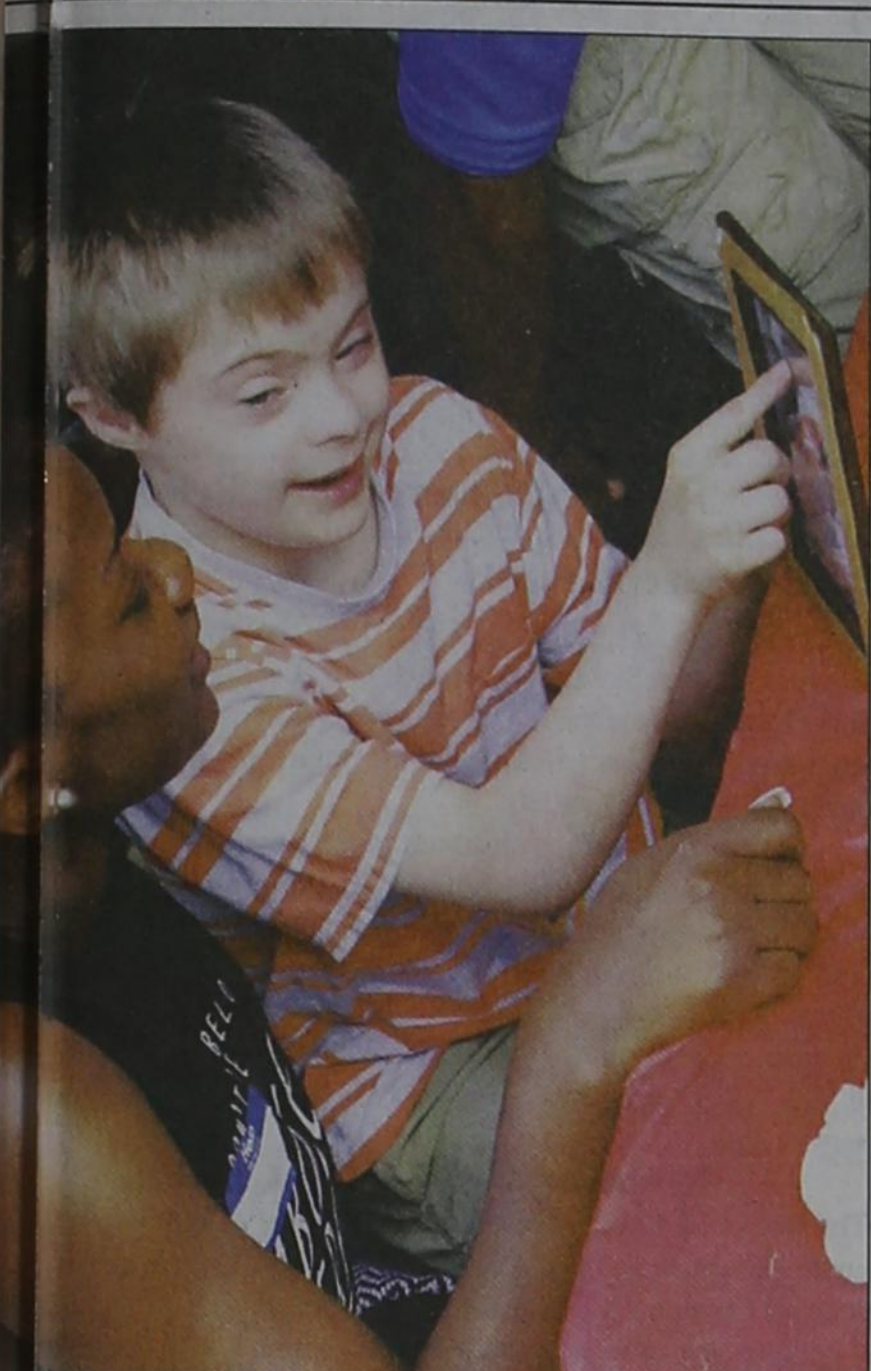


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Rockwall camper Brennan Rizzo, 11, became quite attached (and vice versa) to his volunteer, Andrea Pitah, during Celebrate the Children activities in Commerce recently.
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Rockwall ISD divided on redo/retake policy

During the April 20, 2015 regular meeting of the Rockwall ISD Board of Trustees, the divided board approved an EIA Local policy which permits students to redo assignments or retake tests for which the students received a failing grade.

The policy was amended to replace the word "may" with "shall" permit students.

Board member Stephanie Adams did not allow the majority to approve without expressing opposition on the record.

Adams explained that she received input from the public, and observed that the underlying reason in support of the policy was fear by students of failing grades. She countered that issues involving students that consistently fail assignments and tests due to comprehension can be addressed in other ways.

Adams further stated that keeping the term "may" would leave the process to be principals and teachers, whereas, the term "shall" would not offer the same flexibility.

She finished by reasoning that the amended policy "creates a scenario where students may not have the opportunity to fail."

She explained that a safety net is put in place to allow student's recovery, "but this isn't always the case in real life."

Adams also reminded the board that most colleges will not allow redo work, and in the world beyond school, kids are responsible for their own actions.

She revealed that the policy originated from a book by author and certified educator Rick Wormeli, which promotes "redos, retakes, and do-overs" as part of the education process.

The board approved the policy amendment with Adams and Jim White opposing.

On Mon. March 16, Superintendent Jeff Bailey reported on two significant state legislative bills.

The Board listened as Bailey described Senate Bill 6 which would change the state's rating system of schools to A-F grading.

According to the House of Representatives website, the bill passed the Senate on March 28, and a Public Education Committee Public Hearing was scheduled for Tue. April 28.

Bailey explained that Senate Bill 1 would reduce property taxes by increasing Homestead exemptions. His estimated number of exemptions

would increase from about 15,000 to nearly 45,000.

According to the House website, SB 1 proposes "a constitutional amendment providing for an exemption from ad valorem taxation, for public school purposes, of a portion of the market value of a residence homestead based on the median market value of all residence homesteads in the state, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, providing that an appropriation of state tax revenues to protect school districts against the resulting revenue loss is not an appropriation of state tax revenues dedicated by the constitution for purposes of the restriction on the rate of growth of appropriations from undedicated state tax revenues, authorizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence homestead exemption from reducing the amount of or repealing the exemption, and prohibiting the imposition or collection of a tax on the conveyance of an interest in real property."

The Superintendent explained that the districts' losses would be recovered from increases in property values.

SB 1 was passed by the Senate on Wed. March 25 and sent to the House.

In other business, on April 20, the board:

- Approved the purchase of percussion instruments to replace older heavily used instruments, and sousaphones to equip the Rockwall-Heath marching band's increase from 120 to 220 members. The estimated price was \$56,647 to be purchased from Music & Arts.
- Approved the GE Local policy revision to define relations between the public schools and parent/booster organizations.
- Approved the DEA Local amended policy that would align policy with practices by moving the definition of the employee hours to the employee handbook.
- Approved the 2015-2016 Compensation Plan to reflect a 2%-3% increase based on one-time pay from the state.
- Approved the new Texas Principal Evaluation & Support System. Although the state-wide system is set to begin during the 2016-2017 year, the board agreed to start during the 2015-2016 period.

