time said proposals will be publicly opened but not read.

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Rockwall County Sports

Rockwall-Heath Hawks' winning streak reaches 30 games

by Lary Bump

The outcome seemed to be decided early, but the suspense lingered until the last inning Friday night.

Trevor Holland led off Rockwall-Heath's baseball game at Roysse City with a home run. The Hawks kept adding runs throughout the first five innings to increase the lead to 7-0.

The Bulldogs didn't seem likely to come back at any point. They hadn't scored a run the first time the District 10-4A teams met. This time, none of RC's first 11 batters even reached base. Into the seventh inning they went, without a hit.

With one out, RHHS right-hander Jake Thompson faced opposing pitcher Scot Lane, one of just four Roysse City batters who even hit a fair ball against him.

Scot Lane, who had ended Thompson's perfect-game attempt in the fourth inning with a ground ball to shortstop that went for an error, then lined a

single into left field for a single. That was the Bulldogs' first, and only, hit. Thompson struck out the next two batters for strikeouts number 17 and 18.

"Jake was very impressive. Eighteen strikeouts, one hit and no walks," Hawks head coach Greg Harvey pointed out. "He had great velocity on his fastball. He maintained it throughout the game; sometimes it has kind of tailed off. He threw 101 pitches, and was at 87 (miles per hour) on the last pitch. He had a great breaking ball as well. He threw the ball where he wanted."

It was a breaking pitch that Lane hit for his single. Harvey said, "It was a slider, and he left it up. Of course, it was disappointing that he didn't get the no-hitter. We all knew it was going on the last couple of innings."

Before that, RHHS had used seven hits and six Roysse City errors to build a lead, but the Bulldogs dug in and prevented Rockwall-Heath from winning

by the 10-run mercy rule.

"It was another good night. We've been telling the team we just can't out and answer the bell. We have to play hard. A leadoff home run set the tone for the rest of the night. I thought we hit the ball well."

In the second inning, Bret Boswell led off with a single and scored on a wild pitch. The Hawks' only multiple-run inning was the third. Consecutive singles by Thompson, Drew Benefield and John Branum led to one of three runs. An error and Boswell's sacrifice fly produced the others.

Two Roysse City errors produced a two-out run in the fourth. Nick Pearce singled to drive in Boswell, who was 2-for-3, with a fifth-inning run for a final 7-0 margin.

The Hawks avoided a letdown Tuesday with a 14-0 victory at Richardson Pearce to improve their record to 30-0 overall, 12-0 in the district.

James Baune pitched a four-hit shutout, and received plenty of offensive support. Jovan Hernandez, Drew Baxter and Boswell hit home runs. Hernandez, Baxter and Thompson added doubles.

Barring an upset win by Rockwall at Highland Park Friday, it appears RHHS will have to go to the final regular-season game against HP on April 30, to clinch the 10-4A title. Highland Park is 11-1 in the district, the only loss to the Hawks at Scotland Yard. Before that, Rockwall-Heath scheduled to play Friday at Carrollton R.L. Turner (2-10 in the district).

The Hawks wrapped up at least the second seed from 10-4A, but Harvey said, "We're still trying to win the district championship. We'll be seeing good, quality pitching like (at Roysse City, and we'll need to see some of us go to the playoffs."

Lady Hawks' Richardson jumps to two district titles

Brianna Richardson's first-place finishes in the long jump and the triple jump powered Rockwall-Heath's girls to fifth place in the District 10-4A track and field championships at Roysse City.

In the boys' competition, the Hawks placed sixth, with Jonathan Fuller winning the high jump.

Both the boys and the girls will be sending three individuals and a relay team to the Region II championships April 30 at the University of North Texas' Fouts Field.

RHHS' girls totaled 84 points, and the boys had 61. Highland Park won both events, with the girls scoring 134 points and the boys 169 1/3.

Richardson soared 40 feet, 2 inches to win the triple jump by 3 1/2 feet over

her closest competitor, and took the long jump at 18-2 1/4.

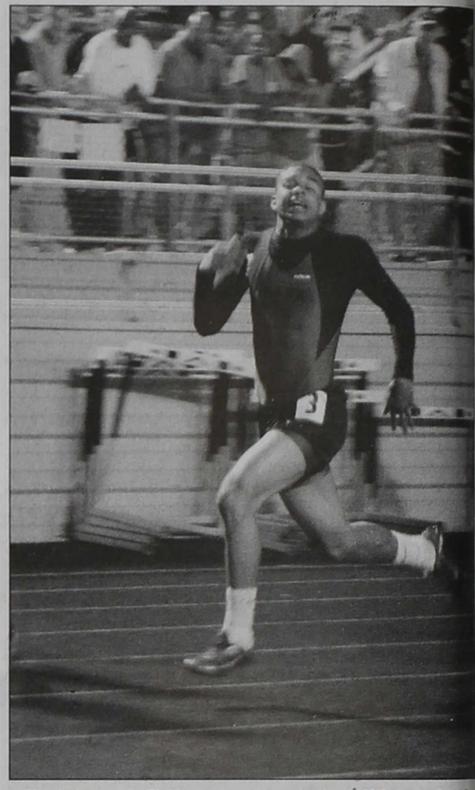
The Lady Hawks' Aly Coughlin was second in the 800-meter run - finishing in 2 minutes, 21.075 seconds, less than 3/10ths of a second behind the winner. Brittany Wenger qualified for the regionals by placing third in the pole vault at 9-6. They'll be joined by the 400-meter relay team that finished second in 51.091 seconds.

Fuller high-jumped 6-4 to lead the Rockwall-Heath boys qualifying for the regionals.

Also going will be Amaris Fields, third in the 200 in 22.376, less than .17 seconds behind the winner; Carlos Zaldivar, third in the 800 in 2:03.995, and the 1,600-meter relay team that placed third in 3:29.569.



Lady Hawks' runner Aly Coughlin (third from left) keeps a steady pace in the 800M run to finish second with a time of 2:21.075. Coughlin will advance to the Regional Track and Field Meet to be held May 3-4 at the University of North Texas in Denton. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Hawks' Amaris Fields pushes through the 100M dash. Fields advanced to the Regional Track and Field Meet in the 200M dash after his third place time of 22.376 seconds. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Lady Hawks third in state gymnastics

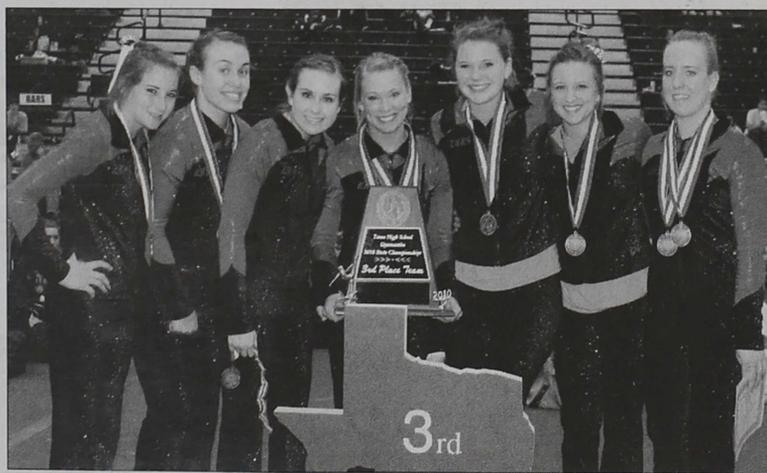
Lori Williamson set a record with a perfect 10.0 score in the floor exercise, and placed sixth all-around, to lead Rockwall-Heath to third place in the state gymnastics championships.

The Lady Hawks totaled 227.925 to finish behind champion Lake Highlands (231.925) and San Angelo Central (230.775).

Williamson's score in the floor exercise, also her personal best, came on the first day of competition. The senior finished the three days third on the uneven bars and seventh in both the floor exercise and balance beam. Teammate Jade Bowerman, a junior, was eighth all-around, seventh on the uneven bars and 10th on the floor.

Williamson and senior Megan Hasenyager were chosen to represent Team Texas on the Senior National Team, with RHHS head coach Jennifer Bolli chosen to coach Team Texas. Williamson will compete in the Level 9 Senior National Meet May 21 and 22 in Fort Myers, Fla., and Hasenyager will compete in the Level 8 Senior National Meet May 28 and 29 at Saginaw High School.

In addition, the Texas High School Coaches Association named Bolli its Coach of the Year.



Lady Hawks' gymnastics team placing third at the State meet are (left to right) Ashlee Reese, Elia Carey, Regan Allen, Lori Williamson, Megan Hasenyager, Lauren Statham, and Jade Bowerman. Photo by Marcia Hasenyager/Rockwall County News



Lady Hawks' Lori Williamson leaps to a perfect 10 score in the floor routine during last week's State Gymnastics meet in Alvin. Photo by Marcia Hasenyager/Rockwall County News

Rockwall-Heath hot preparing for softball playoffs

Rockwall-Heath's softball team is peaking at the right time. Heading into their final scheduled regular-season game, at home Friday for Senior Night against Highland Park, the Lady Hawks have won 9 of 10 games. The only loss was against Rockwall, which has clinched the District 10-4A title with a 12-1 record. RHHS is tied for second place with Roysse City at 10-3.

Most recently, the Lady Hawks defeated Richardson Pearce 8-1 Friday April 16, and Carrollton R.L. Turner 18-0 on a no-hitter by Victoria Combs. Combs allowed just three hits against Pearce, and has given up only one run and five hits in Rockwall-Heath's last three games.

Led by catcher Dakota Whittern, who has had two triples in each of the last two games, RHHS also has been pounding the ball. Against the Lake Mustangs and Lady Lions, they totaled 11 extra-base hits. Combs hit a double and Madie Rice had a triple against Pearce. In the Turner game, Kayla Robertson also had two triples, Rice slammed a double and Kayleigh L. also had a two-base hit.