On March 16, the board:

- Renewed employment contracts related to administrators, principals, teachers, counselors, librarians and nurses.
- Approved a 1-year contract renewal with SSC Contract Services, which offers custodial services. The salaries will be based on increases in the Comprehensive Plan.
- Approved a 1-year contract renewal with Durham School Services for transportation services.
- * Approved Jodie McAngus to be listed as the new Section 504 Dislexia Director for the district. The board also approved McAngus to serve as the Student Welfare, Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, Retaliation ADA Section 504 Coordinator.

SHARE High School exchange students attend Royse City ISD meeting

by Willie Jean Coppedge

One of the highlights of the Monday, April 13, Royse City School Board meeting was the introduction of this year's students of the SHARE High School Student Exchange Program.

The students from the program are So Izumi, Japan; Carlotta Sohn, Germany; Wachiraya Yongpod, Thailand; Deborah Krabbe Germany; and Eejin Hwang, South Korea.

Royse City Associate Superintendent and interim high school Principal Jeff Webb introduced the students to the board. Students taking part in the program must be 15- to 18½-years old. Each stays with a host family living in the area and are usually here for a year and a half.

Anyone wanting to know more about the program may go online to the SHARE High School Exchange Program for more information about the program.

The teacher chosen to receive the 21st Century Award for the month of April was Sherry Cheri Froehling. This award is given in recognition of teaching outside the box and for teaching the curriculum by the integration of technology. She is a first grade teacher at Miss May Vernon Elementary School and shared with the board her students' love of writing. She taught her students how to make digital books. Instructional technology coordinator Zach Snow presented the award.

Royse City ISD's Fine Arts director and band teacher, Doug Fulwood, invited band student Ben O'Connor, a sophomore, to model the new

Mighty Bulldog Band uniforms for next year. He explained to the board members the new color and design and emphasized the significance of the design, noting that the students helped design the uniforms.

Superintendent Kevin Worthy announced that the district enrollment is now 5,100, an increase over last year of 3.1 percent.

On the board's agenda under Action/Discussion Items # I and J were to "accept Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the General Election of May 9 and to issue an Order Of Cancellation for the same election." Both action matters passed 7-0.

According to a memo "Prescribed by the Secretary of State-Section 2.056, Texas Election Code 9/10, the candidates are unopposed for election to office for the election scheduled to be held on May 9, 2015. List of offices and names of candidates: Place Three-Michael Anderson, Place Four-Eric Fort and Place Five-Scott Muckenstrum. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 2.056, Texas Election Code, the above candidates are declared elected and their names will be listed on the general election ballot after the contested races under the heading "Unopposed Candidates Declared Elected."

The Order of Cancellation as "Prescribed by the Secretary of State Section 2.051-2053, Texas Election Code 2/14" stated that the election scheduled to be held May 9, has been canceled. This memo also list the three candidates as unopposed and elected to office.

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Lavon, Chapman reach normal conservation levels

Recent rains have helped Lavon Lake and Jim Chapman Lake, two key water supply reservoirs for the North Texas Municipal Water District, reach normal conservation levels, according to a NTMWD news release issued Monday, April 27.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as owner and operator of the water works, is monitoring reservoir levels for flood mitigation and will determine whether releases will be required to protect public safety and reduce the potential for damage caused by a flood event, according to the news release.

Lavon Lake reached its full conservation pool of 492 feet mean seal level (msl) on Saturday, April 25.

Jim Chapman Lake achieves full conservation pool, 440 feet msl, on the same date.

On Monday morning, April 27, the USACE began releasing 750 cubic feet per second (cfs) at Chapman Lake and 1,100 cfs at Lavon in accordance with the agency's water control plans. The release of water will stop when the levels return to normal conservation pool.



Jacob Nobles, a 16-year-old sophomore at Royse City High School, was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia last January. A 5K Run For Jacob event is set for 8 a.m. Saturday, May 2, at the First Baptist Church of Fate, 813 Holiday Drive (Hwy. 66), in Fate. Noble's mother, Denise, has taught for the Royse City ISD for 16 years. Proceeds from the run will go to help the family with medical expenses and assist with other needs.
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Farmers Market to open May 2

The Farmers Market in Rockwall, located on the north side of the courthouse square on Kaufman Street, will open at 8 a.m. May 2. The event will run on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon through Sept. 26, offering locally grown fruits and vegetables, fresh baked goods, organic and pasture-raised meats, seafood and honey. For more information visit rockwallfarmersmarket.org.

Toastmasters to meet

The Toastmasters of Rockwall meet every Thursday in the conference room of the Northstar Bank, 201 E. Kaufman St. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and run about an hour to an hour and a half. Visitors are welcome to attend at no cost. Visit toastmastersclubs.org for more details.

Democratic Men's Group to meet

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will observe its next luncheon May 2 at The Mello (Continued on Page 2)



Head costumer Wiloni Darrington and Rockwall Community Playhouse director Darlene Singleton spotlight two of the wardrobe items that will be featured during the playhouse's upcoming production of "Wizard of Oz." The production will open May 15.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Nancee Gay Boyce

A memorial service for Nancee Gay Boyce, 62, of Rockwall will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Pastor Rick Donaho will officiate.

She died of pancreatic cancer on Friday, April 24, at her home.

Born Feb. 8, 1953, in Pampa to Bill and Josephine "Jo" (Wohlgemuth) Davis, she was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She owned and operated an antiques business with her husband. She was known as the "Lamp Lady" for her unique handmade antique lamps.

Survivors include her husband, John William Boyce of Rockwall; a daughter, Stacy (Stephens) Olson and her husband, Scott, of Carrollton; two grandsons, Jacob and Cory Olson; her mother, Josephine Davis of McKinney; three stepchildren, John Boyce, Cathy Boyce and Judy Lyman, all of Chicago, Illinois; three step-grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bill Davis.

Nancy Jane Calhoun

Graveside services for Nancy Jane Calhoun, 74, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2015, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died April 24.

Born Feb. 19, 1941, in Illinois to Omer and Bonita Richburg, she worked for many years in hospital medical records and enjoyed taking care of others. She was a loving wife and a devoted homemaker who enjoyed housework, yard work and gardening. She was an excellent cook. She will be missed.

Survivors include her husband of 48 years, Bob Calhoun, and her sister, Mary O'Bannon.



Loren 'Papa' James Honig

Loren "Papa" James Honig of Rockwall died April 21, 2015, following a battle with cancer.

The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Born March 28, 1946, in Woodland, California, to Joseph and Audrey Honig, he graduated from Luther Burbank High School. He spent his career as a sheet-metal worker for Local 162 in Sacramento, California, and enjoyed traveling across the U.S., especially on his Honda Goldwing. His humor, big heart and warm hugs will be greatly missed. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15.