The Lady Hawks won just 4-3 at Highland Park, but seem poised for other big offensive outings to lead them into the playoffs. There, Rockwall-Heath is likely to meet Frisco Centennial or McKinney, tied for second place in District 9-4A in a Bi-District playoff.



Lady Hawks' Dakota Whittern stops a Pearce runner at home. Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News flickr.com/photos/carls_sideline_pics

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Rockwall County Sports

Rockwall rises from rough start to repeat district title

Lary Bump
The depths of starting with just one victory in games, Rockwall head coach Shadie Acosta didn't think her team could repeat its

District 10-4A championship from last year.
"Not at all," she said Tuesday after the Lady Jackets clinched first place by defeating Highland Park 20-3. "Even in our down points, we knew

where we should have been." That could be where the team is now, on a nine-game winning streak that has improved RHS' record to 16-11-2 overall and 12-1 in the district.

That one 10-4A loss was in the district opener at Royse City. The Lady Jackets took a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning, only to lose the game 5-4 when the Lady Bulldogs scored a run with two out in the bottom of the seventh.

"It still eats us up that we lost to Royse City," Acosta said.

The Lady Jackets trailed RC by just one game when the season's second half began. Playing at the Elmer and Reesie Campbell Complex, Rockwall left no doubt by beating the Lady Bulldogs 8-0.

Acosta said, "We started going in that second round against Royse City, and we still feel the same way. The girls are hitting the ball consistently.

So consistently that RHS had 17 hits in a 10-0 home victory over Carrollton Newman Smith Friday,

April 16, and 20 more Tuesday at Highland Park.

In that game, Rockwall scored five runs in both the first and second innings, six in the third and five more before the mercy rule ended the game after five innings. Nineteen of the hits were singles; Taylor Lemons added a triple in a 3-for-5 performance. Amanda Harmon was 3-for-4, and reached base in all five plate appearances. Freshman Katie Page was 4-for-4.

"We hit some solid shots, and they gave us quite a few extra bases with errors," the coach said.

All that remains before the playoffs is Friday's scheduled Senior Night game at home against Greenville. Before the game, Rockwall would honor its four seniors - Harmon, Jamie Bain, Maddy Canon and Taylor Townley.

Then the repeat district championships again are likely to repeat history. They're most likely to open the playoffs again against McKinney North, currently the fourth-place team in District 9-4A. The Lady Bulldogs, who will move to 10-4A next season, battled RHS through three games before losing a best-of-three Bi-District playoff series last year.

This season, the Lady Jackets faced North (15-13-2, 8-5) in two of their first three games, losing 10-9 and tying 8-8.

Acosta said, "We're excited to take on McKinney North. We've built up quite a rivalry already. We were not at our best when we played them before."

Friday
Rockwall 10, Carrollton Newman Smith 0



Lady Jackets' Carrie Jenkins (4) throws out a Newman Smith runner at first base during last week's game at Rockwall.
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Jackets cling to playoff spot despite losses

Lary Bump
Frustration. Disappointment. But Rockwall's baseball team is not yet feeling discouragement or desperation.

Despite three losses in their last four District 10-4A games, in contests they could have won, the Yellowjackets still are going into their final two district games in position for the fourth and final playoff berth.

The latest losses were Friday, April 16, at fifth-place Richardson Pearce 6-5 and Tuesday at home to Carrollton Newman Smith 8-2 in a game that enabled the Trojans to clinch third place over Rockwall.

Despite that 8-2 margin, Tuesday's was a winnable game for the Jackets. They led 2-1 with two innings to play, and trailed by only one run entering a disastrous seventh inning.

Wesley Cox, who allowed six hits over the first six innings, hit the Trojans' first batter in the seventh with a pitch. Number line batter Keegan Aguilar then lined a triple to left-center field for a 4-2 lead.

After a one-out walk, Thomas Anderson replaced Cox on the mound. Brandon Mims hit a ground ball just past drawn-in second baseman Steve Bean for Mims' third hit of the game and another run. A throwing error on another ground ball brought in another run, and so did Aldo Quiroga's hit. The inning's fifth run scored after Chris Colacecci relieved Anderson and threw a wild pitch.

Rockwall had good chances to add to the single runs they scored in the first and fifth innings, and again in the sixth. Instead, the Jackets left two runners on base in each of those innings, and eight in the game - six of them in scoring position.

The best chance was after RHS took a 2-1 lead in the fifth on Steve Bean's run-scoring single that drove starting pitcher Alex Benbow from the game.

With two runners on base, relief pitcher Kyle Dickerson struck out Spencer Edwards, who had two hits in the game; retired J.D. Deloach on a long fly ball to right field, and struck out Cox, who also had two

hits. With the Trojans ahead 3-2, Dickerson pitched out of trouble again, striking out pinch hitter Corey Mills for the final out with two runners on base.

"We're leaving too many runners on base. We're struggling to get clutch hits right now. It's pretty frustrating," said RHS head coach Jeff Payne, adding, "It's not a lack of effort. It's just not happening at the moment."

Payne has shaken up the lineup attempting to generate more offense. "A couple of guys are banged up, but we have no significant injuries. We're just looking for a spark. We cannot find the right mix right now."

The previous frustrating loss was against Pearce. The game highlight was Deloach's ninth home run this season. That broke the RHS record. Deloach had shared it briefly with Preston Clark (2004), a key player in Texas' run to the College World Series finals last year, and Roger Kieschnick (2005), now a top San Francisco Giants prospect playing at Double-A Richmond.

Deloach and Cox each hit a double in that game.

Pearce is a team the Jackets might have to play again to earn a playoff berth if the teams finish the district season in a tie. Rockwall (17-11-1 overall, 6-6 in the district) currently has a one-game lead over the Mustangs (5-7), but the Jackets have a daunting road game Friday at Highland Park (11-1).

Payne said, "We better play our best game of the year to beat HP. They're tough. We need Thomas Anderson to pitch lights out for seven innings as well."

State champ Brannon leads Jackets to 5th place

Brannon became the first Rockwall gymnast to win a state championship on the rings. His score of 9.25 led the event and paced the Yellowjackets to a 5th place finish at the Texas High School State Gymnastics Championships. In the girls' state championships, RHS' Kailea Coles tied for second on the uneven bars and placed eighth in the vault. Lindsay Loy placed 11th in the pommel horse.

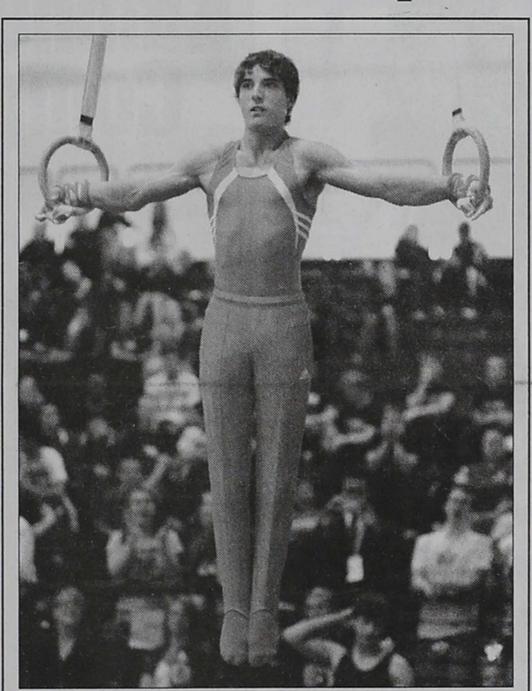
On the first day of competition, Brannon was in 38th place on the rings. He moved to fifth place on the second day. On the strength of being the only male to perform an inverted cross (upside down), he rallied in the finals to become the champion.

Samuel Daniel Strong finished 10th on the parallel bars (8.3). Neither Brannon nor Strong previously had been among the top 10 after the first two days to qualify for the finals in any event. Bradley Meyer placed highest among the Jackets, with a score of 107.7 for 13th place. Strong was 14th overall at 106.6.

RHS head coach Cameron Sweny, "The guys had a bit of an off day Day 1, but fought back in Day 2."

Brannon won the team championship with 330.35. Garland Lakeview placed second with 327.85, followed by Odessa Permian (327.10), Dallas (322.40) and Rockwall (321.15). Rockwall-Heath's boys were 12th overall at 280.

For the second consecutive year, Rockwall was recognized as a state finalist among the top six). The Jackets placed sixth in 2008-09. Brannon and senior classmates Robert Johnson and Jude McCarthy qualified to compete May 29 in the Senior National Meet for Team Texas, which will coach. Lady Jackets senior Jessica Moore also will compete that weekend at Kinlaw High School for the girls' Team Texas.



Yellowjackets' Craig Brannon competes in the rings routine during last week's State Gymnastics meet. Below, Brannon was the only gymnast in the meet to perform an inverted cross. Brannon returned as the Champion in the rings.
Photo by Marcia Hasenyager/Rockwall County News



Lady Jackets' Kailea Coles floats above the beam toward a 5th place finish during last week's State Gymnastics meet.
Photo by Marcia Hasenyager/Rockwall County News

Rockwall dashes and vaults to UIL regional track meet

Rockwall used depth to place among the top three teams in both the boys' and girls' competition in the District 10-4A track and field championships Friday and Thursday, April 14 and 15, at Royse City ISD Stadium.

The Yellowjackets had just four individual champions, including two 1-2 finishes but qualified 12 individuals and four relay teams (including one that finished first) to the Region II Championships April 30 at the University of Texas' Fouts Field.

The boys placed a distant second behind Highland Park, with 99 1/3 points to the Scots' 169 1/3. Rockwall's girls were third with 102 points, behind HP's 134 and Carrollton Newman Smith's 128.