Survivors include his wife of 22 years, Marie (Gaudin) Honig; his children, Carrie Fielden and her husband, B.J., Dane Zillioux and his wife, Shanna, and Jon Zillioux and his wife, Aimee; his grandchildren, Marissa Teape and her husband, Trevor, and Brooke, Bradley and Preston Zillioux; his brother and sister-in-law, Phil and Kathy Honig; his mother-in-law, Lorraine Gaudin Duprey, and her husband, Richard; and an extended family.

Jonnie L. Medart

Services for Jonnie L. Medart, 88, of Rockwall, previously of Quanah, were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2015, in the Chapel of Memories in Amarillo. Burial followed in the Memorial Park Cemetery. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Thursday, April 23, in Rowlett.

Born Sept. 15, 1926, in Lakeview to Homer C. and Lorena M. (Sullivan) Crawford, he was a member of the Eastridge Church of Christ in Rockwall.

Survivors include her daughters, Linda Showers and her husband, Sam, Elaine Smith and her husband, Dick, and Patti Duncan and her husband, Skip; her nephew, whom she considered a son, Lorren Hallmark, and his wife, Charlotte; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a brother, Kenneth Crawford, and his wife, Elka; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Henry Medart; five brothers; and six sisters.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 4144 N. Central Expy., Ste. 750, Dallas, TX 75204 or alz.org/greaterdallas.



Dr. Jim Porter

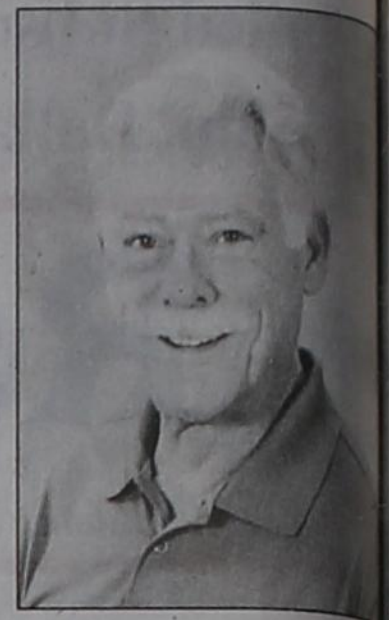
Services for Dr. Jim Porter, D.Ph., R.Ph., ACN, CNHP, BCIM, 69, of Rockwall will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with the Rev. Rob Robinson officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died April 26.

Born Dec. 28, 1945, in Lynwood, California, to James Wilford Porter Sr. and Lillian (Litton) Porter, he and his wife co-founded Pharmacy Compounding Specialties in Dallas more than 15 years ago. He started Weight Off For Life and Oasis Natural Healthcare. He was a member of PCCA Professional Compounding Centers of America, the Rockwall, Royce City Chambers of Commerce and the Unity Church of Dallas.

Survivors include his wife, Diane Porter of Rockwall; his stepdaughter, Melinda Safr and her husband, David, of Dallas and Stacey Pearson and her husband, Dr. Eric Pearlman, of McKinney; his grandchildren, Jackson, Joelle, Adrienne and Zachary; four "furry children," Nico, Chico, Taya and Pepe; and a former stepdaughter, Michelle Lowe of Arlington.

He was preceded in death by his parents.



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Mello Mushroom Restaurant, 550 E. I-30, Rockwall. The group met at noon on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants to discuss local, state and national current events and politics. Open-minded progressive men concerned about the future of Texas and Rockwall County are welcome to attend.

RCP offers children's mini-production

Rockwall Community Playhouse will present Children's Traveling Follies, a mini-production, this summer. Classes will be conducted Tuesdays May 4 through June 23. Tuition will cost \$150. Students will perform at RCP at 7 p.m. June 19 and 2 p.m. June 20. Four scheduled performances also will be offered in the community. Space is limited. Call 972-722-3399 or email info@rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org to reserve a spot.

Newcomers & Friends plan Annual Tea

The Rockwall County Newcomers & Friends Club will celebrate Annual Tea on May 24 at Occasions in Royce City. A group from Rockwall Community Theatre will present a short skit, and officers for the coming year will be installed. The program will begin at 10 a.m. To attend, RSVP by calling Patty at 469-236-4270 or Marion at 972-722-9896 before May 4. The club is a social organization for women who reside in Rockwall County. The club welcomes new residents and women who have lived in Rockwall County for many years. To learn more about the group, visit newcomersrock.com.

Republican Lunch Bunch to meet

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6, at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. Reservations required for this informal social gathering open to all Republicans. For more details call Dalton Kennimer at 972-636-4034.

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Rockwall County Entertainment

Family Fun Fridays reset for May 1

Family Fun Fridays, organized by the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, will kick off May 1 at The Shores Park. Families' activities such as painting, dancing, games, bounce house and trampolines will be offered beginning at 6 p.m., followed by a screening of "Ratatouille" at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glow sticks will be available for purchase. The event was rescheduled from its previous date because of inclement weather. For more information, visit rockwall.com.

Cross Country to perform at Culpeppers

The band, Cross Country, is set to perform on Sat. May 2, at Culpeppers Steak House in Rockwall. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m., on the patio with full bar and dinner service available.

San Jacinto Plaza Music Series slated

Beginning May 1, celebrate summer each Friday and Saturday evening with live music in downtown Rockwall's new San Jacinto Plaza Performances will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., May through September (except May 16 and July 4). Attendees are welcome to bring chairs, blankets and beverages to the outdoor entertainment area. Visit rockwall.com for the lineup of performers.

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Royce City ISD regular meeting ...

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Since there will also be no election for the City Council of Royce City due to no opposition of council offices, there will be no May 9 General Election for Royce City.

Worthy also reminded everyone that the Royce City High School Graduation is set for Tuesday, June 2, at 7 p.m. at the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland.

All board members were in attendance with the exception of David Carter.

Board meetings are conducted the second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be May 11 at the Royce City ISD Ernest Epps Education Service Center, 810 Old Greenville Road, Royce City.

RHHS yearbook feted in 'Look Book'

The Rockwall-Heath High School yearbook, "The Talon," recently was recognized in the 2015 Jostens "Look Book," which celebrates the best in yearbook design and coverage.

The "Look Book" features spreads and photos from outstanding yearbooks, as well as themes, covers, designs and coverage. It recognizes the role yearbooks play in helping schools chronicle the experiences, stories and achievements most relevant to students.

"The Talon" was created by senior editor-in-chief Madeline Ward, editors Carolyn Sherwin, Kenzie Woessner and Haley Barrow and Talon staff members. Leah Voth is the yearbook adviser.

"Being in the 'Look Book' was such a surprise," Woessner, a two-year staff member, said. "Creating the yearbook last year was such an amazing, yet hectic experience, but it was all worth it in the end. I will never forget this wonderful award."

"We receive the 'Look Book' and ooh and aah over it every year, but we never dreamed that we would be included among the amazing designs," Voth said. "Obviously our goal each year is to improve upon the book from the previous year.... I am so proud to be the leader of this program."

The RHHS yearbook was one of only 476 yearbooks selected from approximately 3,000 books to be included in the Jostens publication.