The Jackets' Jacob Phillips dominated the field to win the 3,200-meter run in 11:53.1 seconds, more than 28 seconds ahead of runner-up Matt Broach of Highland Park.

Broach and Will Beasley, both offensive threats last fall for the football team, placed first and second in the 100-meter dash. Broach won in 11.134 seconds, with Beasley right behind in 11.220.

Qualifiers for the Jackets were Thorne Pettigrew, second in the 800 (2:01.931); Justin Boss, third in the pole vault (12 feet, 6 inches), and the 400-meter relay team (42.408) (Beasley, Broach, Gerald Casteel, Spencer Edwards) and third-place 800 relay (1:29.795) (Beasley, Reed, Dillon Cavaness and Edwards).

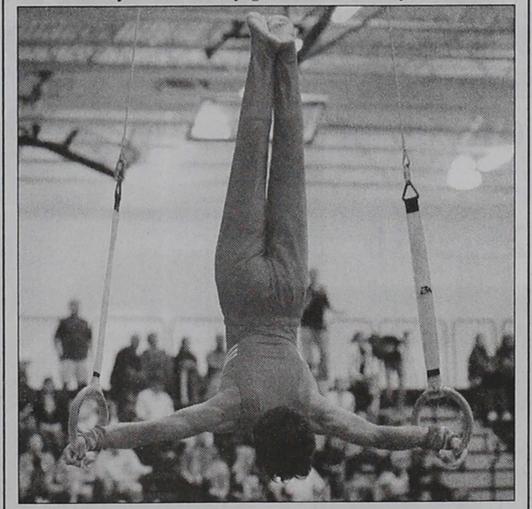
The Lady Jackets, Alicia Janke and Lindsay Loy placed 1-2 in the pole vault. Janke, who qualified for last year's state meet, was placed first in a 10-foot-6-inch clear.

Rockwall also was strong in the high jump, with Emily Bonny first at 5-4 and Mia Emordii third at 5-2.

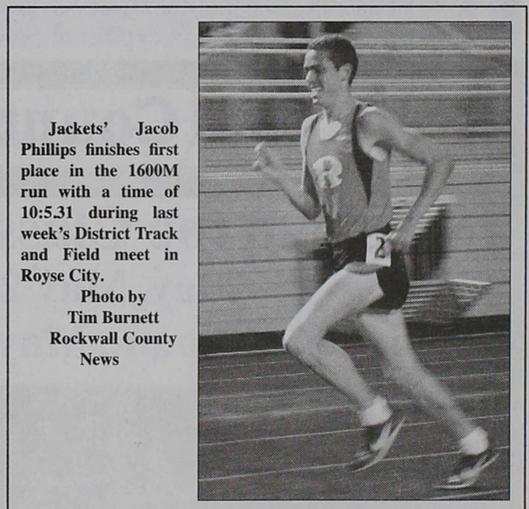
In Ross was the only RHS athlete to qualify in two individual events. Ross was in the 400 in 58.113 and third in the 800 at 2:21.325.

Other individual qualifiers for the Lady Jackets were Vertashia Dean, second in the shot put (33-2 3/4) and Alexandria Casteel, second in the discus (110.5).

Rockwall also qualified two girls' relay teams - the 1,600-meter relay team of McKnight, Joanna Gibbs, Ross and Shelby Soldat second in 4:02.390, and the 800 relay (McKnight, Janke, Tierra Williams and Soldat), third in 2:55.5.



Lady Jackets' relay team members Tierra Williams (front) receives the baton, from Alicia Janke (back) during last week's District Track and Field meet in Royse City. The two will advance to the regional meet in the 800M relay, with teammates Niki McKnight and Randi Soldat.
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall county News



Jackets' Jacob Phillips finishes first place in the 1600M run with a time of 10:53.1 during last week's District Track and Field meet in Royse City.
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Lady Eagles earn 3rd district title

Heritage Christian Academy left no doubt last week that it would be the TAPPS District 2-1A/2A softball champion for a third consecutive season.

In a span of seven days, the Lady Eagles won three district games, plus a non-district contest, by a combined score of 82-9. Those victories improved their record to 7-0 in the district and 17-3-1 overall.

The only game that was at all close was a 12-5 victory Friday, April 16, in a game against DeSoto Canterbury Episcopal postponed from April 8. In that contest, Anabel Burke hit a home run and drove in four runs. Jordan Miller and Megan Trapane each had three hits, with Miller driving in a run and Trapane stealing three bases and scoring twice. Erika Mendoza went 2-for-3 with three runs, a run batted in and two steals.

Miller also pitched all three district wins, including a three-inning no-hitter in a 35-0 victory over Rockwall Christian Thursday, April 15. In the three games, she gave up nine hits and seven earned runs in 14 innings, with 24 strikeouts. She struck out 12 in a complete game against Canterbury.