Students from the SHARE High School Exchange Program were introduced to the Royce City School Board by interim high school Principal Jeff Webb, back row. The students and the countries they represent are So Izimi, Japan; Carlotta Sohn, Germany; Wachiraya Yongpod, Thailand; Deborah Krabbe Germany; and Heejin Hwang, South Korea.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



The Aspasians Arts & Crafts Fair was accompanied by nice sunny weather, Sat. April 25, after Friday's heavy rainfall. People from Rockwall County and the surrounding area shopped and enjoyed a wide variety of artwork and crafts throughout the day.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

There is no fear in love.
But perfect love casts out fear.
1 John 4:18

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- classic western: "High _____" (1952)
- debut album of TX performer Collin Raye: "____ Can Be" (1991)
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- Mexican prison mafia: "La ____"
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- TX George Strait's backup band: "____ the Hole Band"
- this Stephens was in Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders films
- Stanton is the seat of this county
- how long Del Wilber managed the 1973 Rangers (2 wds.)
- eye membranes
- TX Roy Bean: "Law _____ the Pecos"
- refuse a request
- TX Dan Jenkins' "____ Solid Perfect"
- surname of author of "Cattle Kings of TX"
- this TX James was a utility player for Astros & Rangers
- medicinal plant: "____ fruit"
- Fort Worth got "All-____ Award" three times
- "sports" south of the border
- this Burrell was a UH track star

- baseball's TX "Dave" Danforth
- song by TX Buddy Holly or Collin Raye (2 wds.)
- 365 days (abbr.)
- TX singer-songwriter Lisa Loeb had a radio show on this St. Mark's FM station
- TX Tanya's "Can ____ You Tonight"
- TXism: "____ could talk the legs off an iron stove"

DOWN

- TXism: "will melt the _____" (careful)
- lake, city, & canal
- TX Tanya Tucker's "____ Cowboy Lovin' Night"
- TX MLB Colorado pitcher, David
- TX-filmed "Middle _____ Crazy"
- TX singer Nat (init.)
- TX Matthew starred with TX Audie in 1958 "Ride a Crooked Trail" (init.)
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
The age of grace ... dynamic jump-start

Paul wrote, "If you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me toward you (Ephesians 3:2). The word "dispensation" is better translated "administration." Paul was called to teach about the new spiritual administration of the grace of God.

The central transition point into the Administration of the grace of God is found in Acts 2:1-4. Two extremely important parts of this event included believing from the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, and speaking in tongues.

When they fulfilled those two parts in chronological order, they fulfilled the words found in Romans 10:9-10.

To be made righteous perfectly aligns with being filled with holy spirit.

What about salvation? Romans 10:10 says, "For with the mouth it is declared unto salvation." Spoken words generate the state of salvation for all who have been made righteous, or filled with holy spirit.

What part of Acts 2:4 involved speaking words? Speaking in tongues. This term simply meant to speak in languages that are foreign to the one who is speaking.

This could be why God went out of His way to make sure the first disciples started speaking in tongues.

God sure knew how to jump-start this new and dynamic administration of grace.



Guest speaker and KLUV-FM morning show host Jody Dean is shown interviewing John Curtis Heath at the April 14 meeting of the Friends of the Rockwall County Library. The interview will be used as part of a contest Dean has planned for his radio show.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

History –

Restoring Christianity in America Part 1 of 2

FROM HISTORY, Vol 43

Comparing our past with today and looking at our future
by Kenneth Shores, Rockwall, Texas

This article is my opinion as provided by my research. To restore Christianity in America we will first review how this country was established. We must first understand if this country was created by our founding fathers as a Christian Nation, then it would be like the rest of the world. America wanted to be independent from England, and also have individual freedom. Being people from different denominations and some with either different religions or no religion became a challenge.

Our founding fathers were both Christians and Deists who did not believe the bible was all true. They were Freethinkers who relied on their own reason not their faith. If the U.S. was founded on the Christian religion, the Constitution would clearly say so—but it does not. Nowhere does the Constitution say: "The United States is a Christian Nation", or anything close to that. In fact, the words "Jesus Christ, Christianity, Bible, Creation, Divine, and God" are never mentioned in the Constitution.

One example is the concept of separation of church and state. It may be implied in the First Amendment which states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof....", it doesn't say the "separation of church and state." And, even if the concept of separation of church and state is implied, in the First Amendment, its implication is not there.

This is to protect Americans from religion, but it is written to protect religious Americans from the government. According to the study of history of our country, we find prayer and the Bible were used for the foundation of our governing documents. The one common thing our founding fathers had in common, was the belief that everything was created by God as stated in the Bible.

It was concluded then to allow each individual person to determine our government body. The official signed documents such as the Constitution, Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence, then became the law of the land. This then provided each person to have choice of freedom of religion and government. The majority of the population in the beginning of our country were God fearing Christians.

One part of Christianity that all denominations had in common, was God's free gift. John 3: 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

When permitted "We the People" to determine our government by our vote. In the beginning most of the United States of America was made up of Christians of many faiths, through their voting influence our government. This is why the world thought of us as a Christian Nation. The common denominator of Christians voting was the love of God and his son, regardless of denomination. Voting for candidates was to decide whether they were Godly people. The devoted Godly people in government, look to God for their decisions they make pertaining to laws to government will enforce the rules and laws. In reality the term "Godly Christian Nation" may not be an accurate description.

However if Government is influenced by elected Christian officials, when our laws and rules are following the Christian Bible. By our prayers and letting our government know peacefully our petitions, we again can establish this country as the Greatest Country in the World.

You are invited Sunday evening 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM, May 3, 2015 at the Rockwall High school – 901 W. Yellow Jacket, to join others to hear about "SAVING AMERICA THROUGH PRAYER". A live small band and our guest speaker Pastor Keith Needs. Everyone is invited to this event. This will be our second "saving our country through our prayers" on the first Sunday Night of each month at the same time. This is not church affiliated, and is open to everyone interested. For more information contact Mike Kennedy (972) 998-2680 or Kenneth Shores 214-34-1206 or Jerry Minx (972) 896-7081

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The new militarism: who profits?

by Ron Paul
Militarism and military spending are everywhere on the rise, as the new Cold War propaganda seems to be paying off. The new "threats" that are being hyped bring big profits to military contractors and the network of think tanks they pay to produce pro-war propaganda.
Here are just a few examples:
The German government announced last week that it would purchase 100 more "Leopard" tanks - a 45 percent increase in the country's inventory. Germany had greatly reduced its inventory of tanks as the end of the Cold War meant the end of any threat of a Soviet ground invasion of Europe. The German government now claims these 100 new tanks, which may cost nearly half a billion dollars, are necessary to respond to the new Russian assertiveness in the region. Never mind that Russia has neither invaded nor threatened any country in the region, much less a NATO member country.
The US Cold War-era nuclear bunker under Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado, which was all but shut down in the 25 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall, is being brought back to life. The Pentagon has committed nearly a billion dollars to upgrading the facility to its previous Cold War-