HCA's hitting stars in the other games were Rachel McMillan, Priscilla Anderton and Mendoza in a 19-3 victory over McKinney Christian Tuesday, April 13, and Trapane, Anderton, Miller and Monica Whitmire against RCA.

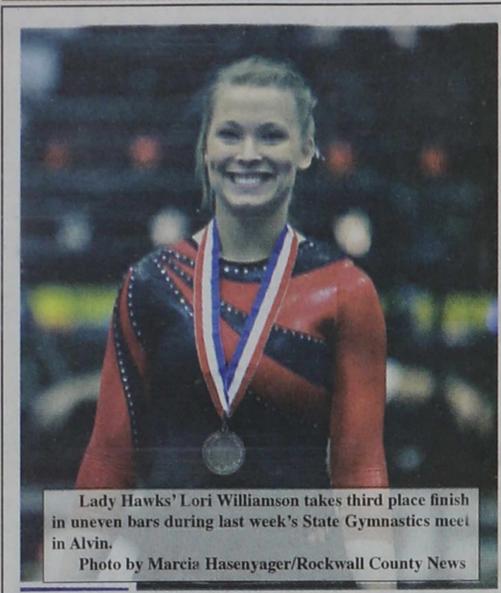
McMillan went 2-for-2 with two RBI, a run and four stolen bases against McKinney, when Mendoza went 2-for-2 with two runs and two RBI. Anderton totaled 3-for-3 with eight runs, three RBI and five stolen bases in the two games. Mendoza was 2-for-3 with two runs and two RBI.

Against Rockwall Christian, Trapane was 5-for-5 with five runs, an RBI and three steals. Miller went 2-for-2 with a run and three RBI, and Whitmire was 2-for-2 with a run, an RBI and a steal.

On Tuesday, HCA defeated A+ Academy 16-1 in a non-district game.

The Lady Eagles have one district game remaining on their schedule, Friday against Greenville Christian, before going on to the playoffs.

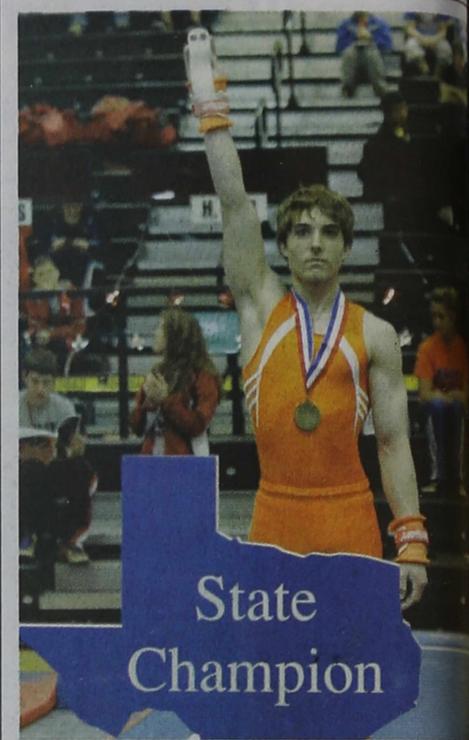
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Lady Hawks' Lori Williamson takes third place finish in uneven bars during last week's State Gymnastics meet in Alvin.
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Lady Jackets' Kailea Coles earns second place finish in last week's State Gymnastics meet in Alvin.
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Yellowjackets' Craig Brannon wins Championship in the rings during last week's State Gymnastics meet in Alvin.
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- 3 to 4 - Talent Show
- 3:30 - Dessert Contest Judging
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The annual Rachel's Rally event represents Rockwall ISD's commitment to the Rachel's Challenge organization in an effort to extend the legacy of Rachel Scott. She was the first student killed in the Columbine School shooting in 1999. Her kindness and compassion toward others will impact the lives of students and adults today through school assembly programs and student organizations.

Help Feed the Hungry

In conjunction with the Rally, the district is partnering with Kirk Agard's "Angels in an Apron" to package more than one million meals in one day that will be donated to the food shelves of the Dallas area and to the people of Haiti. This event will take thousands of students, staff, parents and community members as the district puts into action its theme of "Others Before Self." Both RSD multi-purpose facilities will be turned into packaging areas where the fully-fledged meals will be processed for distribution. That evening, the day's events will culminate with the third annual Rachel's Rally where students, staff, parents and community leaders will come together at Wilkinson-Sanders Stadium to celebrate kindness and compassion.

Thursday, May 6, 2010
9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
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p.m.

Thursday, April 29 - Tra...
TAPPS Regional meet

Rockwall Yellowjackets
Friday, April 23 - Baseball
Highland Park, JV Orange
White 4:30 p.m. and varsity
p.m.

Softball: home vs. Gre...
Senior Night, JV 5 p.m. and
7 p.m.

Track: at Regional Qualifier
Saturday, April 24 - JV Red
home vs. Mesquite, White
and Orange 1 p.m.

Varsity baseball: at Mes...
Tillery Field, 1 p.m.