level of operations. US defense contractor Raytheon will be the prime beneficiary of this contract. Raytheon is a major financial sponsor of think tanks like the Institute for the Study of War, which continuously churn out pro-war propaganda. I am sure these big contracts are a good return on that investment.
NATO, which I believe should have been shut down after the Cold War ended, is also getting its own massively expensive upgrade. The Alliance commissioned a new headquarters building in Brussels, Belgium, in 2010, which is supposed to be completed in 2016. The building looks like a hideous claw, and the final cost - if it is ever finished - will be well over one billion dollars. That is more than twice what was originally budgeted. What a boondoggle! Is it any surprise that NATO bureaucrats and generals continuously try to terrify us with tales of the new Russian threat? They need to justify their expansion plans!
So who is the real enemy? The Russians?
No, the real enemy is the taxpayer. The real enemy is the middle class and the productive sectors of the economy. We are the victims of this new runaway military spending. Every dollar or euro spent on a contrived threat is a dollar or euro taken out of the real economy and wasted on

military Keynesianism. It is a dollar stolen from a small business owner that will not be invested in innovation, spent on research to combat disease, or even donated to charities that help the needy.
One of the most pervasive and dangerous myths of our time is the military spending benefits an economy. This could not be further from the truth. Such spending benefits a thin layer of well-connected and well-paid elites. It diverts scarce resources from meeting the needs and desires of a population and channels them into manufacturing tools of destruction. The costs may be hidden by the money-printing of the central banks, but they are eventually realized in the steady destruction of a currency.
The elites are terrified that peace may finally break out, which will be bad for their profits. That is why they are trying to scuttle the Iran deal, nix the Cuba thaw, and drum up a new "Red Scare" coming from Moscow. We must not be fooled into believing their lies.
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Generator appreciation day

by Jill Pertler
Back in the fall of 2012, my husband developed a genuine need for a generator. He claimed his motivation was based out of love for our family. From a desire to keep us safe, warm and with readily available access to microwave popcorn and video games.
Some may remember December 21, 2012 as the end date of the ancient Mayan calendar. Doomsday enthusiasts (now there's an oxymoron) predicted an end to the world as we know it, while stocking up on freeze-dried meats, powdered milk and generators.
Generators are powerful machines capable of powering up any number of electrical appliances during power outages or end-of-the-world zombie apocalypses. They are useful and loud and - dare I say - manly. My husband learned all about them and developed a whopping case of generator envy. I don't think he really believed the world was about to end. He just wanted an excuse to buy a generator.
He wouldn't rest until we had one of our own. The bigger, the better.

I wasn't even aware generators existed for private families in private homes until my husband discovered our expanding need for one. Despite his logical arguments and rational rationale, I wasn't convinced. But you know how it rolls after 20-plus years of marriage. Sometimes you go along to get along.
My husband researched engine specifications, wattage needs and gas tank sizes until he found the Perfect One. Our generator could have been the flux capacitor for all I cared. It was orange and noisy and sat in the corner of our garage. Waiting to be needed.
December 2012 came. And went. Without fanfare, calamity or cataclysmic outcome. Our generator remained quiet. Unused and untouched. With the power button switched to off. Since then, it's been ready to run at a moment's notice. If ever needed. Ever. Ever...
My husband is not typically a patient man. Since that time, during every thunderstorm or batch of inclement weather I've watched him, ever hopeful, ever impatient - waiting for a chance to use his precious generator.

Which never happened. Not until last weekend.
Our generator adventure started when an electrical transformer exploded next door to our house. When I say exploded, I do not mean a little crackle of electrical activity. I mean an EXPLOSION. In capital letters. There were three explosions in all - of green, fiery electrical energy pulsing through the wires overhead. My husband and I witnessed it through the window and ran, terrified, toward the interior of the house and away from the commotion outside. It was that scary.
Next thing, the power went out. I thought I detected a spark in my husband's eye.
Eight minutes later he mentioned the "G" word.
"The kids will be hungry soon," he said. "I can fire up the generator and make them toast."
I reminded him of the time. It was barely 7:00 a.m. on a Sunday morning. Prime sleep hour for our kids as well as plenty of neighbors who, if they hadn't been rocked out of bed by the explosions, were sure to be by our decibel-rich generator. I suggested we go back to bed. My husband was having nothing of my logic because he was operating under logic all his own.
And he'd waited more than two years to do so.
He spent the next 15 minutes untangling various extension cords which were soon plugged into the beast in the garage and summarily snaked throughout the house and attached to various electronic devices. By 9:00 a.m. we had two TVs on and coffee brewing. He was beginning to speak my language.
I have to admit, I woke up that morning a skeptic, but by noon I was a convert. My husband finally won me over to his generator inclination. It only took him two-and-a-half years to accomplish the feat. Perhaps he is a patient man after all.
Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. She welcomes having readers follow her column on the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

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Fundraiser set for teacher/coach, family
Williams Middle School, Utley Middle School and Rockwall High will co-host a fundraising event for David Grubbs, eighth grade math teacher and boys' athletic coach, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, at Joe Willy's. Grubbs was diagnosed with cancer recently and is undergoing chemotherapy. All tips earned throughout the evening will go to the Grubbs family, as will a percentage of the evening's profits at the restaurant.

Mayors' Prayer Breakfast set May 7
The City of Rockwall will host the Mayors' Prayer Breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, May 7, at The Center, 108 E. Washington St., in downtown Rockwall. The event will be followed by a Community

Noontime Prayer from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the grounds of the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad St. Prayers will be offered by pastors and community leaders.

Friends of Rockwall County Library to meet
The Friends of the Rockwall County Library will meet May 12. Martha Wilcox will give a program on Wounded Warriors. Also scheduled is the installation of the organization's new officers and the presentation of the Hartman and Celia Hays Awards. The meeting/program will begin at 11 a.m., followed by a catered lunch at noon. The public is invited, but seating will be limited and reservations are required by May 5. To make a reservation, contact Leigh Plagens at 972-771-8976 or cplagens65@aol.com; unless cancelled by 5 p.m. May 5, payment is required.

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Streaking Hawks clinch district title

Rockwall-Heath has clinched the District 12-5A baseball championship and moved back into maxpreps.com's national rankings. The Hawks (20-3 overall, 12-0 in the district) won the title on Saturday with their 16th consecutive victory, 1-0 over Forney in their closest district game this season.

Ivey held the Jackrabbits to five hits to remain unbeaten in the district. In RHHS' 10-6 victory over West Mesquite on Tuesday, April 21, they defeated back Mark Bielski, who had been out since off-season rotator surgery. He hit a triple in that game, and in last week's two games for 5 and drove in three runs. Ryne Randle and Clayton doubled the Wranglers to support winning pitcher Tyler Pinkston. Rockwall-Heath remained first in the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association 5A poll. The Hawks' most recent loss was at the

Flower Mound tournament to Flower Mound, ranked second among the state's 6A teams. This season, RHHS has defeated Coppell, ninth in 6A, and College Station, ranked behind only Rockwall-Heath in 5A.

Maxpreps.com had ranked RHHS among the preseason national top 50, but the Hawks dropped out after losing three games against the impressive tournament field at Flower Mound. Rockwall-Heath returned to the top 50 at No. 34. Two games remained in the regular season.

GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD: Maia Zeno won two events, and Morgan Burks-Magee placed in three, as the Lady Hawks narrowly missed winning the 11-12-5A Area championship Thursday, April 23, at the Jesse Owens Memorial Complex in Dallas.

RHHS totaled 98 points, behind only Forney's 99. The top two finishers in each event advanced to this weekend's Region II-5A Championships at the University of Texas-Arlington's Maverick Stadium.

Zeno won the shot put at 34 feet, 3 inches. In the discus, her 112-foot heave was 1 inch longer than that of second-place Makayla Bonner from Carrollton Creekview.

Burks-Magee placed second in the high jump (4-8), and in the 400-meter dash (57.38 seconds) behind teammate and Area champion Cecil Ene (56.35). They both helped Rockwall-Heath win the 4X100-meter relay in 48.23. Haley Hinds ran the first leg, followed by Burks-Magee, Kirsten Pruitt and Ene.

Burks-Magee missed qualifying for the Regional meet in the long jump, placing fourth at 16-6.

Hinds (9-0) and Macy Matthews (8-6) finished third and fourth in the pole vault. RHHS also had a third-place finish in the 4X400 relay (4 minutes, 1.74 seconds).

BOYS' TRACK AND FIELD: Lawrence Johnson won two Area championships and Will Herrscher added a third as the Hawks placed third in the Area with 71 points. Champion Mesquite Poteet totaled 99, and Carrollton Creekview had 95.

Johnson placed first by more than 3 1/2 feet in the triple jump at 45-9 3/4, and in the long jump by more than a foot and a half at 21-10 3/4. Herrscher

was the pole vault champion at 14-9.

RHHS' 4X100 relay team barely missed qualifying for the Regional meet by placing third in 43.10. That was just .10 second behind Dallas Hillcrest and North Forney, both timed in 43.00 to take the two Regional berths.

Rockwall-Heath also had four fourth-places – in the 4X400 relay (3:30.67), by Nicholas Killian in the 800-meter run (2:01.43), by Zachary Dobbins in the discus (136-8) and by Brandon Nichols in the pole vault (8-0).

SOFTBALL: Rockwall-Heath bounced back from a 6-3 loss at Royse City Wednesday, April 22, to defeat South Garland on Saturday and earn District 12-5A's fourth playoff berth.

The Lady Hawks finished the regular season 12-9 overall and 9-5 in the district to finish a game ahead of fifth-place Forney.

RHHS was scheduled to meet Carrollton Newman Smith, the District 11-5A champion, in a Bi-District playoff at McKinney High School on Thursday.

GYMNASTICS: The Rockwall-Heath boys' and girls' teams have qualified for the State Championships on Friday and Saturday at Saginaw Chisholm Trail. The Lady Hawks are ranked fourth in the state, and the boys seventh. The Hawks' Johnathan Smith ranks seventh in the state in the floor exercise.

GIRLS' SOCCER: Junior Jayden Wheeler, senior Lindsay Gardner and coach Marco Duran won major awards with the District 12-5A All-District team.

Wheeler was voted the co-Most Valuable Player with Forney senior Kayleigh Phillips. Gardner was named the Offensive Player of the Year, and Duran was the Coach of the Year.

Joining them on the All-District first team were five other seniors – Sara Glynn-Green, Hannah Harvey, Bailey Hierholzer, Lauren Ledbetter and Reace Cano-Garcia.

Named second-team All-District were seniors Brooke Tuttle and Megan Cook, sophomore Addie Urbanus and freshman Natalie Farrington.

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Mobile animal spay/neuter event set

The Spay/Neuter Network (spayneuternetwork.org) will have its 45-foot hospital bus in Rockwall on Friday, May 15, and Friday, June 12, at the 30 Wal-Mart parking lot. Surgeries will be performed on site. Low-cost packages are available, and walk-up vaccines will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 972-472-3500 for an appointment; spaces are limited. Be sure that dogs cannot slip their collars; cats must be in secure carriers. The event will be sponsored by Rockwall PAWS (rockwallpaws.com), a nonprofit that funds the treatment of heartworm-positive dogs.

Rockwall County Sheriff's Posse plans trail ride

The 24th Annual Rockwall County Sheriff's Posse Trail Ride is set for Saturday, May 16, beginning at the northeast corner of Ben Payne Road and State 66. Fate. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m.; the ride will begin at 1 p.m. The cost is \$20, which includes the lunch and the ride. Tickets for children are \$10 and under cost \$5 each. Those not interested in riding still may enjoy lunch, sponsored by Randall Noe, at a cost of \$10. Gate prizes will be awarded. A silent auction, used tack sale and saddle raffle also are planned. Saddle raffle tickets cost \$10 for 15 tickets, \$5 for six tickets or \$25 for one ticket. Tickets will be sold in advance; the winner need not be present to win. Call 972-365-6239 for more details.

RC Chamber plans awards event

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce will conduct its annual awards ceremony and board recognition beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, at Decisions at Stone River, 1250 FM 2453, Royse City. Cost will be \$10 per person. Reservations and payments made by made at roysecitychamber.com; by phone at 972-636-5000; or via email at info@roysecitychamber.com.

County offices to close May 25

Rockwall County offices will be closed May 25 in observance of Memorial Day, according to the county's website.

Vendors for Country Fair sought

The Rockwall Soroptimists are accepting applications for booth and food vendors for the organization's second annual Country Fair set to run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 30, on land bordered by the I-30 Service Road and T.L. Townsend Drive. Admission to the fair will be free and open to the public. Tickets will be sold for vintage game play, rides and beverage purchases. Music and dancing, kid zone fun rides and other activities are planned, as are vendors and food booths. Sponsorships also are available. For more details, visit rockwallcountryfair.com.

'Once Upon a Mattress' teen auditions slated

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's teen musical, "Once Upon a Mattress," will take place at 1 p.m. May 30 and 31 at 609 E. Rusk, Rockwall. The play is the retelling of the "Princess and the Pea" fairytale. Those planning to audition should bring a karaoke-version of a Broadway song on CD or sheet music with which to perform and a current headshot and be prepared to read from the script.

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Youth fishing derby planned

Fishing derby for youth ages 3-14 will run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. May 16 at Harry Myers Park. The pond will be stocked with catfish, and participants can register to win heaviest, longest and most fish in their group. Participants should bring gear and bait; any type of bait will be allowed. Cost to participate in this Rockwall Parks & Rec-sponsored event is \$5 per fisherperson. For more information, visit rockwall.com.

Eisenhower focus of May 8 program

A program on Dwight David Eisenhower, a native Texan who served as 34th President of the United States, will be offered May 8 as part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

'Wizard of Oz' at RCP starting May 15

Performances of the "Wizard of Oz" will begin May 15 at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk, Rockwall. Performances will be at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Dates are May 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 and 31. Tickets may be purchased at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org or by calling 972-722-3399 or at the box office 30 minutes prior to show time. Tickets should be reserved now, because seats are going fast.