Rockwall-Heath Hawks
Friday, April 23 - JV Red
home vs. Royse City, 4:30 p.m.
Baseball: at Carrollton
Turner, JV Black 4:30 p.m. and
varsity 7:30 p.m.

Varsity softball: home vs. Hig...
Park, Senior Night, 6 p.m.

Track: at Regional Qualifier
Saturday, April 24 - JV Red
ball: home vs. Richardson, 11 a.m.

Varsity baseball: at Richar...
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JV Black baseball: home
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Royse City Bulldogs
Friday, April 23 - Baseball
Carrollton Newman Smith, JV
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Turner, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7
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Rain date is May 22.

Royse City News

Pile halts Lady Bulldogs' kid with shutout

Royse City breezed through the District 10-4A softball season without a loss but had hit the second half, losing the games.

The Lady Bulldogs took two consecutive losses into Tuesday's game at Carrollton Newman Smith, which is in a three-way battle for the district's fourth and final playoff berth.

What's more, RC had finished the first half of the schedule by winning three games by a combined score of 34-0, but had scored just 20 runs in five games since then.

Royse City didn't produce much offense against the Lady Trojans, either, with just four hits. The Lady Bulldogs were able to push across a run, however, and that was enough for a 1-0 victory.

Alicia Pille pitched a one-hitter to improve RC's record to 19-10 overall, 10-3 in the district. That has them in a tie for second place

with Rockwall-Heath heading into Friday's final scheduled regular-season game at home against last-place Carrollton R.L. Turner.

For most of this season, a game against Turner's Lady Lions would have seemed to be a lock for the Lady Bulldogs. That was before

Friday, April 16, when Royse City lost 7-6 to seventh-place Highland Park.

In that game, RC managed just four hits, three singles and Dezy Arredondo's double. Highland Park's eight hits included a triple by winning pitcher Emily Orr.

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Rich, Riley take district titles to regional

Matt Rich won two events and narrowly missed first place in a third activity to become one of Royse City's two District 10-4A track and field individual champions April 21 and 22.

Rich, girls' shot put champion Laswayze Riley and Krystal Pickron, third in two events, will represent RC in the Region II Championships April 30 at the University of North Texas' Fouts Field.

He won the pole vault by six inches, clearing 13 feet, 6 inches, and the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in 39.501 seconds, nearly half a second ahead of his closest competitor. In the long jump, Greenville's Dijoun Sheppard narrowly defeated Rich, leaping 22-7 1/4 to 22-2 3/4 for the Bulldog.

Riley's heave of 33-9 1/4 was 6 1/2 inches better than that of the runner-up, Rockwall's Vertashia Dean. Pickron finished behind Rockwall-Heath's Brianna Richardson and Greenville's Jessica Franklin in both the triple jump and the long jump. Pickron triple-jumped 33-8 and long-jumped 16-8.

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Lady Bulldogs' catcher Ashley Heinaman watches for signals from Head Coach Michelle Booker (right) and Assistant Coach Melissa Kethley (left) during their recent game against the Lady Hawks.

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Miss May Vernon Elementary recently recognized a handful of its students as Outstanding Students, and each was honored by Chick-fil-A. Pictured are, at back, Melanie Garcia, Daniel Fernandez, the Chick-fil-A Cow, Collyn Tate and Mikaela Stiggers; middle row, Riley Lorton, Olive Bennett, Cade Parrish, Charlotte Phanthavilay and Perla Herrera; and, at front, Olivia Huges, Victor Trevino and Annie Villegas. Not pictured is Tyler Shearer. Teachers selected two students per grade level for the recognition.

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Bulldogs impressed by RHHS on and off field

vs. Carley Lay Bump and varsity sportsmanship and compassion were on display in Royse City's final game of the season, April 16.

The Bulldogs came from an outmanned Royse City baseball team. It refused to give up, scoring three runs Rockwall-Heath, the state's top-ranked 4A team, would not win by the mercy rule. RC's Scot Lane was the losing pitcher, showing a winner's pride when he battled at bat to line a seventh-inning double that spoiled Jake Thompson's bid for a no-hitter.

The sportsmanship and compassion came from Rockwall-Heath's team. Before the game, Hawks head coach Greg Harvey presented a \$1,000 to go toward medical bills for Royse City second baseman Scot Lane.

The Bulldogs already had great respect for RHHS — "the best team I've ever seen," according to RC head coach Clay Wolfe — but the kind gesture took respect to a new level. "They're class all the way around," Wolfe said.

Lane had suffered a lacerated spleen in the Bulldogs' previous game against Greenville when he ran out into the outfield for a popup and collided with the knee of RC's right fielder. Wolfe explained that while the sophomore was undergoing surgery, doctors discovered that he also had chronic kidney disease.

He had his spleen removed, and started chemo(therapy) Wednesday. He's very receptive to that," Wolfe said.

For the Owen family, this year has been more like a Dickens novel than a fairytale. "I think of as true life. Jake's father, Perry Owen, was killed in a car accident in January.