Founders Day to feature Sawyer Brown Band

The Rockwall Founders Day Festival will take place Saturday, May 16, at Harry Myers Park. The headliner will be the Sawyer Brown Band. The event will feature bounce houses, games and a zip line, along with a marketplace filled with vendors. Food will be available for those interested in enjoying live music from the covered-seating area. More details are available at rockwallfoundersday.com.

Master Gardeners offer May 16 tours

Tickets go on sale Friday, April 24, for the New Inspirations Garden Tour – Look, Listen, Learn! set for May 16. The event, which will run from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., will be hosted by the Rockwall County Master Gardener Association. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions. The second portion of the tour will be at the Rockwall County Library from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dotty Woodson, executive water resource specialist, will discuss recommended plant materials and irrigation strategies for optimal gardening success. Tickets will cost of \$15 each at American National Bank-Ridge Road, Bella's House, Covington's, Coopers and Enjoy. For details, visit rockmga.org or call 972-204-7660.

10th Annual Cars for CASA set May 17

The Metro East Division of the Dallas Builders Association will host its 10th Annual Cars for CASA Auto Show at The Harbor on Sunday, May 17, to help raise money for Lone Star CASA. This year's show is expected to feature 250 cars. Among the many vehicles expected will be classic Mustangs and Corvettes, several Shelby Cobras, vintage Pontiac GTOs and many others. Lone Star CASA advocates for children in Rockwall and Kaufman counties. For more details, visit lonestarcasa.org or email carsforcasa@lonestarcasa.org.

Memorial Day concert planned

Memorial Day concert is set for 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 24, at The Harbor Amphitheatre. Sponsored by the City of Rockwall, the event will be a musical celebration "in memory of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice on the altar of freedom in defense of the Republic of Texas and the United States of America."

Strong finish puts Lady Dawgs into playoffs

Royse City won its final two regular-season games last week to earn a softball playoff berth.

The Lady Bulldogs (16-9 overall, 10-4 in District 12-5A) broke a tie in the standings with Rockwall-Heath with a 6-3 home victory over the Lady Hawks on Wednesday, April 22.

On Saturday, RC finished with a 15-0 win over West Mesquite at the Mesquite Softball Complex.

Lexi Ruff had a big week for the Lady Dawgs. She went 4 for 4 against RHHS, and put Royse City ahead to stay with a two-run double in the first inning. Ruff drove in three runs with a home run and a triple against West Mesquite. Mackenzie Hessert had four runs batted in.

Noea Pizana pitched a complete game against Rockwall-Heath, and Sam Edgar had a two-hitter vs. the Lady Wranglers.

RC tied with Mesquite Poteet for second place in the district, but fell to the district's third seed because the Lady Pirates won both games between the teams.

The Lady Bulldogs are scheduled to begin their best-of-three Bi-District playoff series at home at 7 p.m. Thursday against Carrollton Creekview. The series would shift to Creekview at 7 p.m. Friday. If a third game is necessary, it would be played at Plano East at 4 p.m. Saturday.

BASEBALL: The Bulldogs could finish the season as high as second place in District 12-5A. Or they could finish fifth and out of the playoffs.

Behind district champion Rockwall-Heath, the state's top-ranked 5A

team, four teams were bunched. RC (12-5 overall) and Forney were 8-4, and Mesquite Poteet and Terrell were 7-5.

Complicating Royse City's road to the postseason was a game against Rockwall-Heath, which was postponed from Tuesday to Wednesday. The Dawgs would finish the season at 7:30 p.m. Friday at West Mesquite.

RC would win a tiebreaker from Terrell, because the Bulldogs won both games against the Tigers, including an 8-3 victory Friday at Terrell.

The Dawgs had bounced back from a tough-luck 3-2 loss against Poteet on April 21. The Pirates' Hunter Broyles broke a 2-2 tie in the fourth inning with a home run against RC's Sean Lopez. Winning pitcher Matt Hecht, who struck out 10, made that run hold up for a win.

TRACK AND FIELD: Royse City had four third places, but couldn't get anyone into the top two at the 11-12-5A Area Championships on Friday, April 24.

Only the top two qualified for this weekend's Region II-5A Championships.

The boys' 4X400-meter relay team finished in 3 minutes, 27.74 seconds, just .09 second behind second-place Mesquite Poteet. Pole vaulter Tanner Axtens placed third at 12 feet, D'Kaira Otis was third in the girls' 100-meter hurdles (15.38) and Michaela Travers was third in the 300 hurdles (46.79).

Otis had another near miss with fourth place in the 300 hurdles (46.86). Also placing fourth with Barrett Anderson in the boys' 400 (50.34) and the girls' 4X200 relay team (1 minute, 45.40 seconds).

Six county teams qualify for playoff ball

As many as seven of the eight Rockwall County baseball and softball teams will be advancing to the playoffs.

Three of them – Rockwall and Heritage Christian Academy softball, and Rockwall-Heath baseball – already have clinched district championships.

Rockwall's baseball team was leading its district with just games on Wednesday and Friday remaining.

The Royse City and Rockwall-Heath softball teams have qualified for the playoffs. Royse City's baseball team was tied for second place with two games remaining, but hadn't yet clinched a playoff berth.

HCA 1 win away from perfect district season

The Heritage Christian Academy softball team won a district championship in its first 3A season, and was within one game of going undefeated in TAPPS District 2-3A.

HCA routed Red Oak Ovilla Christian School 19-0 on Tuesday, April 21, to improve to 9-0 in the district.

All that stood between the Lady Eagles and a perfect district record was a rescheduled game on Wednesday at McKinney Christian Academy.

The first time the teams met this season, MCA was one of Heritage Christian pitcher Conally Webb's six shutout victims.

In the playoffs' first round, the Lady Eagles would play the second-place team from TAPPS District 3-3A, most likely Temple Central Texas Christian School.

BOYS' GOLF: By placing third in the TAPPS North Regional at Canyon Golf Course on April 21, the Eagles qualified for this week's TAPPS 3A State Championship.

HCA's baseball team has been eliminated from playoff contention.

The UIL Bi-District games have been scheduled. Rockwall-Heath (District 12-5A fourth place) vs. Carrollton Newman Smith (11-5A champion) – 7 p.m. Thursday at McKinney High School.

Royse City (12-5A third place) vs. Carrollton Creekview (11-5A second place) – 7 p.m. Thursday at Royse City, 7 p.m. Friday at Creekview and (if necessary) Game 3, 4 p.m. Saturday at Plano East.

Rockwall (11-6A champion) vs. Killeen Ellison (12-6A fourth place) at Hill College, Hillsboro – 5 p.m. Friday, noon Saturday and (if necessary) Game 3 following Saturday's Game 2.

Reagan Oliver led HCA with a sixth-place tie among individuals. Teammate Brock Riddle tied for 13th.

Brock McCarty, Carter Lyons and Christian Pettit would join them for the state tournament at Stone Creek Golf Course in Killeen. It was scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, but rainy weather could have pushed it back to later in the week.

Waco Vanguard College Preparatory School and Midland Trinity finished 1-2 in the Regional tournament.

TRACK AND FIELD: HCA is scheduled to compete Thursday at the TAPPS 3A North Regional. Eagles athletes would have an opportunity to qualify for the State Championships.