Against that backdrop, Rockwall-Heath played the kind of baseball that allowed them to win all 30 games this season.

At times, the Bulldogs looked like a team that's 5-18 overall and 3-9 in District 10-4A, such as when they were making six errors that contributed to 14 earned runs. That allowed the Hawks to score in each of the first four innings for a 7-0 lead, but Lane and his teammates kept RHHS from scoring again.

Wolfe said of Lane, "That's a senior. He wanted this game so bad. He really really well. That's a kid who's been on the varsity four years. His senior year was my first year, so I don't know what I'll do without him."

He's won some huge games for us. One was probably the biggest of our story, against Prosper." The Bulldogs didn't catch a break in their next game Tuesday. It was at Carrollton Newman Smith Park, and the Scots' only district loss this season has been against Rockwall-Heath.

The Bulldogs defeated Mitchell Venhaus and Royse City 13-3. HP out-hit the Bulldogs 14-4, with five extra-base hits to support winning pitcher Preston Lane.

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Rockwall Tridents North Texas Water Polo Champs Times Two

Contributed by Jim Hummingbird
For the sixth grade and under Trident team, this was a special repeat of what they were able to accomplish last year, in the DFW Area Age Group Water Polo Championships.

This year's team saw how much pressure there is to win when you're the favorite. Having the number one seed allowed them to play Plano/Allen in the first round. In what most felt would be just a tune-up turned into a battle as the Tridents were trailing 1-3 after the first quarter. That's when Alex Rodriguez took off and scored four unanswered goals to lift the Tridents to a 6-4 halftime lead, eventually pulling away for a 12-7 win to put them in the finals.

Rodriguez finished the game with six goals, Katie Hyland scored a season high three, Mitchell Eldridge had two and Arturo Wong added one.

The finals game proved to be just as exciting as Southlake clearly had its mind on revenge. The game went back and forth through three quarters before Alex Rodriguez nailed a half court shot as the buzzer went off to end the third period, breaking an 11-11 tie.

Southlake never recovered as the sixth grade and under Tridents brought home the championship trophy with a 20-16 win. Mitchell Eldridge led the scoring with 11 goals, Rodriguez added five, Wong scored two with Cody Price and Hyland adding one each. Saxon Foster was goalie for both games. Rodriguez was awarded the Offense MVP for the sixth grade and under division.

The eighth grade and under team, due to a first round bye, had to wait for the preliminary rounds to finish before they would know their opponent. They lost the tie-breaker to St. Marks eighth grade team for the number one seed as both teams entered the tournament 3-0-1. The number two seed forced them to play the highest ranked team to advance out of the preliminaries, the St. Marks' seventh grade boys team.

The championship game was the best place to break this tie. The game was all it was expected to be as Rockwall fought hard to lead at halftime 5-4. The Tridents put on one of the best defensive performances in the second half to secure a 10-9 upset, winning the eighth grade and under division. Raena Eldridge led the scoring with three, Scown with two, Mitchell Eldridge

with seven goals, Justin Tokuz two, Mateo Hernandez two, Joe Flores one and Jordan Hummingbird one.

This win sent them into the finals against the St. Marks eighth grade boy's team. In the first game of the year, the Tridents tied this team, shocking the Texas Youth Water Polo community because St. Marks is the reigning Texas State Champions.

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with two, Summer Scown with one, Eric Pansick scored one and Mateo Hernandez put in one. Goalies were Eric Pansick, Justin Tokuz and Mateo Hernandez. Scown was presented the Offense MVP, making this his second in a row as he won the same award last year.

This was a very special year for the Tridents. Both teams finished undefeated and were crowned

champions of the North Texas Water Polo Championships. Coach Andres Rodriguez wanted to praise the effort the kids put in and reminded the parents how important coach, Tom Applegate was to the team. Applegate is an undefeated in his short water polo coaching career. "To come out and play like this against the defending state champions shows how hard these kids worked this year. We were not going to be denied."



Rockwall Tridents eighth grade and under team are (back row left to right) Claire Walters, Justin Tokuz, Eric Pansick, Mateo Hernandez, Coach Tom Applegate, (front row) Reace Foster, Joe Flores, Jordan Hummingbird, Elisio Villarreal, Mitchell Eldridge, Summer Scown, Alex Rodriguez, Raena Eldridge, Evan Scown and Coach Andres Rodriguez.



Rockwall Tridents sixth grade and under team are (back row left to right) Mitchell Eldridge, Saxon Foster, Coach Tom Applegate, (middle row) Cody Price, Alex Rodriguez, Katie Hyland, Arturo Wong, (front row) Carlos Zurutuza, Julen Zurutuza, Ariela Villarreal, Teague Saxon, Coach Andres Rodriguez.

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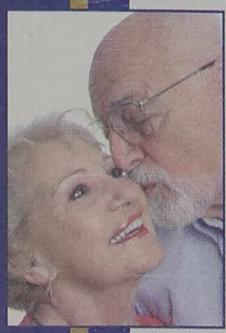


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