BASEBALL: The Eagles lost a doubleheader to Dallas First Baptist Academy 15-5 and 7-2 on Monday to fall to 0-11 in TAPPS District 3-3A with one game remaining. The second game against First Baptist was HCA's closest in the district in its first 3A season.

5 races, 5 different winners in Chandlers Landing sailing

Five different sailboats came in first in the five most recent races on Lake Ray Hubbard.

In the Spring Wednesday Night Series, the winners were Bryan Taylor aboard "Rented Mule" (A Fleet) and Bill Mansfield in "Bruce Lee" (B Fleet) in Race 3 on April 15, and Dan Malak with "Orion" (A) and David Lawson in "Respite" (B) in Race 4 on April 22.

Roy Kuipers guided "Three Sheets" to first place in Dam Series Race 2 on Sunday, April 19. Finishing second was Malak in "Orion".

The biggest turnout of the spring was for Wednesday Race 3, when

14 boats were on the lake. Following "Rented Mule" in the A Fleet were Robert Williams, second in "Hotter Tuna"; Malak, third in "Orion," and Kathy Kuipers, fourth with "Rik Jik of Jik Ik". In the B Fleet, Steve Hanes placed second in "Miss Kitty" and Lawson was third with "Respite".

A week later, when Malak and "Orion" paced the A Fleet for the second time this spring, Kuipers was second on "Rij Jik of Jik Ik" and Taylor placed third with "Rented Mule". Hanes and "Miss Kitty" again placed second in the B Fleet.

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Fundraising dinner, auction set May 2

Jake E's Riding Round Up, 10626 FM 429 in Kaufman, will host a Chuck Wagon Dinner and Auction May 2. The event will include a live auction, silent auction, rider demonstration, hayrides and petting farm. Gates will open at 4:30 p.m., with welcome set for 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. The live auction will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets will cost \$35 and \$20. Call Jana Ewing at 972-962-2828 or email info@jakeesrr.org to purchase tickets. All proceeds will benefit the agency's therapeutic riding program for children and adults with special needs. Visit jakeesrr.org for more details.

VNA to host free bereavement luncheon

The next free VNA bereavement luncheon for members of the community grieving the death of a loved one will begin at noon on Tuesday, May 5, at the Floyd Thurman Community Room of the Kaufman County Library, 3790 S. Houston St., Kaufman. Guest speaker will be VNA chaplain and bereavement coordinator Kevin Moore, who will speak on "Why Am I Happy? Is This Normal?" Reservations are required to attend the free catered lunch; contact Moore at 972-962-7500 or moorek@vnatexas.org by May 4.

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Jackets build a winning streak of their own

Rockwall's baseball team has quietly been coming into its own while its softball team, ranked first in the state, has been gathering headlines. The Yellowjackets, who also have moved into first place in District 11-6A, stretched their winning streak to seven games with hard-fought wins over Sachse 7-3 on Tuesday, April 21, and at Rowlett 3-2 on Monday. With two games remaining, RHS (16-5 overall, 10-2 in the district) has clinched a playoff berth and has a one-game district lead over Sachse and Tyler Lee.

A chance to avenge the Jackets' most recent loss, to Lee, was postponed along with Senior Night from Tuesday to Wednesday. The final regular-season game is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday at Garland.

Against Sachse, Shayne Nance was the winning pitcher. Rockwall's nine hits included doubles by Matt Baker and Brooks Helmer. Baker and Helmer also doubled at Rowlett, but the biggest hit was Will Frizzell's home run. Baker was the winning pitcher. That game had been

postponed twice because of inclement weather.

SOFTBALL: RHS' first year in 6A could be historic. The Lady Jackets (21-0-1, 14-0) won the 11-6A championship and finished the regular season undefeated for the first time.

They enter this weekend's Bi-District playoff round with an 18-game winning streak, following victories over Tyler Lee 13-0 on Emily Cowan's no-hitter on April 21 and at Garland on Saturday.

At Tyler, Rockwall scored 11 or more runs for the 11th consecutive game. The Lady Jackets' 15 hits included a double by Shelbi Court and doubles by Kindal Sauter and Peyton Mills.

RHS enters the playoffs first in the Texas Girls Coaches Association 6A rankings, and with a chance to become just the fifth unbeaten state champion. Second-ranked Lubbock Coronado (26-0-1) also has a chance to go through the year without a loss.

The Lady Jackets' Bi-District series against Killeen Ellison is scheduled at Hill College in Hillsboro. The first game would be at 5 p.m. Friday and the second at noon on Saturday. If a third game is necessary to determine the series winner, it would be played after Saturday's game.

TRACK AND FIELD: Kaylee Hinton won three events at the 11-12-6A Area meet to qualify in all three for this weekend's Region II-6A Championships at Baylor University in Waco.

The Area Championships were at Williams Stadium in Garland on Friday. The top two in each even qualified for the Regional meet. Pole vaulters Garrett Dennard and Sarah Schneider will join Hinton at that meet.

Hinton entered the Area meet as the second seed in the girls' 100-meter hurdles, but overcame top seed Kaylee Krenek from Belton to win in 14.29 seconds. The Lady Jacket also won the long jump at 19 feet, 2 1/2 inches and the high jump at 5-3.

Dennard made an exceptional effort to place second in the boys' pole vault. He cleared 13-6, a foot higher than his previous best, and won a jump-off with Waco Midway's Karter Amos to advance to the Regionals.

Schneider cleared 10-6, 6 inches better than her former personal best to lead three Lady Jackets among the top four in the girls' pole vault. She placed second ahead of Sarah Graves at 9-6 and Savannah McKenzie at 9-0.

RHS' Arielle Hopkins placed third in both the 800- and 1,600-meter runs. Her time of 2 minutes, 22.70 seconds was only a second behind second-place Amira Lambertis of Belton. Kaitlyn Stark placed third in the 3,200 (12:17.41).

For the Jackets, Damon Lewis was less than 3 seconds behind the winner in a highly competitive 3,200-meter race. His time of 10:06.00 cut 29 seconds off his seed time, but he placed fourth.

The Lady Jackets finished third among 15 teams with 75 points. Rockwall's boys scored 21 to place 11th among 14 teams. Harker Heights won both the boys' and girls' championships.

GYMNASTICS: The RHS boys are ranked fourth in the state entering the State Championships on Friday and Saturday at Saginaw Chisholm Trail. The Lady Jackets are ranked 10th.

Rockwall will send a deep team to seek its first boys' state title. Caleb Meyers is ranked first on the parallel bars. He has recorded a perfect 10.0 score this season.

Bryce Singer is fourth on the rings and the high bar, and fifth all-around. Adam Alford ranks second in the floor exercise, and Jarod Delgleize is fourth on the pommel horse.

The Lady Jackets' Tori Hedges is ranked 10th in the vault. The RHS girls have won five state championships.

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Yellowjackets Senior Infielder Trey Ochoa releases the ball for a strong throw to first for an out against Rowlett, Mon. April 27 at Rowlett High School. Ready to assist at back is Charley Conselman. In right field is Jistel Austin.
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